

## MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

Meeting of the Governing Board

January 27, 2016

### OPENING

#### **Call to Order**

President Coutré called a meeting of the Maricopa Unified School District No. 20 Governing Board to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office Administration Building.

Roll call reflected the following members:

Ms. Patti Coutré, President  
Mrs. AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President (Arrived at 6:34 p.m.)  
Mrs. Torri Anderson  
Dr. Gary Miller  
Mrs. Rhonda Melvin

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment of moving item 5A from Information/Work Study to right before Call to the Public. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

#### **Saddleback Elementary School Academic Focus Update**

Mrs. Felicia Williams, Principal presented Saddleback Elementary Schools academic focus being a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Academy. Mrs. Williams explained the three main areas of focus for the students are critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration; creativity, innovation, leadership and positive behavior management; and digital citizenship and technology understanding. Mrs. Williams introduced the following teachers from each of the grade levels to present how they incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning into each of the classrooms instruction, Mrs. Pat Wilson, Pre-school teacher; Mrs. Yurosha Rastad, Kindergarten teacher; Ms. Sue Swanno, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher; Ms. Marci Hoellwarth, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher; Ms. Tanya Nielsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher; Ms. Brandi Howell, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Mrs. Christina Sorenson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Mr. Kevin Connell, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The common challenges each of the grade levels face is the lack of technology help, lack of district technology and training, low bandwidth, number of Chromebooks, lack of subscriptions to educational websites, and large class sizes. Dr. Marchelle Hasan, TOSA spoke about the after school 21<sup>st</sup> Century tutoring program and how it aligns to Saddleback's academic focus by providing math and reading help to students four days a week. Mrs. Jane Tift, Academic Coach explained she works with the teachers to implement the shifts in teaching and learning that have come along with College and Career Readiness Standards. Mrs. Tift explained the challenge is the time for teachers to implement new teaching strategies, reflect on them, and readjust their teaching along with the technology being unreliable.

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Mrs. Anderson asked how many students are in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century afterschool program and Mrs. Williams answered they can have up to 120 students, but currently have 96 students. Mrs. Williams also explained the funding for this afterschool program is the result of a 5 year grant the school has been awarded and Saddleback is currently in year 2 of that grant. Dr. Miller questioned if there is a wait list for the after school program and is their certain grades that fill up quicker than others. Mrs. Williams answered that there is a wait list as they try not to put more than 15 students per grade in a classroom so it will be beneficial to those students. Mrs. Williams also explained the grades that fill up quicker than others would be 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Call to the Public**

Mr. Darryl Gooden from Keeping Teachers Teaching Foundation addressed the Board to inform every one of his organization that supports teachers that fall into hardships. Mr. Gooden announced a Health and Wellness Walk on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix and Mr. Gooden also said there will be bowling tournament where Butterfield Elementary School has been invited to participate. Mr. Gooden explained information on this project and events will be sent out to the students, parents and community in the coming weeks.

Mrs. Karie Russell, Butterfield Elementary School teacher; Ms. Yvette Youngberg, Butterfield Elementary School teacher; Ms. Christine Dickinson, Santa Rosa teacher; Mrs. Angelia Ebner, Maricopa Elementary School teacher and Maricopa Education Association Vice President; addressed the Board in regards to the proposed changes to the 2016-17 school calendar and how this will affect teachers and staff who live outside of the City of Maricopa and that their own children attend other schools where the calendars do not match in regards to school start dates and breaks. These teachers requested that the Board table the vote and request the Board receive further feedback from all the stakeholders before making a change to the calendar.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Rotary Students of the Month**

Mrs. Alma Farrell presented awards to the following selected December Students of the Month who were nominated from the staff at their respective schools:

Rachael Perez – 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Maricopa High School  
Tyler Long – 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Desert Wind Middle School  
Kennedy Glen – 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Maricopa Wells Middle School  
Sage Horsley - 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Desert Wind Middle School

#### **Recognition of AIA Division III, Section 1 Football Awards**

Dr. Chestnut along with Mr. Chris McDonald recognized and congratulated the following Maricopa High School Football players for receiving AIA Division III, Section 1 Football Awards:

Aaron Owens – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense  
Johnny Johnson - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense & 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense  
Andrew Earle - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense  
Isaiah Pedro - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense & 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense

Nikolai White - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense  
Dakota Halverson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense  
Jackson Stensgard - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense  
Claytin Valenzuela - Honorable Mention  
Eanis Olmos - Honorable Mention  
Johnny Smith - Honorable Mention  
Austin Troyer - Honorable Mention  
David Owens - Honorable Mention  
Nicholas Carbajal - Honorable Mention  
Nikolai White - Honorable Mention

### Additional Information

Alyssa Hollingsworth, Maricopa High School Jr. Class President reported that the DECA group attended the DECA Regional Competition last week and won 28 medals and will be moving onto the State Competition in February. Miss Hollingsworth said on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> the high school had curriculum night for incoming freshman. The Maricopa High School Student Council is bringing back spirit Friday's where all students are encouraged to dress in school colors and student council will be attending the ASC State on Feb 4-6 where the students will be collaborating with other school student councils. Miss Hollingsworth announced the Winterguard will begin their competition season in February and running through April. Miss Hollingsworth announced a dodgeball tournament will be taking place in Maricopa High School old gym on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and in March there will be a spirit assembly and dance for all classes.

Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) Board Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Chestnut reported that MEDA is working on a marketing plan for the City of Maricopa and one of the themes is public education and in particular Maricopa Unified School District.

Dr. Chestnut announced that at the Future Cities State Competition that was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, a team from Maricopa Wells Middle School won in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and a team from Desert Wind Middle School won 4<sup>th</sup> place. An additional 15 other awards were also won by various teams from both Maricopa Wells Middle School and Desert Wind Middle School.

Dr. Chestnut congratulated Mrs. Bernadette Russoniello for winning the Teacher of the Year Award and Mr. Jim Shoaf for winning Volunteer of the Year Award at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Chestnut also congratulated Mr. Chris McDonald for being nominated for Teacher of the Year and Mr. Jim Irving for being nominated Volunteer of the Year.

Dr. Chestnut said Maricopa High School had a curriculum night for parents on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the high school plans of having this event annually.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> the Pre-Plan Tactical meeting took place with Maricopa Unified School District, Maricopa Fire Department, Maricopa Police Department and Rapid Responder. Dr. Chestnut explained Rapid Responder is a company that creates electronic maps for emergency situations that coordinate school district efforts along with the local police and fire departments.

Dr. Chestnut reminded everyone that this week, January 24-30<sup>th</sup> is National School Choice Week and it is important to know that more than 8 out of 10 families choose local public schools. Dr. Chestnut announced that on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Maricopa High School is sending students from their AP Government class to attend the rally at the State Capital grounds.

Dr. Chestnut completed the mid-year evaluations of all school principals. Dr. Chestnut reminded everyone that the next Budget Committee meeting is on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Governing Board Member Activity Reports**

Mrs. Anderson thanked Dr. Chestnut and the district for supporting National School Choice Week and allowing the students from the High School AP Government class to attend the rally at the State Capital on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Anderson said this is a great opportunity for those students and she spoke to some of the high school classes this past week about it.

Dr. Miller recently visited Santa Cruz Elementary School and observed how the teachers were setting personal and academic goals with the students. Dr. Miller was very impressed with what was going on at Santa Cruz and said it was one of the best site visits he's had thus far. Dr. Miller commended Principal Dr. Conley for her enthusiasm and passion for her students. Dr. Miller announced that on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> there will be the official roll out event at Pacana Park for the Vote Yes Campaign. Dr. Miller mentioned that on February 27<sup>th</sup> a team of teachers from Butterfield Elementary School will be participating in the Keep Teachers Teaching Bowling Tournament where they will have celebrity Frank Sanders, a previous Arizona Cardinals football player, bowling with them.

Mrs. Melvin gave a shout out to the Maricopa High School Girls Basketball team who was playing that night. Mrs. Melvin reported the ASBA Black Caucus has a Black History Month Education Celebration on February 6<sup>th</sup> at Balsz Community Center in Phoenix.

President Coutré met with City Manager Rose and Councilman Wade to discuss getting a task force together to target the educational needs in Maricopa. President Coutré attended the Chamber of Commerce Awards on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and stated how nice it was to see our teachers and volunteers recognized. President Coutré announced the Maricopa High School Band will be kicking off the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Our Lady of Grace Parish Festival/Carnival at 4 p.m. on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Information Items/Work Study**

#### **Desert Wind Middle School Academic Focus Update**

Principal June Celaya presented Desert Wind Middle Schools (DWMS) academic focus being S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Math) and is in coordination with their 20+1 Blended Learning Program. Principal Celaya introduced Mrs. Shannon Hull, 20+1 Blended Learning Teacher to speak about the 2014-15 school year when the S.T.E.A.M. focus was rolled out. Mrs. Hull explained how professional development was provided to the staff to look at what kind of projects can be used cross-curriculum. Mrs. Jennifer Szoltysik, 20+1 Blended Learning teacher presented how the 20+1 Blended Learning classroom integrates S.T.E.A.M. and the projects that the class has worked on thus far which included a toy project, shark tank, and future cities project. Student Henry McCloskey presented

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examples of the toy project, shark tank project, and future cities model and explained how the students worked on these projects. Mr. Roger Wagner, Band Teacher presented DWMS's Arts program and explained how the Arts were integrated into the future cities project by the students creating music to go with each of the cities themes. Principal Celaya says the obstacles at DWMS with the S.T.E.A.M. focus is more technology, additional professional development for all staff members in STEAM/Project Based learning technology is needed, collaboration between regular education classrooms, and expansion of the Blended Learning Program into 2 cohorts. Principal Celaya would also like to expand the partnerships with local companies and working with the Grant Committee on writing more S.T.E.A.M. grants.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4/1 (Miller).

- A. Approve Expense Vouchers.
  - Voucher #1622 Ratify
  - Voucher#1623 Ratify
- B. Approve Donation
- C. Approve the January 13, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve Open Enrollment Capacity for Elementary, Middle School and High School for the 2016-2017 school year
- E. Approve Maricopa Wells Middle School and Desert Wind Middle School Blended Learning Lego League Field Trip to Disneyland, California on either April 29th or May 6th 2016
- F. Approve contract award to Menta to provide Private Day School services for ESS students on-site

### CLOSING CONSENT AGENDA

The attached schedule lists Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative Actions. Board may approve to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to: A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, or dismissal of personnel. Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the revised Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board/Superintendent Operating Protocol 2015-16

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the revised Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board/Superintendent Operating Protocol 2015-16. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of Minor Revisions to the Approved 2016-17 School Year Calendar  
The Board discussed the proposed revisions to the 2016-17 school year calendar. Board requested to hear feedback as to what all the stakeholders prefer regarding the proposed changes to the 2016-17 calendar. No motion was made and item was tabled until next Governing Board Meeting.

Discussion and possible approval to hold a Special Governing Board Meeting Work Study to discuss the Governing Board Goals on February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve to hold a Special Governing Board Meeting Work Study to discuss the Governing Board Goals on February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BA - School Board Operational Goals

President Coutré suggested to update some of the wording in this policy. The suggested changes will be made and brought back for discussion and possible approval at the next Board meeting. No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BAA - Evaluation of School Board/Board Self-Evaluation

President Coutré and Mrs. Anderson suggested updating some of the wording in this policy. The suggested changes will be made and brought back for discussion and possible approval at the next Board meeting. No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BB - School Board Legal Status

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BB - School Board Legal Status. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBA - Board Powers and Responsibilities

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BB - School Board Legal Status. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBAA - Board Member Authority and Responsibilities

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BB - School Board Legal Status. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**Adjourn:**

**Mrs. Anderson motioned and Mrs. Melvin seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5/0.**

**Time: 8:54 PM**

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Patti Coutré, President

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AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

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Torri Anderson

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Gary Miller

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Rhonda Melvin