

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
Mrs. Torri Anderson
Dr. Gary Miller
Mr. Joshua Judd

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Vincent Manfredi and Councilmember Peggy Chapados led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Judd requested to amend the agenda by removing item 6E from the Consent Agenda and moving it to Action Items.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Call to the Public

Ms. Karin Spilman addressed the Board to invite everyone to the Desert Wind Middle School National Junior Honor Society Candlelight Induction Ceremony on January 26th at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Peg Chapados addressed the Board to request the Board take a look at the Bloom 365 Program that the Maricopa Police Department is trying to bring to the City of Maricopa which deals with teen dating and potential for teen abuse, violence, etc. Councilmember Chapados explained this program is about training adults along with peer to peer advice and counselling.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chestnut explained that Mr. Vince Manfredi and Mrs. Christine Dickinson were to be recognized for their work on the Override Committee but Mrs. Dickinson was unable to attend the meeting so the recognition will be postponed until the next board meeting.

Dr. Chestnut presented a promotional card that highlights Maricopa High School Sophomore Evan Grace. Dr. Chestnut explained this card available in the back lobby table and is being distributed to influence the state Legislature of all the good things that are occurring within public education in Arizona.

Dr. Chestnut thanked Mrs. Rhonda Melvin for her service as a Board Member. Mrs. Melvin's term ended at the end of December. Dr. Chestnut congratulated and thanked incoming appointed Board Member's Mr. Josh Judd, Mrs. Torri Anderson and Mrs. AnnaMarie Knorr.

Dr. Chestnut along with President Coutré and Mrs. Torri Anderson attended the Arizona School Board Association Annual Conference on December 14th where the Maricopa School Board was awarded for the second consecutive year, the Total Boardmanship Award.

Dr. Chestnut said the first Budget Committee meeting took place on December 14th where he reminded the committee of last year's process, presented the approved fiscal year 2017 budget, and charged the committee with their tasks.

Dr. Chestnut reported there was a secondary school staff diversity training with Mr. Devon Bryan on January 11th and on January 18th the Maricopa Unified School District quarterly newsletter will be mailed as in insert in the Maricopa Monitor publication.

Dr. Chestnut announced that on January 21st will be the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Banquet where Mrs. Christine Dickinson from Maricopa Elementary School and Mrs. Tanya Neilson from Saddleback Elementary School are among the nominees for Educator of the Year.

Dr. Chestnut stated the Maricopa Unified School District job fair will take place on January 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the District Office.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Mr. Josh Judd attended the Arizona School Board Association New Board Member Orientation on December 14th.

Dr. Miller plans on visiting Saddleback Elementary School in the near future.

Mrs. Knorr, before the holidays, attended a Maricopa High School boys' soccer game. Mrs. Knorr reported she is working with the Public Education Reform Advocates to highlight public education students at the state Capitol on February 28th.

Mrs. Anderson will be judging the Future Cities competition at both Desert Wind Middle School and Maricopa Wells Middle School on January 17th and 18th. Mrs. Anderson will also be pronouncing at the District Spelling Bee on January 24th at the District Office.

President Coutré attended the Arizona School Board Association Annual Conference on December 14-16th and the Maricopa High School girls' soccer games. President Coutré will be judging the Future Cities competition at Desert Wind Middle School on January 17th.

Information Items/Work Study

Smart Schools Presentation

Ms. Sandee McClelland presented Smart Schools phased retirement for Maricopa Unified School District. Ms. McClelland explained Smart Schools phased retirement is an opportunity to partner with Maricopa Unified School District to strengthen organizational culture by creating a strategic initiative to retain talent

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through phased retirement which enables the district to reduce staff turnover rates, retain institutional knowledge workers, improve employee morale, provide for sustainability/succession planning, enhance district brand and gain budget capacity. Ms. McClelland described how phased retirement works in detail, the employee incentive, and District potential savings, along with who is eligible.

Saddleback Elementary School Presentation

Principal Felicia Williams along with several Saddleback Elementary School teachers presented their GoMath curriculum which offers an engaging and interactive approach to covering new state standards. GoMath has seamless digital path and write-in student edition which ensures that students can access content at appropriate levels of depth and rigor. GoMath aligns perfectly with Saddleback's academic focus. Principal Williams attributes Saddleback's increase in Galileo math scores to this new GoMath curriculum.

President Coutré acknowledged the increase in the Galileo math scores and the GoMath program is phenomenal, but noticed the ELA scores were not good. Principal Williams explained the reason for that is because they have a research based math curriculum and there is a similar research based ELA curriculum program called Journey that they would love to have, but it costs money and would need to be approved by the Curriculum Department.

Dr. Miller questioned how the technology is running for Saddleback. Principal Williams said they have made great gains, but it is not 100% perfect and they are optimistic that with the override funds the deficiencies could be corrected.

Mrs. Anderson asked, in order to get the ELA scores higher, how that would affect the scheduled of the school day for the students. Principal Williams answered in her opinion it is not the issue of the schedule of the students but of the curriculum resources, if they had a better ELA curriculum resource the ELA scores would improve. Principal Williams says in the meantime they will do their best to focus on increasing the ELA scores.

Dr. Chestnut explained this discussion does come down to money and that the ELA curriculum issue is well discussed internally and is being worked on as a budget issue.

Discussion of Alternative Secondary Program for 2017-18

Dr. Chestnut presented the draft plans for the Alternative Secondary Program and explained that they are working on a new name for this program. Dr. Chestnut said with the passing of the override which allows for 50 teachers to be hired, 7 of which are earmarked for this program. Dr. Chestnut explained this program's purpose is for remediation leading to graduation and will be located in the four classrooms in the auto building at the high school along with having two portable classrooms for a total of 6 classrooms. The schedule for this program would run Monday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 2 hour blocks for 9 weeks and new students can be brought in every 9 weeks. Dr. Chestnut says initially this program will service 100-200 credit deficient students in grades 11 and 12. This program would have a total of 6 teachers and 1 TOSA which would consist of Math (traditional), English (traditional), Science (blended), Social Studies (blended), Elective, and ESS/Math/English.

Dr. Chestnut explained the interventions for middle school students would include the reduced class sizes with additional override teachers, the 21st Century grant/after school programs, continue with the ISS (in-

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school suspension) teacher at each school, continue with full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) at each school, and the “Raising Expectation” policy.

Mrs. Anderson noticed on the budget that the ISS position was a one-time fee, and questioned if that position will need to go to the budget committee as something that needs to be kept. Dr. Chestnut answered that as of right now, the secondary schools will be getting additional teachers as per the override and it is up to those secondary principals to decide if they want to use those additional teachers as an ISS position. Dr. Chestnut noted that scenario may change as all the moving parts will need to be worked out in the coming months.

Mrs. Anderson questioned if there will ever be the opportunity or long term goal to open up the Alternative Secondary Program to 7th through 12th graders. Dr. Chestnut answered that it is possible, but the current goal is to start with success and he feels it is too much to take on 7th through 12th grade in the first phase of this program but it is something that needs to be looked at for the future.

Dr. Miller questioned if there would be some sort of counselor that would help guide the students. Dr. Chestnut answered he believes the TOSA position would probably take on that role along with its other responsibilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher #1738 Ratify
- Voucher #1739 Ratify
- Voucher #1740 Ratify
- Voucher #1741 Ratify
- Voucher #1742 Ratify
- Voucher #1743 Ratify
- Voucher #1744
- Voucher #1745

B. Approve Donations

C. Contract award to purchase of one (1) 2017 Thomas 14 passenger activity school bus to Auto Safety House, Mohave Educational contract #13N-ASH-0925.

D. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BG - School Board Policy Process.

F. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BGC - Policy Revision and Review.

G. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BGD - Board Review of Regulations.

CLOSING CONSENT AGENDA

- E. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BGB - Policy Adoption.
Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 2nd and final reading of Policy BGB – Policy Adoption. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

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.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative Actions. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approve the December 7, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the December 7, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0/1 (Judd).

Schedule a date and time for study session to review Board Goals, Evaluation Form and Operating Protocol.

President Coutré motioned to approve the study session to review Board Goals, Evaluation Form and Operating Protocol to take place on February 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. in at the District Office. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the location of Grade 6 Students for 2017-18.

Dr. Chestnut explained that with the addition of the 50 override teachers several elementary schools will be out of space. Dr. Chestnut proposed to move 6th grade students back into the two middle schools beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the location of Grade 6 Students for 2017-18 into the middle schools.

Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of contract award to Modular Solutions Ltd. to purchase a re-purposed modular building for Maricopa High classroom addition project, through Purchasing Cooperative of America Contract # RFP3-111-14.

The Board questioned the location of the modules, if there were permits needed for the modules, what the plan is for lighting for the area the modules will be located and bathrooms for that area. Mr. Rausch answered there is a fenced off area near the auto building where the modules will be located, there are no special permits needed for the installation of the modules on school property, there will be additional lighting added to the area, and the goal is to have bathrooms in that area completed in June.

No Motion Made.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BGE - Policy Communication / Feedback.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BGE - Policy Communication / Feedback. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BGF - Suspension/Repeal of Policy.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BGF - Suspension/Repeal of Policy. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BHC - Board Communications with Staff Members.

President Coutré would like to have the 2nd sentence in this policy amended to make it more friendly to welcome feedback from staff members. Mrs. Knorr suggested amending the 2nd sentence by removing the words “exhausts the opportunity” and replace it with “goes through the process”.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BHC - Board Communications with Staff Members as amended. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4/1 (Miller).

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BHD - Board Communications with the Public.

President Coutré motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BHD - Board Communications with the Public with the amendment of changing the word “exhausts” to “utilizes” in the first bullet point of the policy. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BIA - New Board Member Orientation/Handbook.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BIA - New Board Member Orientation/Handbook. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BIB - Board Member Development Opportunities.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BIB - Board Member Development Opportunities. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Elect Governing Board President to serve from January 2017 to December 2017.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve to elect Ms. Patti Coutré to serve as Governing Board President from January 2017 to December 2017. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Elect Governing Board Vice President to serve from January 2017 to December 2017 (newly elected President presides).

President Coutré motioned to approve to elect Mrs. AnnaMarie Knorr to serve as Governing Board Vice President from January 2017 to December 2017. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Adjourn:

Dr. Miller motioned and Mr. Judd seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5/0.

Time: 9:12 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

Joshua Judd