

OPENING

Call to Order

President Coutré called a meeting of the Maricopa Unified School District No. 20 Governing Board to order at 6:33 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

Maricopa High School student Miss Alyssa Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Joshua Judd motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment of removing item 6H from the Consent Agenda and moving it to Action Items. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Call to the Public

Ms. Morgan Dalton and Ms. Wendy Black addressed the board regarding the proposed modified school year calendar.

Mr. Reece Thompsen addressed the board regarding the 1 point grading system currently being implemented in the district.

Mr. Ben Owens addressed the board regarding his recommendation for lower target class sizes district wide.

Superintendent's Report

Rotary Club Students of the Month

Mrs. Alma Farrell, Mr. Jim Irving, and Mr. Aron Rausch presented awards to the following selected Students of the Month who were nominated from the staff at their respective schools:

Pamela Crabajales - 12th grade student at Maricopa High School
Suzanna Rivera, 12th grade student at Maricopa High School & CAVIT
Robinson Torres, 12th grade student at Maricopa High School & CAVIT

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Cipriano Childers – 8th grade student at Maricopa Wells Middle School
Amelia Guzman – 8th grade student at Maricopa Wells Middle School
Hannah Skousen – 8th grade student at Desert Wind Middle School
Ryan Nguyen – 8th grade student at Desert Wind Middle School

Ms. Alyssa Hollingsworth, Maricopa High School Senior Class President reported the activities and events happening at the High School which included the CopaCram that took place in December for finals; the Spring Fling Dance will occur on February 24th; DECA competed in the District Competition and is going to the State Competition at end of February; the girls soccer team is going to the playoffs; Student Council attended a convention in Lake Havasu and brought back a lot of ideas that can be implemented at the high school; and Prom will be on May 6th at the Phoenix Art Museum.

Dr. Chestnut thanked and recognized Mr. Vince Manfredi and Mrs. Christine Dickinson for their outstanding work on the Vote Yes Committee that was instrumental in the passing of the override this past November.

Dr. Chestnut reported on January 18th the budget committee met for the second time and on that same day Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) board meeting. On January 19-20th Dr. Chestnut met with the Maricopa Seniors and talked about options for a meeting space for them.

On January 21st, Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce Awards Night where Mrs. Christine Dickenson from Maricopa Elementary School was awarded Educator of the Year and Sophomore Evan Grace was awarded Volunteer of the Year.

Dr. Chestnut announced that Senior John Blodgett has received appointments to West Point Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Dr. Chestnut says that Senate Bill 1174 is moving through the Arizona State Senate and this bill puts desegregation funding to a vote to the people.

Dr. Chestnut announced on January 28th MUSD's Job Fair will occur from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Dr. Chestnut also reminded everyone of the Special Governing Board Meeting on February 1st at 7 p.m.

Dr. Chestnut reported that in the first semester of the 2016-17 school year the total number of volunteers for the district was 519 and they donated 14,127 hours.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Mr. Judd reported he attended the last budget committee meeting.

Dr. Miller visited Saddleback Elementary School last week and will visit with Butterfield Elementary School next. Dr. Miller attended the Ak-Chin Tribal Council Member Inauguration on January 21st. Dr. Miller encouraged everyone to attend the Ak-Chin Fashion Show that is taking place at the MUSD district office in the boardroom on January 26th at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Knorr asked all elementary school parents to tour MUSD's middle schools to see what they have to offer locally for their students.

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Mrs. Anderson reported she helped at the District Spelling Bee on January 24th. Mrs. Anderson said this week is National School Choice Week and she thanked all the parents that chose to send their students to MUSD schools. Mrs. Anderson reminded the board that Against Abuse Inc. does provide teen dating violence classes at the high school for the past 5 years which is part of the health curriculum. Mrs. Anderson attended the Ak-Chin Tribal Council Member Inauguration on January 21st.

President Coutré attended the Ak-Chin Tribal Council Member Inauguration on January 21st and the Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. President Coutré attended the calendar committee and budget committee meetings. On January 18th, President Coutré served as a judge at the Desert Wind Middle School Future Cities Competition and she will be attending the Future Cities State Competition at ASU on January 28th. President Coutré will also be attending the Desert Wind Middle School National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony on January 26th. President Coutré attended the Girls Soccer Team, senior night game on January 24th.

Information Items/Work Study

Butterfield Elementary School Presentation

Principal Janel Hildick along with volunteers Dr. & Mrs. Siegel and several students presented the Advanced Mathematics Intervention Class (AMIC) Program at Butterfield Elementary. Principal Hildick said the idea for this program came from Dr. & Mrs. Siegel. Dr. Siegel explained this program is to help provide 5th and 6th graders with depth and understanding of mathematics. Principal Hildick says the benefits to the students are overall growth for the students that participate in the program. Principal Hildick says looking to improve the program next year, the 4th and 5th grade teachers will train to teach advanced math; train new and returning teachers throughout the year; continue to group students by ability across the grade levels; and the National Board teachers will use their training and knowledge to improve math instruction for themselves, colleagues and students. Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Gooden spoke about her training towards being a National Board Certified Teacher. Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Zimpleman spoke about her Mentor Academy Training at Arizona K-12 Center and being a mentor teacher at Butterfield Elementary School.

Mrs. Anderson questioned the math scores for the 6th graders district wide being low and if Principal Hildick knows why that is. Principal Hildick feels it is not an instruction problem but the problem lies with the curriculum and assessments not being aligned. Dr. Siegel added that the problem is not with the 6th grade, it starts back in the earlier years where the classes are self-contained and multi-ability level which is fine except in mathematics, mathematics is a purely cumulative subject and mathematics should be taught by the students ability level by teachers that can teach at that students particular level so when the students get to 6th grade they know what they are doing and are better prepared for that grade level math.

Elementary Curriculum Issues

Mrs. Krista Roden and Mr. Wade Watson presented the history of curriculum where the last curriculum adoption was in 2004 for ELA, math, science and social studies. Mrs. Roden explained additional textbooks were replaced at the secondary level when needed and in recent years new textbooks were purchased for new advanced placement classes and dual enrollment classes. Mrs. Roden says curriculum receives support from Title 1 funds and explained how those funds are allocated and stressed that Title 1 money cannot be used to purchase core materials. Mr. Watson explained how the Prop 123 funds were

spent. Mrs. Roden said from feedback from the teachers the need for curriculum is needed and Mrs. Roden says with the Title 1 money the following will be added; Hampton Brown Phonics Support program (K-3); MobyMax/Go Math (K-6); computers and carts for intervention (K-12); licenses for RAZ Kids; and Reading A-A (K-6). Mr. Watson explained that from hearing the concerns this year about curriculum, the Department of Teaching and Learning has investigated to see what the cost to update the core curriculum would be. Mr. Watson and Mrs. Brown researched and found that the National Geographic Core Reading curriculum for K-5 only would cost \$741,970 and Journeys (math) curriculum for K-5 only would cost \$474,336.

Review Monthly Financial Reports for November 2016

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for November 2016. For the month of November M & O fund has a budget of \$36,689,542 and current expenditures of \$2,616,054. Actual M & O expenditures for the year are \$12,881,269 and current encumbrances are \$19,855,129. Projected fund balance of \$3,953,144 before all of our transfers to other Funds and Final Grant Transfers, 85% of our budgets are salary related. Additional Assistance Fund 610 (formerly Unrestricted Capital Fund and 625 Soft Capital Funds), our budget is \$3,963,596 with \$511,670 spent and \$297,493 encumbered for the year with a Projected Fund Balance of \$3,154,433. The class site funds have a budget of \$3,021,646. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$139,255.12, receipts of \$29,478.95, disbursements of \$26,502.00, and an ending monthly balance of \$142,624.52.

Mrs. Knorr noted that there are some funds that have healthy balances and now that the override has been passed she suggested that the budget committee look into seeing if curriculum can be updated using the money in those funds. Mrs. Anderson agrees that she would like to see the extra money in those funds to be used for curriculum or classroom size reductions. Mrs. Anderson questioned what the typical recommended amount of funds that should be in the funds reserves. Mr. Rausch answered it is typically 3-15% due to the variables and unknowns.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher #1746 Ratify
- Voucher #1747 Ratify
- Voucher #1748 Ratify
- Voucher #1749 Ratify

B. Approve the January 11, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

C. Approve the Region III Education Service Center's Interlocal Contract for the purpose of participating in the cooperative purchasing services of Purchasing Cooperative of America 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 the Teacher Contracts, Related Service Provider Contract and Counselor Contract Language for the 2017-2018 School Year.
- E. Approve Open Enrollment Capacity for Elementary, Middle School and High School for the 2017-2018 school year
- F. Approve the disposal of transportation bus #32, #37, and #52.
- G. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BGE - Policy Communication / Feedback.
- H. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BHC - Board Communications with Staff Members.
- I. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BHD - Board Communications with the Public.
- J. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BIA - New Board Member Orientation/Handbook.
- K. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BIB - Board Member Development Opportunities.
- L. Approve contract award to Milano Music purchase of Maricopa High School Band Infrastructure Supplies, through Mohave Educational Contract #12A-MMC-0418.

CLOSING CONSENT AGENDA

- H. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BGF - Suspension/Repeal of Policy.
The Board discussed policy BGF and would like the wording to be updated to adhere to a procedure that includes two readings of the suspension or repealing a policy. Dr. Chestnut will have policy BGF updated and will put it on the next meeting's agenda for discussion and possible approval.
No motion made.

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. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of Maricopa High School auto shop building restroom improvements.
Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the Maricopa High School auto shop building restroom improvements. Mr. Judd 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.

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

Discussion and possible approval of the Proposed Modified 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20 School Year Calendars.

Mr. Beckett explained that the calendar committee has taken multiple surveys, and although the media did not get the information out to the community as he had requested in a timely manner, Mr. Beckett believes there is a good sampling of community members in the external survey and staff members in the internal survey. Mr. Beckett says the calendar committee's recommendation is the proposed modified calendar for the next three years. President Coutré added that there were ConnectEd messages that went out to all the district families to inform them of the surveys during winter break. Dr. Miller stated that looking at the number of survey participants it looks like there was scientifically significant number of respondents to have a good sampling. Mrs. Anderson expressed she is not happy with the amount of respondents to the external surveys and feels it was because the ConnectEd for the survey went out during the holidays and a lot of parents missed it. Mrs. Anderson would like the survey to be sent out again to give more parents a chance to take the survey. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Knorr feels they need more time to process this proposal before making a decision.

Dr. Miller motioned to table the approval of the Proposed Modified 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20 School Year Calendars until the survey is opened to the parents and community again for more feedback and the results from the survey is reviewed at next board meeting for discussion and possible approval. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BIBA - Board Member Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BIBA - Board Member Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BID - Board Member Compensation and Expenses.

The board discussed and would like Policy BID to be updated to include information as to where the reimbursement amounts are directed from. Dr. Chestnut will have Policy BID updated and will have on the agenda for next meeting for discussion and possible approval.

No motion made.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BIE - Board Member Insurance/Liability.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BIE - Board Member Insurance/Liability. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BJ - School Board Legislative Program.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BJ - School Board Legislative Program. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BK - School Board Memberships.

Mr. Judd motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BK - School Board Memberships. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy BKA - Liaison with School Boards Associations.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BKA - Liaison with School Boards Associations. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of Policy IKC - Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy IKC - Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Board may convene to hold an executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding expulsion of student.

Dr. Miller motioned to adjourn to Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Board may convene to hold an executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding expulsion of student. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843, the Board may convene an executive session to consider and take action on a student disciplinary matter (Expulsion of Student A).

Mrs. Anderson motioned to adjourn to Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843, the Board may convene an executive session to consider and take action on a student disciplinary matter (Expulsion of Student A). Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843, the Board may convene an executive session to consider and take action on a student disciplinary matter (Expulsion of Student B).

Mrs. Knorr motioned to adjourn to Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843, the Board may convene an executive session to consider and take action on a student disciplinary matter (Expulsion of Student B). Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Adjourn to Executive Session: 9:02 PM

Returned to Regular Session: 9:29 PM

Adjourn:

Mrs. Knorr motioned and Mr. Judd seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5/0.

Time: 9:29 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

Joshua Judd

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