

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

Meeting of the Governing Board

March 16, 2016

OPENING

Call to Order

President Coutré called a meeting of the Maricopa Unified School District No. 20 Governing Board to order at 6:32 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 (Absent)
Mrs. Torri Anderson
Dr. Gary Miller
Mrs. Rhonda Melvin

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Evan Grace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

President Coutré requested to move item 5A – Butterfield Elementary School Academic Focus Update to after item 2 – Call to the Public. Mrs. Anderson requested to move item 6I – Award of Request for Telephone and Long Distance to Centurylink and Network Equipment Services to Sentinel from Consent Agenda to Action Items.

President Coutré motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Call to the Public

Mrs. Angela Ebner addressed the Board and spoke about the differences between Prop 123 that is up for vote in May and the override that is proposed for vote in November. Mrs. Ebner spoke about what the budget committee is recommending for the 2016-2017 budgets and the mentor teacher program.

Butterfield Elementary School Academic Focus Update

Principal Janel Hildick presented Butterfield's academic focus as being a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) focus. Principal Hildick explained that what was vital when STEAM was chosen as the academic focus for Butterfield, it was important for students to be able to compete in a global society and Butterfield would need to produce students who were creative, collaborative and productive workers. Principal Hildick said some of the accomplishments that Butterfield has achieved this school year so far include grade level themes/projects which include community helper, future careers, growing food, healthy eating while supporting your community, technology of the past and present, forces in motion, daily science classes, and STEAM field trip to Central Arizona College.

3-16-16 To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.*MUSD Mission Statement: Ensure all students achieve their potential in school, career and life by unifying students, staff, curriculum and community in a safe, supportive, challenging, empowering and innovative learning environment.

Principal Hildick said all of the projects have a community involvement component. Mrs. Becky Rausch, Academic Coach, expanded on the accomplishments and explained that for each grade level; themes were identified that were related to their standards for science and math and incorporated technology, engineering and art. Butterfield worked with Nissan, Province Retirement Community, CTE at Maricopa High School, parent professionals, Central Arizona College, Ace Hardware, and H&N Landscaping. Mrs. Rausch said technology was added to each of the classrooms which included an iPad for each teacher, 4 laptops per classroom, and one smart board for each kindergarten and 1st grade classroom. Several Butterfield students from 1st grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade and 6th grade talked about what projects they have worked on so far this year. Mrs. Beth Scerba and Mrs. Shalom Gindiri, Special Education Teachers; explained that the obstacles Butterfield faces are professional development, slow technology, daily technology support, large class sizes, space for indoor experimenting/project work, and research-based curriculum is not updated. Principal Hildick says Butterfield continues to focus on grade level themes and in-school projects and for the upcoming school year Butterfield plans on research/project based learning, staff attending project based learning training, providing monthly STEAM professional development for teachers, and to further reach out to the community members to provide STEAM support.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chestnut recognized student Evan Grace for receiving the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Excellence Award and President's Volunteer Service Award.

Dr. Chestnut said in January MUSD's total enrollment was 6,482 students and on February 22nd, MHS spring sports were underway. Dr. Chestnut said on February 27th was the State Vex Robotics Competition and Pima Butte Elementary teams came in 3rd and tied for 16th place with Santa Cruz Elementary. On February 27th Dr. Chestnut was in attendance with Mayor Christian Price to see student Donald Grace being recognized for student of character for Black History Month.

Dr. Chestnut reported that on March 1st, MHS DECA students conquered the state competition by winning 30 medals. Dr. Chestnut explained 8 students made it to the finals, and 4 students qualified for the national conference in April.

On March 2nd, the MHS Symphonic Band and Chamber Orchestra completed at the ABODA competition and Dr. Chestnut said the Symphonic Band earned the 2nd highest rating of Excellent, and the Chamber Orchestra received the highest rating possible of Superior and both groups will advance to the State Concert Festival next month.

Dr. Chestnut briefly attended the City of Maricopa Youth Town Hall on March 3rd. Dr. Chestnut said on March 3-6th the MHS band, orchestra and winter guard attended clinics and performed in Anaheim California.

Dr. Chestnut announced he will be hosting a Parent/Superintendent Meeting on March 23rd at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Governing Board Room to discuss the budget, Prop 123 and the override.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Mrs. Anderson recognized the MHS DECA and Student Council students for working with her and helping out with the fundraiser event for a local domestic violence shelter. Mrs. Anderson reminded everyone that Prop 123 that is coming up for vote in May is money that is passed due and owed to our teachers and our schools from 2008-2010. Mrs. Anderson asks everyone to pay attention, look at the facts and be aware that Prop 123 is very separate from the override where the override is for funds going forward. Mrs. Anderson will be attending several PTO meetings at the elementary schools to speak with parents and answer any questions they may have.

Mrs. Melvin attended the City of Maricopa Youth Town Hall on March 3rd and the ASBA Equity Conference on March 9-10th. Mrs. Melvin learned at the Youth Town Hall how stressed the middle school and high school students are and she feels a better job needs to be done to provide an environment where students can learn and truly achieve the best without the stress.

Dr. Miller read to students at Santa Rosa Elementary School. Dr. Miller wanted to remind everyone that on each of the school's website and the district website there is a link to register to vote. Dr. Miller plans on visiting with Pima Butte Elementary School in the coming weeks.

President Coutré attended the City of Maricopa Youth Town Hall on March 3rd. President Coutré announced board member elections are coming up and MUSD currently has 3 seats that will be available and if anyone is interested in running for a board member seat they can go to the ASBA website to download board election packet.

Information Items/Work Study

2016-17 Budget Discussion

Dr. Chestnut presented the budget committees final recommendation and explained this final list is with the assumption that Prop 123 will pass in May. The recommendations are:

	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>
1. Class Size Reduction (5)	\$ 275,000	
2. Curriculum Update/Material	\$ 200,000	
3. All Staff COLA (1%-FY16 and 3%-FY17)	\$ 280,000	\$ 840,000
4. Increase Site Budgets (Increase by 100%)	\$ 220,000	
5. Additional HS Security Staff (2)		\$ 80,500
6. Counselors Elem. Schools (2)		\$ 133,334
7. Behavior Techs (3 part-time)		\$ 75,000
8. Mentor Teachers (3)		\$ 165,000
9. Longevity Stipend	\$ 220,000	
10. Expand Secondary Gifted Programs (1 FTE or PD)	\$ 55,000	
11. RN's (1)		\$ 52,500
12. Daily Enrichment for Elem. Students (5 Specialist)		\$ 275,000
Subtotal:	\$1,250,000	\$1,621,334
Proposition 123 Funds:	\$1,250,000	\$1,770,000
Difference:	\$ 0	148,666

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President Coutré would like to see some effort put in on expanding the gifted program on the elementary level by adding another teacher there as she sees how well the current gifted program at the elementary level is going now. President Coutré would also like to see it expanded at the middle school level, but not with professional development as she said it was tried in the past and did not work to well.

President Coutré questioned if adding daily enrichment for elementary students would help lower the class sizes and Dr. Chestnut answered not really, but teachers will have 45-60 minutes of daily planning instead of 30 minutes that they currently have now.

Mrs. Anderson feels the recommendation is great but still a long way off. Mrs. Anderson's concern is that there is no alternative learning program for the secondary schools and this is a huge issue among the secondary schools. Dr. Chestnut explained that he has provided a draft to the entire staff and requested their feedback of if the override passes how the 47 teachers that can be hired could be allocated. In the draft Dr. Chestnut suggested 7 teachers for the purpose of an alternative learning program.

Review Monthly Financial Report for January 2016

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for January 2016. For the month of January M & O fund has an adopted budget of \$33,559,437 and current expenditures of \$3,283,944. Actual M & O expenditures for the year are \$17,992,501 and current encumbrances are \$14,188,113. Projected fund balance of \$1,378,822 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 Adopted Budget is \$4,168,090 with \$881,513 spent and \$420,458 encumbered for the year with a Projected Fund Balance of \$2,866,119. The class site funds have a budget of \$2,817,000. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$112,245.35, receipts of \$7,225.08, disbursements of \$11,185.66, an adjustment of \$5.71 and an ending monthly balance of \$108,290.48.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

- A. Approve Expense Vouchers.
 - Voucher #1628 Ratify
 - Voucher#1629 Ratify
 - Voucher#1630 Ratify
- B. Approve the February 24, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve of the 2016 - 2017 Work Calendars
- D. Approve of 2nd and final reading of Policy BEC - Executive Sessions/Open Meetings
- E. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BEDA - Notification of Board Meetings
- F. Approve 2nd and final reading of Policy BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings
- G. Approve the 2nd and final reading of Policy IKE - Promotion and Retention of Students

- H. Approve the 2nd and final reading of Policy GCQF - Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Member

CLOSING CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Award of Request for Telephone and Long Distance to Centurylink and Network Equipment Services to Sentinel

Mrs. Anderson and President Coutré requested to have more information on this item and to have it brought back on the agenda for the next meeting.

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. 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 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of updated Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements
Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of updated Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of updated Policy JFAB - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Student
Mrs. Melvin motioned to approve the 1st reading of updated Policy JFAB - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Student. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of updated Policy JK - Student Discipline
Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of updated Policy JK - Student Discipline. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

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 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). Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

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. Anderson motioned to 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). Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

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 C). Mrs. Anderson motioned to 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 C). Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Adjourn to Executive Session: 7:50 PM

Return to Regular Session: 8:28 PM

Adjourn:

Mrs. Melvin motioned and Mrs. Anderson seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0.

Time: 8:28 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

Rhonda Melvin