

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
Ms. Leslie Carlyle-Burnett (Arrived at 6:33 p.m.)
Dr. Gary Miller

Pledge of Allegiance

Rotary Club led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda with removing item 6C from Consent Agenda into Action Items. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Call to the Public

Ms. Stephanie Hill addressed the Board and requested they continue supporting the programs that are in place and to look for more innovative ways to meet the needs of the excelling students in the District. Ms. Hill also requested that the Board to find ways to decrease class sizes so teachers can devote the time to help the students.

Mr. Juan Carrillo, sophomore at MHS, addressed the Board to inform them that he feels that the students are being subjected to too many assessment tests within short periods of time which is inhibiting them enough time to learn from the results of the tests before the finals.

Mrs. Joann Ortega from the Maricopa Rotary Club addressed the Board to inform everyone the Rotary Club is in partnership with the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center to provide raffle tickets to win entertainment packages. Mrs. Ortega explained the proceeds from the raffle are to fund the Rotary Club Scholarships that they award to students every year. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any of the Rotary Club members and they will also be at the Salsa Festival selling tickets.

Superintendent's Report

Rotary Students of the Month

Mrs. Ortega, Mrs. Farrell and Ms. Aviles presented awards to the following selected February Students of the Month who were nominated from the staff at their respective schools:

Angel Moreno – 12th grader at Maricopa High School

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Chantel Holguin – 8th grader at Maricopa Wells Middle School
Jonathan Aguilar – 8th grader at Desert Wind Middle School

Additional Information

Dr. Chestnut announced that on March 19th the MHS 9th grade Blended Learning students presented their projects which encompassed what they felt Maricopa's most pressing issues are and how they would solve it to City of Maricopa Councilmembers at City Hall. Dr. Chestnut, Mrs. Ellard and Mrs. Neilson presented certificates to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the project. Third place team is Yocelin Munoz, Dax Sweetser, Nicole Rocco, and Micaela. Second place team is Sammy Jo Schaefer, Katanyna Dygowski, and Kayla Rios. First place team is Matthew Alvarado, Dylan Hill, Paul Fakalata, and Sonya Martinez.

Dr. Chestnut congratulated Coach Kati Burrows for not only being named Girls Basketball Division II Coach of the Year but also on March 22nd she was named Arizona Girls Basketball Big Schools Coach of the Year.

Dr. Chestnut announced that the Girls Basketball team will be at the Salsa Festival on March 28th selling and signing their state championship posters as a fundraiser for the basketball program and on April 7th they will be introduced before the Arizona Diamondbacks game and discount tickets can be purchased for a fundraiser to support the team.

Dr. Chestnut mentioned MUSD, in partnership with the City of Maricopa, will be providing shuttle busses for the Maricopa Salsa Festival on March 28th.

Dr. Chestnut reminded the Board that they need to email their board self-evaluation suggestions to him by April 3rd. Dr. Chestnut said the certified and administrative salary schedules will be on the April 8th board meeting agenda.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Dr. Miller reported that as a parent he visited Maricopa Elementary School and was really impressed with what he saw with the teachers and felt Maricopa Elementary School was doing a good job.

Mrs. Anderson reported she just came back from Nashville, Tennessee after attending the National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference. Mrs. Anderson felt after attending the conference and talking to other schools across the nation that MUSD is doing the right things and will meet the goal of becoming an A district. Mrs. Anderson requested the Board go onto the NSBA's website and download their app and view the conference sessions and Mrs. Anderson adds that anyone is welcome to also do this. Mrs. Anderson mentioned on April 2nd on the Dr. Oz Show, Montel Williams, who is an advocate for public school education, will be speaking about supporting public school education and Mrs. Anderson encouraged everyone to watch. Mrs. Anderson announced on April 8th-10th there will be an Equity Conference in Phoenix to talk about diversity in public schools and if anyone would like information on this conference to contact her.

Information Items/Work Study

Pinal County Spelling Bee Participant Recognition

Dr. Chestnut presented Ariana Vaida, 6th grader from Butterfield Elementary School, with a certificate for winning 3rd Place in the 52nd Annual Pinal County Spelling Bee on February 20th.

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Maricopa Wells Middle School Math/Language Arts Update

Principal Rick Abel presented the MWMS Math/Language Arts update. Principal Abel described MWMS mission is to prepare their students for success at the high school level and beyond. Principal Abel explained MWMS has a total of 503 students and since August has had 76 students withdrawn and 102 students enrolled. Principal Abel presented DWMS diverse demographics which also consist of 62% on free and reduced lunch program. Principal Abel described MWMS math goal is all students in grades 7 and 8 will meet the expected growth from the Galileo pre-test to the Galileo posttest as defined by ATI and currently 75% of the 7th graders and 42% of the 8th graders have met or exceeded the expected growth. Principal Abel further explained for the targeted kids (kids who were in the lowest 5% of students academically in math based on AIMS scores and Galileo scores) 93% of the 7th graders and 46% of 8th graders have met their target growth so far this year. Principal Abel explained MWMS action plan to achieve the math goals include RTI and ESS math classes, tutoring, raising expectation opportunities, professional development/instructional strategies, and technology.

Principal Abel described MWMS Language Arts goal is reading students in grades 7 and 8 will meet the expected growth from the Galileo pre-test to the Galileo posttest as defined by ATI and currently 47% of 7th graders and 60% of 8th graders have met or exceeded the expected growth. For the targeted students 64% of the 7th graders and 76% of 8th graders have met their target growth for this year so far. Principal Abel explained MWMS action plan to achieve the Language Arts goal include tutoring, raising expectation opportunities, professional development/instructional strategies, and technology. Mrs. Treva Jenkins, Mentor Teacher and honor Language Arts teacher, further explained how all the teachers at MWMS support and incorporate Language Arts into their subject area teachings.

President Coutré questioned if transportation that is provided to the students staying after school for tutoring is from the 21st Century grant. Principal Abel answered the District is providing transportation to the tutoring students and students involved in sports and explained the 21st Century program was done last year and will end on April 2nd. Principal Abel explained to provide transportation for the remainder of the year after April 2nd is a budgetary issue and they are currently writing a new grant with a new approach for next year.

President Coutré questioned if MWMS has seen many students that are required to have tutoring not participate in the tutoring. Principal Abel answered they have a limited number of students who have not been able to attend the required tutoring but they have other options where they can hire their own tutor, attend one of MWMS classes, or demonstrate another way they are receiving the tutoring. Principal Abel does say that there are currently about 20 students that have not participated in the required tutoring and will most likely result in their being retained in their current grade level.

Mrs. Anderson stated she loves the cross-curricular teaching and the teachers working together. Mrs. Anderson questioned if the new students that have been enrolling into MWMS are out of state students or are they students that are coming back to the District from other local schools. Principal Abel answered that the newly enrolled students are a mixture of students from out of state, students returning from charter schools, and students returning from the Kyrene district. Principal Abel also added that the students that have withdrawn were moving out of Maricopa to either surrounding cities or out of state in addition to some going to charter schools in Maricopa. Mrs. Anderson also asked who teaches the Saturday school. Principal Abel answered the teachers are contracted and are paid an hourly wage and are generally there from 7:45 a.m. to approximately 8:15 a.m.

Dr. Miller questioned if MWMS has seen an increase or decrease in the free and reduced lunch percentages. Principal Abel answered their free and reduced lunch has remained consistent through the last five years.

Kiosk System

Dr. Chestnut introduced Mr. Kyle Ryan from SkoolLive to present the SkoolLive digital kiosks that can be installed at MHS and answer any questions. Mr. Ryan explained that SkoolLive installs digital kiosks on school campuses which provide on campus communication in a more eco-friendly way, provides a way for the school to generate revenue and also provide the school cost savings by saving money on not having to produce or purchase flyers, posters and supplies for communication. Mr. Ryan presented an example of what the digital kiosks look like and explained the middle 50% of the screen would be dedicated to MHS's communication to its students, staff, and parents and how it can be customized. Mr. Ryan further explained the top 25% and bottom 25% of the screen would be school approved advertisements. Mr. Ryan clarified that the digital kiosks are free and do not cost the District any money. SkoolLive makes their money through sponsorships that SkoolLive presents to the school for approval to display on the digital kiosks. Mr. Ryan says a percentage of the revenue that SkoolLive brings in from the sponsorship is given to the school which is approximately \$200-\$500 per month per digital kiosk. Mr. Ryan says an example of a sponsor they work with is Pima Community College where they advertise their programs interactively where students can retrieve class information and submit information from the digital kiosk. Mr. Ryan assured that there is no financial liability to the school or District if damage to the digital kiosks occurred, SkoolLive will replace and/or repair the unit(s).

Mrs. Anderson questioned who approves the sponsorship content that gets displayed on the digital kiosks. Mrs. Krista Barrett, MHS Assistant Principal answered Mrs. Bernadette Russoniello would review the sponsorship ads and if there are any concerns they would be forwarded to Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Anderson questioned where the revenue that is generated from these digital kiosks would go and Dr. Chestnut responded they would go into the MHS Student Council funds. Mrs. Anderson questioned where in the high school the digital kiosks will be located. Mrs. Barrett answered they would be in the lobbies of the 100 building (upstairs and downstairs), 200 building, 800 building, cafeteria, and main office. President Coutré suggested having more units in the cafeteria rather than in the other buildings. Mrs. Barrett responded that is a possibility as long as there is power for the additional units in the cafeteria. Mrs. Anderson questioned if the school has enough bandwidth for the addition of these digital kiosks at the high school and Mrs. Barrett answered the only time the digital kiosks would be running off of the internet would be at night time after school for the updates and there would be enough bandwidth for that. Mrs. Anderson questioned what the high school site council and parent's reactions have been to having the digital kiosks on campus. Mrs. Barrett answered the high school does not currently have a site council that is functioning so it has not gone through site council and they have not had the opportunity to show this to parents but can provide the information to parents and invite them to review the information and video that Mr. Ryan has created on you-tube. Dr. Chestnut suggested sending out the you-tube video via a Connect-Ed message asking parents to review and provide comments back prior to the next board meeting if possible.

Mr. Ryan added that the school can customize what content is on each individual digital kiosk and how much and how little interactive capabilities each one would have.

Angel Moreno, MHS Senior Class President, endorsed having the digital kiosks which would help cut down the work load in public relations duties at the high school and help cut the costs on spending money on posters, flyers and other materials.

Dr. Miller questioned if SkoolLive has had any implementation challenges in past installments. Mr. Ryan said the biggest problem SkoolLive has run into is making sure the power where the digital kiosks are to be installed is readily available and the second problem is making sure the digital kiosks can connect to the internet.

Review Monthly Financial Report for February 2015

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for February 2015. For the month of February M & O fund has an adopted budget of \$31,438,169 and current expenditures of \$2,434,265. Actual M & O expenditures for the year are \$19,791,730 and current encumbrances are \$11,239,564. Projected fund balance of \$406,875 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 \$3,539,389 with \$466,389 spent and \$241,073 encumbered for the year with a Fund Balance of \$2,831,927. The class site funds have a budget of \$3,490,854. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$98,063.19, receipts of \$18,482.29, disbursements of \$17,850.97, \$259.00 for adjustments, and an ending monthly balance of \$98,435.51. Mrs. Anderson questioned on page 5 of the financial report, in Fund 610, last year it was 1.23% and now it is 85%, what is the reason for that. Mr. Rausch answered in any year, budgets are compared from prior year as a general information item and Fund 610 expenditures are a little higher because approximately a year ago, the District authorized the purchase of 2 busses and 2 vans. It takes 6 months or more to receive the bus purchases from the manufacturer and the busses were delivered after July 1st so both busses were included in this year's budget. Mrs. Anderson questioned why under Fund 610, Operational Plant Services 2600 also doubled from last year. Mr. Rausch explained these are for multiple expenditures that support the classroom and some of them included asphalt and roofing for all campuses, shade structures at the high school and Desert Wind Middle School along with concrete areas, upgraded radios, and the purchase of more furniture for kindergarten classrooms.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 3/0/1 (Carlyle-Burnett).

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher #1536
- Voucher #1537

B. Approve the March 18, 2015 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

D. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy I-7350 IKF - Graduation Requirements.

CLOSING CONSENT AGENDA

C. Approval of the District Benefit Plan for School Year 2015-2016.

Mrs. Anderson questioned if this is the same benefit package that employees had before. Dr. Chestnut responded it is the same benefit package but there were some changes in cost which is passed onto the employees.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the District Benefit Plan for School Year 2015-2016. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

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.

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 as amended. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

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 discussion of student discipline matters.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve to Adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: The Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-843. (E) (Student suspension {s}/ Expulsion{s}) for discussion of Student Discipline Matters for Student A.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve to Adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: The Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-843. (E) (Student suspension {s}/ Expulsion{s}) for discussion of Student Discipline Matters for Student B.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve to Adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Adjourn:

Dr. Miller motioned and Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0.

Time: 8:31 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Leslie Carlyle-Burnett

Gary Miller