

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

Meeting of the Governing Board

March 30, 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
Mrs. Torri Anderson
Dr. Gary Miller
Mrs. Rhonda Melvin (Absent)

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Thad Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Call to the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Rotary Students of the Month

Mr. Aron Rausch presented awards to the following selected Students of the Month who were nominated from the staff at their respective schools:

Payson Hacker - 8th grader at Desert Wind Middle School – February Student of the Month

Jakwan Reed – 8th grader at Maricopa Wells Middle School – February Student of the Month

Dr. Chestnut recognized and presented certificates to the Maricopa Wells Volleyball team for winning the Volleyball League Championship and finishing the season 11-1. Dr. Chestnut noted that this is the volleyball teams 4th championship in the last 5 years.

Dr. Chestnut recognized and presented certificates to the Maricopa Wells Middle School Football Team for finishing the season undefeated and winning the 2016 Middle School Football Championship.

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On March 17th, Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance board meeting. Dr. Chestnut said on March 22nd the Maricopa/Ak-Chin STEAM Foundation held its Robotics Event at the Maricopa High School library. On March 23rd Dr. Chestnut began his first override information meetings where he will be visiting all the schools and district departments to provide the facts about the override.

Dr. Chestnut said the AZMerit testing began on March 28th and will be completed on April 15th for English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Dr. Chestnut explained that the AZMerit test will also count towards end-of-course grades for ELA in grades 9, 10 & 11 and for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Dr. Chestnut explained all 9 schools are doing these tests on-line.

Dr. Chestnut said on March 29th the bond refunding sale went through and will provide a savings to MUSD tax payers of \$2,573,410 through 2029. Dr. Chestnut announced on April 7th the MUSD quarterly newsletter will be delivered as an insert to Maricopa residents in the inMaricopa newspaper. Dr. Chestnut also said the open enrollment postcard direct mail will be sent out in the next week or so to 21,000 homes in Maricopa.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Mrs. Anderson said she has been visiting the schools PTO meetings to talk to the parents and staff about Prop123 and the override and what it means to the district. Mrs. Anderson will continue to go to some more schools PTO meetings next week.

Dr. Miller will be going on a site visit with Pima Butte Elementary on Friday and will be attending a PTO meeting next week with Mrs. Anderson. Dr. Miller reminded all the principals to share the voter registration information link on their websites to their parents. Dr. Miller wished luck to all the students taking the AZMerit tests.

Mrs. Knorr attended the Maricopa High School baseball game earlier in afternoon.

President Coutré has been attending the Maricopa High School track meets. President Coutré asked if everyone could vote for the Battle of the Burbs and help out Mayor Price and Maricopa to win another year.

Information Items/Work Study

Maricopa Wells Middle School Academic Focus Update

Principal Rick Abel along with Maricopa Wells Middle School teachers Ms. Courtney Turpen, Mr. Armen Zarifian, Ms. Treva Jenkins, Ms. Talli Solano, Mr. Keith Gibson, Mr. Thad Miller and Ms. Tanya Hobt presented Maricopa Wells Middle School (MWMS) academic focus. MWMS academic focus is project based learning (PBL). Principal Abel presented a video of MWMS students and teachers explaining the positive effects PBL has had on student engagement. The method MWMS used to determine their academic focus of being PBL was with parent feedback, approval from the students, and research. The stakeholders in this decision were the staff, students and parents/community site council. The outcome of PBL academic focus has been family involvement, student engagement, and reaching all learning styles. Some of the obstacles and road blocks MWMS faces include scheduling (common student schedules and common teacher planning time), staffing, time constraints (due to current number of assessments), and professional development (need more PBL training for all teachers). For this year

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MWMS had more cross-curricular activities and projects, used teachers as in-house resources, and semester exams were projects that were done. MWMS plan for next year include scheduling conducive to PBL and the expansion of blended learning. The way MWMS is trying to overcome the obstacles is to utilize Pinal County PBL training, create scheduling options/cohorts, and to develop a school-wide PBL professional learning community.

Dr. Miller asked if MWMS had a magic wand what would be the first things they would like to have. Principal Abel answered it would be to have more money and resources and more staff.

2016-17 Budget Discussion

Dr. Chestnut again presented the budget committees final recommendation with the assumption that Prop 123 will pass in May. Dr. Chestnut pointed out a minor change where he added inflation funding at the bottom. 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
Inflation Funding:	\$ 0	≈ \$ 300,000

Mrs. Knorr would like to see stipends reinstated for non-athletic activities. President Coutré and Mrs. Knorr requested to see the original list of stipends that the district used to offer before budget cuts and what the cost would be to fund those now.

Mrs. Anderson would like to see an alternative class in each of the secondary schools for the students who pose disruptive behavior in the general classrooms. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Knorr said they hear from teachers that they need help in the classroom with these disruptive students. President Coutré and Dr. Miller agreed with Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Knorr.

Mrs. Knorr requested that the district is budgeting appropriately so that teachers can be hired with increased enrollment sooner rather than later.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Expense Vouchers.
 - Voucher #1631 Ratify
- B. Approve Donations
- C. Approve the March 16, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve the Classified Work Agreement, Teacher Contracts, Related Service Provider Contract, Counselor Contract and Administrator Contracts Language for the 2016-2017 School
- E. Renew the award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) # 13-601-17 for Architectural Services to Gilleland Brubaker
- F. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements
- G. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy JFAB - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Student
- H. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy JK - Student Discipline
- I. Approve the District Benefit Plan for July 2016 - June 2017

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 questioned if the new position (item #12) is for a kindergartner. Mr. Beckett answered no, the position is for a pre-school student and this student's services are required as a result of an IEP and is state mandated.

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

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

Dr. Chestnut presented and explained what E-rate is. President Coutré questioned when this will be up and working. Carter Plante answered based on when the district receives the money he is hoping over the summer as the network will have to be brought down and the best time would be over the summer when

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school is closed. Mrs. Knorr questioned if E-rate will reimburse the district and Dr. Chestnut confirmed E-rate will reimburse the district 80% of the Centurylink cost and 100% of the Sentinel cost. Mrs. Anderson questioned what does this do for the classrooms. Mr. Plante answered it will help with the network bottlenecks which are currently causing the internet speeds to slow down and affects the teachers and students with their online work. Mrs. Anderson questioned if this would help with the Bring Your Device To School (BYOD) for students and Mr. Plante answered yes. Mrs. Anderson asked what the warrantee is and Mr. Plante responded there is a 3 year warrantee on next business day equipment and a 1 year manufacturing warrantee.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve to award the request for telephone and long distance to Centurylink and network equipment services to Sentinel. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Adjourn:

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

Time: 8:06 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

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