

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

Meeting of the Governing Board

May 11, 2016

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
Mrs. Rhonda Melvin

Pledge of Allegiance

Santa Rosa Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Call to the Public

Councilman Henry Wade addressed the Board to announce that the Vote Yes Committee is holding a free bowling night event at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center this evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Academic League Participants

Dr. Chestnut introduced Mrs. Janet Stensgard, one of the Academic League Coaches, who recognized the students who participated in the 2015-2016 Academic League. The students will receive certificates from their Academic Coaches. Mrs. Stensgard announced Pima Butte Elementary School had come in 1st place this year for both 5th grade and 6th grade.

Recognition of Art Walk Winners

Dr. Chestnut and President Coutré recognized and presented the winners of the Art Walk with award ribbons. The 1st place winners also received gift cards that were donated by the Maricopa Education Foundation. The winners are:

Elementary School

1st Place - Cadence Peterson – Saddleback Elementary School

2nd Place - Christopher Aguilera-Cruz - Saddleback Elementary School

3rd Place - Natasha Zavitka – Saddleback Elementary School

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Middle School

1st Place - Zeya Suchite – Desert Wind Middle School

2nd Place - Nathan Hanna - Desert Wind Middle School

3rd Place - Genesis Uriarte Sandoval - Desert Wind Middle School

Maricopa High School

1st Place - Annalyn Concepcion

2nd Place - Alyssa Pierce

3rd Place - Monica Olivas

Additional Information

Dr. Chestnut welcomed Mr. Tony Fuller who has been hired to teach at Maricopa High School and Coach the Boys' Basketball Team starting in the upcoming school year. On May 4th Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance annual board meeting and the MUSD "Best of the Best" awards recognizing excellent staff members.

On May 9th, Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa High School Senior Awards Night and reported the Class of 2016 has been offered \$3,703,000 in scholarships. Dr. Chestnut reported he has completed his 3rd round of walkthroughs with the Principals at all 9 schools.

Dr. Chestnut will be presenting Prop 123 to the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce at their chamber breakfast on May 12th.

Dr. Chestnut reminded everyone that on May 17th the 5th Annual 8th Grade Unification Celebration for the Class of 2020 will take place and the Maricopa High School Class of 2016 Graduation is on May 19th.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Dr. Miller reported that he completed a walkthrough at Butterfield Elementary on May 6th with Mrs. Melvin and Dr. Chestnut. Dr. Miller also volunteered at Butterfield Elementary during Teacher Appreciation Week. Dr. Miller said he will be at the high school on May 12th to facilitate voter registration.

Mrs. Anderson reminded everyone that May 17th is the Prop 123 vote and not to forget to vote. Mrs. Anderson expressed how proud she is of the Maricopa High School seniors on all the scholarship awards that they earned along with all the students in the District. Mrs. Anderson also expressed how proud she was of the Real 101 Scholarship's that were awarded to 10 Maricopa High School seniors and that Maricopa High School was the only school in the state of Arizona to be awarded this scholarship. Mrs. Anderson attended the Music-a-Thon on May 7th. On May 4th, Mrs. Anderson attended an Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council meeting along with Mrs. Rosetti.

President Coutré completed walkthroughs at Santa Cruz Elementary, Saddleback Elementary, Maricopa Elementary, Maricopa Wells Middle School and Maricopa High School. Mrs. Coutré attended the "Best of the Best" awards on May 4th, the Maricopa High School Dance Recitals, the Music-a-Thon on May 7th, and the Maricopa High School freshman and sophomore and senior awards on May 9th. President Coutré

announced she has been chosen to serve on the Governance Committee for the Arizona School Board Association.

Information Items/Work Study

Santa Rosa Elementary School Academic Focus Update

Principal Eva Safranek presented Santa Rosa’s academic focus, which is that Santa Rosa focuses on critical thinking with technology integration through emphasis on project based learning and real world connections. Principal Safranek introduced several 4th, 5th and 6th graders from Santa Rosa who spoke about why they love Chromebooks, how blended learning compares to traditional learning, why they like the blended learning environment, how they use the Khan Academy and IXL applications and how those applications help them to improve their grades. The students also spoke about their Genius Hour, Student Council, National Elementary Honor Society, and volunteering at “Feed My Starving Children”. Principal Safranek says for the upcoming school year, they will implement a Geek Squad, two or more project based learning experiences that integrate math and/or reading, increase time using technology in non-blended classrooms, and develop a technology focus for each grade level. Principal Safranek says the challenges Santa Rosa faces is academic focus implementation, need for focused reading intervention, Kagan implementation, Math Solution and Thinking Maps, and time for Principal Safranek to be an instructional leader rather than a manager of the school. Principal Safranek says additional challenges include having meaningful resources and professional development in the area of project based learning, money to expand technology along with project based learning resources and professional development.

Mrs. Anderson asked if any students bring their own devices to school. Mrs. Safranek answered a few of the older students do but she would like to see that to continue to increase. President Coutré asked how long Santa Rosa has had the National Elementary Honor Society. Mrs. Safranek answered Santa Rosa has had it for 3 years.

2016-17 Budget Discussion

Dr. Chestnut presented the draft Budget Committee final recommendations (Option A) and Cabinet recommendations (Option B). Dr. Chestnut mentioned for Option B there was a couple of minor changes from the last board meeting. The recommendations are:

Option A – with Passage of Prop 123	<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

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Total:	\$1,250,000	\$1,621,334
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Option B – with Passage of Prop 123

	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>
1. Class Size Reduction Teachers (10 FTE)	\$ 550,000	
2. Annual Stipend	\$ 535,000	
3. Grades 7-12 ISS (3 cert teachers)	\$ 165,000	
4. All Staff COLA (3.7%)		\$ 995,250
5. Increase Site Budgets		\$ 220,000
6. Curriculum Update/Materials		\$ 200,000
7. Secondary Gifted PD/Curriculum		\$ 37,000
8. Nurse (1 FTE)		\$ 52,500
9. Mental Health Counselor (1 FTE)		\$ 55,000
10. Additional HS Security Staff (1 FTE)		\$ 40,250
Total:	\$1,250,000	\$1,600,000

Mrs. Anderson questioned if it was necessary for elementary to have an in-school suspension (ISS) teacher since it sounds like elementary schools are handling any behavior issues in-house for now. Dr. Chestnut said it is something that there is some interest in and it is possible they could start with one classroom in the future, Dr. Chestnut also says administration knows this is a new project and wants to have success with it and thought it would be good to start small and go from there. Mrs. Anderson questioned if the Mental Health Counselor is for the whole District. Dr. Chestnut answered yes although this position would focus primarily on the elementary schools along with assisting the crisis counselors in the secondary schools. Mrs. Anderson questioned if another nurse position is needed or could that position be rolled into another Mental Health Counselor position. Dr. Chestnut answered that the nurse position is a critical need as having one nurse for two schools works better than what is currently being done with aides especially with enrollment at MUSD continuing to grow.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher #1639 Ratify
- Voucher #1640 Ratify
- Voucher #1641 Ratify
- Voucher #1642 Ratify

B. Approve the April 27, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

C. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Provision of Services by the Pinal County Recorder and Elections Department for the M&O Override election to be held on November 8, 2016

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- D. Approve Annual General Statement of Assurance
- E. Approve travel for Maricopa High School CTE/MHS Skills competition student winners to attend the National Leadership and Skills Conference on June 19-25, 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky
- F. Approve travel for Maricopa High School Freshman College Career and Technology (CCT) Teachers to attend Link Crew Training on June 20-22, 2016 in Temecula, CA

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 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 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of 2017 Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Legislative Priorities

The Board reviewed and discussed the top 5 priority list and items for consideration that each Board member submitted to the Board Secretary who then consolidated into one spreadsheet. The Board discussed and chose from that list the top 5 priorities and one for consideration to be sent to Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) for the 2017 ASBA legislative priorities which include:

1. Provide greater equity in funding and access for special education students within the public school system.
2. Protect desegregation funding from any cuts or modifications.
3. Establish financial transparency and academic accountability for Empowerment Scholarship Accounts.
4. Fully fund full-day kindergarten and include kindergarten students in the override calculation.
5. Strengthen the school finances formula to equitably and adequately fund public schools to require the same financial accountability and transparency measures of all schools and individuals that receive public funds.

For Consideration: Maximize income opportunities for teachers' salaries and student support.

President Coutré motioned to approve the top 5 priorities and the one for consideration for the 2017 ASBA Legislative Priorities. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible Approval of MUSD Wellness Policy for the 2016/2017 school year.

Mrs. Suzette Moe presented the MUSD Wellness Policy for the 2016/2017 school year.

Mrs. Anderson questioned when the reduced sodium levels will be implemented. Mrs. Moe answered the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has put this on hold until more research is completed.

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Mrs. Anderson also questioned if all of our physical education teachers are certified as stated in this wellness policy. Mr. Beckett answered it is the intention of the District to have certified physical education teachers.

President Coutré questioned if the schools can no longer do things like Muffins for Moms or Donuts for Dads before school since as stated in the wellness policy, the normal school day hours are midnight until 30 minutes after the last bell of the day. Mrs. Moe said the schools can do it as long as the food that is being provided meets the nutritional standards. Mrs. Knorr is not comfortable approving this policy at this time as she would like to look at the state regulations where it states that as long as it is outside of the breakfast hours it is ok for the parent/guardian to give their child a food item they may not meet the nutritional guidelines.

No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBA - Board Member Qualifications
The Board discussed and would like the second paragraph to read “No employee of the District or the member of the household of residence of such employee may hold membership on the Governing Board of this District.”

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BBBA as amended. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBD - Board Member Removal From Office

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BBBD. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy BBBE. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Public Notice Hearing for an Adopted Budget Revision Hearing for Fiscal Year 2016

No one addressed the Board.

Discussion and possible approval of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Revision

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Revision. Mrs. Melvin 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 (Student Disciplinary Appeal).

Dr. Miller motioned to approve to Adjourn to Executive Session. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Adjourn to Executive Session: 8:29 PM

Mrs. Anderson motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for legal advice with District Attorney. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 5/0

Adjourn to Executive Session for Legal Advice: 8:30 PM

Back in Open Session: 9:14 PM

Adjourn:

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

Time: 9:15 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

Rhonda Melvin