

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

Vice President Coutré called a meeting of the Maricopa Unified School District No. 20 Governing Board to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office Administration Building.

Roll call reflected the following members:

Mrs. Torri Anderson, President (Absent)  
Mrs. Patti Coutré, Vice President  
Mr. Scott Bartle  
Ms. Leslie Carlyle-Burnett  
Mrs. AnnaMarie Knorr

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Desert Wind Middle School Student Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Vice President Coutré requested to amend the agenda by removing item 6B – Approve the October 14, 2014 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes and October 22, 2014 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes to the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Mr. Bartle motioned to approve the agenda with Vice President Coutré's amendment. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

**Call to the Public**

Mr. Jeff Kramarczyk addressed the board and provided a recap of the override results where the override lost by a 13½ point differential, Mr. Kramarczyk stated this was an improvement from the 2012 override proposal by a percent. Early ballots were 18½ point differential in terms of a lost and at the polling place the differential was approximately 4.7% which was an improvement from the 2012 override. Mr. Kramarczyk felt one of factors why the override lost was that continued education of the community was needed on where the money for the override would go and why the money is necessary. Mr. Kramarczyk also felt in order to have a strong campaign, time is needed to vet it out and work on it to get the information out to the community. Mr. Kramarczyk recommended the Governing Board take near term action on getting another override on the ballot and allowing the campaign committee 6 to 12 months to run a campaign to educate the community on why an override is needed. Mr. Kramarczyk thanked all the strong supporters of the override, specifically Mrs. Merry Grace, Mr. Jim Irving, Mr. Josh Judd, Mr. Carl Diedrich, and all of the teachers that supported the campaign.

Mr. Paul Studer addressed the board stating the information on the Arizona tax credit is no longer easy to find on the district website or widely advertised. Mr. Studer stressed that this tax credit is real money that the district can receive from Arizona tax payers, but the district is not promoting it or making it easy for the community to find.

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## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Rotary Students of the Month**

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

Alyssa Hatchel – 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Maricopa High School and CAVIT  
Kevin Bandin – 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Maricopa High School  
Alana Daniels – 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Desert Wind Middle School

### **Additional Information**

Dr. Chestnut presented Board Member AnnaMarie Knorr with the ASBA Certificate of Boardmanship that was awarded on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at the annual Arizona School Boards Association dinner.

Dr. Chestnut reported that on October 29<sup>th</sup> the City of Maricopa held a Vision 2040 Meeting at Maricopa High School where approximately 30 Maricopa High School students and several MUSD staff members were invited to provide their input.

Dr. Chestnut provided a recap of the November 4<sup>th</sup> election day results. The override had a 43% yes vote and 57% no vote. The two open Governing Board Member candidate results was, Patti Coutre 23.38%, Gary Miller 22.63%, Rhonda Melvin 20.82%, Adam Schrader 20.61%, and Jaysie Sheppard 12.01%.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance (MEDA) board meeting. Dr. Chestnut congratulated President Anderson on her nomination for Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) which will be voted on at the annual conference in December.

Dr. Chestnut and Vice President Coutré will be attending the ASBA Legislative Conference on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Chestnut announced the Maricopa High School Band will be performing at the Grand Canyon University Men's Basketball game on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Governing Board Member Activity Reports**

Vice President Coutré attended the Freshman JV Football awards and the Desert Wind Middle School vs. Maricopa Wells Middle School soccer game. Vice President Coutré served on the Arizona School Board Association nominating committee on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Vice President Coutré expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to serve another 4 years as a school board member and she will continue to do her best to continue to move MUSD forward and she encourages the community to continue to come forward and join in on the various committees to be part of the solution.

### **Information Items/Work Study**

#### **Desert Wind Middle School Student Council Presentation**

Mrs. Desiree Murdock, Student Council Advisor, introduced her students from her leadership class who then provided an interactive presentation on the Characteristics of Leaders that they had prepared for a Leadership Convention they had hoped to attend the prior week but was unable to.

### New State Test for Arizona Students

Dr. Chestnut has postponed Mrs. Krista Roden's presentation of the New State Test for Arizona Students as Mrs. Roden was ill and was unable to attend the board meeting.

### Meet and Confer Committee Update

Mr. Beckett reported that the Meet and Confer Committee has met three times and worked through prioritizing the issues that has come up in front of the committee at this point. Mr. Beckett stated the next steps at this time are to identify six to eight priority items, begin working on an action plan that addresses each one of those points and once that is completed they will be presented to the committee where the items will be ratified and passed on to the certified and classified employees of the district for their input. Final review will then be made and the recommendations will be passed on to Dr. Chestnut for his information where it can be used for budgetary concerns and any future actions in terms of policy practice. Mrs. Knorr suggested the Meet and Confer Committee consider meeting in the spring as well to help communication among the staff members for some of the non-priority items that do not relate to the budget

### Certified Salary Committee Update

Mr. Beckett reported that the Certified Salary Committee held its first meeting earlier in the day. Staff members from each of the school sites to serve on the committee have been identified and are listed on the agenda item. Mr. Beckett stated the plan is to continue meeting on Wednesday's at 4 p.m. and hope to have a recommendation to Dr. Chestnut by the end of January and then brought to the budgetary committee for consideration. Mr. Bartle requested that the committee look outside the box of public education and look at best practices in the business industry that may be applicable to the school district and help us achieve our goals.

### Preliminary 2014-15 Project/Budget Discussion

Dr. Chestnut presented issues to consider with the discussion of the 2014-15 projects/budget. Issue #1 is classroom space, where currently in November 2014 there are a total of 6,277 students in the district which is an increase of 427 students since November 2013. Dr. Chestnut reported the number of empty classrooms in each of the schools showing Santa Cruz Elementary has the most number of empty classrooms which is 15 and Pima Butte Elementary has the least number of empty classrooms which is 2. Dr. Chestnut said there is room to expand at each school if enrollment continues to grow at a steady pace.

Dr. Chestnut presented issue #2, the budget issues for the 2014-15 school year as being the Ak-Chin grant fund ending on June 30, 2015. Dr. Chestnut explained this grant funded 5 secondary math teachers, 5 reading paraprofessionals, 1 teacher on special assignment, and 2 periods of Maricopa High School credit recovery. District sponsored charter school funds will end on June 30, 2015 which was a total of \$2.3M where \$825,000 was spent on 5 special education certified staff, transportation costs, special education day school, 4 high school certified staff, and 1 classified staff position. Dr. Chestnut stated the remainder of the funds was put into reserves. Dr. Chestnut mentioned the budget committee's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dr. Chestnut continued by stating issue #3 is the consideration to possibly close a middle school in order to save money. Dr. Chestnut said the projected enrollment for both of the middle schools is a total of 912 students where the capacity at Desert Wind Middle School is 1,088 students and Maricopa Wells Middle School is 1,099 students. Mr. Bartle suggested that if any drastic changes are suggested to be made,

suggestions be brought to the board early enough for a decision to be made and provide enough time for the staff and parents to be able to prepare accordingly.

#### Review Monthly Financial Report for September 2014

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for September 2014. For the month of September M & O fund has an adopted budget of \$31,438,169 and current expenditures of \$3,036,341. Actual M & O expenditures for the year are \$6,714,218 and current encumbrances are \$24,072,986. Projected fund balance of \$650,965 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 \$314,526 spent and \$26,790 encumbered for the year with a Fund Balance of \$3,198,073. The class site funds have a budget of \$3,490,854. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$68,714.74, receipts of \$26,560.40, disbursements of \$14,337.07, \$14,885.91 for adjustments, and an ending monthly balance of \$66,052.16.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Carlyle-Burnett motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher#1516
- Voucher#1517

C. Approve Line of Credit – Letter of Declaration.

### **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.

Mr. Bartle 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. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 2 requests for early graduation in December 2014.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 2 requests for early graduation in December 2014. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

#### Schedule Executive Session to Discuss Superintendent Evaluation

Vice President Coutré motioned to approve the Executive Session to Discuss Superintendent Evaluation be during the December 9, 2014 Board Meeting. Mr. Bartle seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of updated Policy JFAB J-0800 - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 1st reading of updated Policy JFAB J-0800 - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of updated Policy JQ J-6950 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 1st reading of updated Policy JQ J-6950 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of updated Policy KF K-1650 - Community Use of School Facilities.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 1st reading of updated Policy JQ J-6950 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges. Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

**Adjourn:**

**Mrs. Knorr motioned and Ms. Carlyle-Burnett seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0.**

**Time: 8:05 PM**

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Torri Anderson, President

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Patti Coutré, Vice President

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