

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
Mr. Joshua Judd

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Henry Wade let the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Call to the Public

Maricopa High School DECA students Harrison Edmondson, Freya Abraham, and Adia Carr addressed the Board to inform every one of the upcoming DECA events which include Market Day on November 20th-21st and Miss Abraham explained that judges are needed for upcoming conferences and information on this is available on a flyer located on the table in the board room lobby.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chestnut reported on November 2nd he along with Mrs. Krista Roden, Mr. Wade Watson and Mr. Denis Cook met with the RAM Academy staff. Dr. Chestnut said two students have graduated from RAM Academy with Maricopa High School diplomas. Dr. Chestnut reported the RAM Academy building is not ready for students as of yet because they are waiting for the fire alarm system to be connected to system in the CTE building.

Dr. Chestnut said as of November 3rd an administrative update went into effect where Mr. Rick Able is Interim Principal at Maricopa High school and Mr. Thad Miller is Interim Principal at Maricopa Wells Middle School for the rest of the school year. Dr. Chestnut reported on November 7th Maricopa Wells

Middle School has concluded interviews for an Assistant Principal and Assistant Principal interviews for the high school will begin next week.

Dr. Chestnut reported on November 4th some of the Governing Board members and Administration staff participated in a team building exercise on the MHS adventure course.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Dr. Miller visited RAM Academy, Butterfield Elementary School, Maricopa Wells Middle School and the Transportation department.

Mr. Judd participated in the team building exercise on November 4th on the MHS adventure course.

Mrs. Anderson attended the first Woman's Empowerment Day on October 26th, the high school Travel Club swap meet on October 28th, the team building exercise on the MHS adventure course on November 4th, the annual Police Foundation dinner on November 4th, and the Church of Celebration prayer service for elected officials on November 5th. Mrs. Anderson will be attending the Arizona School Board Association Legislative workshop on November 17th.

Mrs. Knorr participated in the team building exercise on November 4th on the MHS adventure course and on November 7th attended an event where education was discussed with Governor Ducey.

President Coutré attended a senior night on November 1st at the high school where the HEFAR group was there to assist families with filling out the FAFSA as a free service. President Coutré also attended the last MHS football game on November 3rd, participated in the team building exercise on November 4th on the MHS adventure course, and the Church of Celebration prayer service for elected officials on November 5th. President Coutré will be attending the Arizona School Board Association Legislative workshop on November 17th.

Information Items/Work Study

MUSD's involvement with National Board Certification

Mrs. Heidi Vratil presented the National Board Certification (NBC) process. Mrs. Vratil explained that the NBC is for teachers by teachers, is the highest certification a teacher can earn in the United States and this process grows, retains teachers and recognizes the accomplishments that the teachers have. The mission of NBC is to have high and rigorous standards, to certify teachers who meet those standards and recognizes them. Mrs. Vratil said currently MUSD has 5 NBC teachers, 8 candidates waiting for final scores, 33 current candidates and 19 potential additional candidates for this year. Mrs. Vratil reported MUSD currently has a Network to Transform Teaching Grant (NT3) which provided \$70,000 for 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years. The MUSD aim with this grant is to guarantee accomplished teaching for every student in every classroom, every day. Mrs. Vratil said since this is the last school year of the grant, the ways for the district to continue to support the NBC process is for stipends, funding support for candidates, and job-embedded time. Mrs. Vratil would like to see making accomplished teaching a possible criteria for teacher leadership positions in the district.

Transportation Update

Mr. Beckett presented an update to the transportation department challenges. Mr. Beckett started off with some positive news that include stop arm cameras were installed on 10 busses, and within the past two years the district has purchased 3 new 84-passenger busses, 2 new special needs busses and 2 new white fleet shuttles. Mr. Beckett said there was a creation of a secure parts room for inventory control, installation of card readers on fuel stations, an electronic inventory and work order system (VersaTrans), and the addition of four new positions (3 drivers and 1 aide). Mr. Beckett reported the transportation department's challenges include driver recruitment; communication of late routes and the use of double routes; overcrowding concerns; and having competitive pay rates and driver recruitment & retention. Mr. Beckett said the solutions to these challenges include community input; five new full-time drivers and two substitute drivers have been hired and are currently going through training; ongoing recruitment; and a revision to the classified compensation plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher #1830 Ratify
- Voucher #1831 Ratify
- Voucher #1832 Ratify

B. Approve the October 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the November 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

C. Approve the disposal of a Konica Minolta multifunction copier machine.

D. Approve travel for Maricopa Wells Middle School Blended Learning Field Trip to Disneyland, California on April 20, 2018.

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.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative Actions. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st Reading of Policies GCCG – Professional Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave & GDCG - Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave
Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve 1st Reading of Policies GCCG – Professional Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave & GDCG - Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of MUSD Strategies and Action Plans for 2017-18.
Board reviewed and discussed the MUSD Strategies and Action Plans for 2017-18. Additional suggested changes have been discussed. President Coutré encouraged the Board Members to review the document thoroughly and get back to Dr. Chestnut with any changes they would like to see so Dr. Chestnut can make the changes and bring back to next board meeting.
No motion made.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session – Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3), the Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session for discussion or consultation with its attorney for legal advice regarding a future Superintendent search and matters relating thereto.
Dr. Miller motioned to approve to adjourn to Executive Session. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session – Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4), the Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session for discussion or consultation with its attorney in order to consider its position and direct its attorney regarding a future Superintendent search, procurement of a search firm and related matters.
Dr. Miller motioned to approve to adjourn to Executive Session. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Adjourn to Executive Session: 7:17 p.m.
Return to Regular Session: 9:18 p.m.

Discussion and possible approval of the method/vendor for the superintendent search.
Dr. Miller motioned to approve Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) to be the vendor for the superintendent search. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Adjourn:
Ms. Knorr motioned and Mrs. Anderson seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5/0.

Time: 9:19 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

Joshua Judd

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