

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 (Absent)
Dr. Gary Miller
Mrs. Rhonda Melvin

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Henry Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

President Coutré amended the agenda by removing Action Item 7D. Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve agenda as amended. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Call to the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Maricopa High School Report

Maricopa High School Junior Class President Alyssa Hollingsworth along with Student Council representatives Sierra Reynolds and Saul Santos reported on the various activities taking place at the high school which include the PSAT test was given at the high school earlier in the day and the ACT test will be given on October 24th. Homecoming week events include a laser tag tournament on October 17th; power puff game on October 19th; Friday Lights movie on October 20th; Ram fest, alumni game and bon fire on October 21st; MHS Mud Run Staff vs. Students on October 22nd; pep rally assembly, homecoming varsity game, and alumni reunion on October 23rd; and homecoming dance on October 24th.

Additional Information

Dr. Chestnut reported that as of October 1st the total enrollment in MUSD is up to 6,447 students, on October 3rd the MHS Orchestra achieved an "Excellent" rating at the AZ Band and ABODA Fall Festival, on October 5th the district newsletter was delivered to 20,000 Maricopa residents as an insert in the inMaricopa Newspaper and on October 7th Mrs. Angela Ebner, 5th grade teacher at Maricopa Elementary

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School became one of five finalist for AZ Teacher of the Year and is now considered an “Ambassadors of Excellence”.

On October 14th, Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Economic Development Alliance board meeting. Dr. Chestnut mentioned MHS homecoming week is October 19-24 and is MHS 60th Anniversary. Dr. Chestnut said Mayor Price proclaimed October 19-24 “Paint the Town Red Week” and October 23rd to be “Ram Pride Day”.

Dr. Chestnut reminded everyone that on October 20th is the ASBA Pinal County Meeting.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Dr. Miller reported he met with Mrs. Renita Meyers, Maricopa High School Principal to discuss voter registration and the different clubs at the high school.

President Coutré encouraged the board members to attend the ASBA Pinal County Meeting on October 20th, the ASBA/AASBO/ASA Legislative Workshop on November 13th, and the ASBA-ASA 58th Annual Conference and Pre-Conference on December 9-11. President Coutré attended the city council meeting and the chamber breakfast. President Coutré announced that the Chamber of Commerce for the month of October is collecting used cell phones and chargers for victims of domestic abuse. President Coutré also announced that MUSD is partnering with Costco for their Costco school event on October 24th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and for every \$50.00 you spend, Costco will donate a ream of paper to MUSD schools. President Coutré has the flyers for the event.

Information Items/Work Study

Presentation of HOPE Certificate to Mr. Henry Wade

President Coutré presented Mr. Wade with the Heros of Public Education (HOPE) Certificate.

Ignite Presentation

Mr. Phillip Smith, Biology Teacher at Maricopa High School spoke about his background and how he came to teaching along with his experience in the district and teaching his 178 students.

Review Monthly Financial Report for July 2015 and August 2015

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for July 2015. For the month of July M & O fund has an adopted budget of \$34,384,437 and current expenditures of \$1,107,884. Actual M & O expenditures for the year are \$1,107,884 and current encumbrances are \$28,601,674. Projected fund balance of \$4,674,879 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 \$4,168,090 with \$3,153 spent and \$376,193 encumbered for the year with a Projected Fund Balance of \$3,788,744. The class site funds have a budget of \$2,817,000. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$78,348.14, receipts of \$15,736.96, disbursements of \$9,797.00, and an ending monthly balance of \$84,310.28.

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for August 2015. For the month of August M & O fund has an adopted budget of \$34,384,437 and current expenditures of \$2,357,341. Actual M & O

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expenditures for the year are \$3,465,225 and current encumbrances are \$26,457,880. Projected fund balance of \$4,461,332 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 \$4,168,090 with \$355,326 spent and \$156,226 encumbered for the year with a Projected Fund Balance of \$3,656,537. The class site funds have a budget of \$2,817,000. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$84,310.28, receipts of \$15,640.80, disbursements of \$13,628.94, and an ending monthly balance of \$84,310.28.

Capital Projects – Bond Updates

Mr. Aron Rausch stated as per AZ 15-491, the district must provide a bond capital project update annually. Mr. Rausch reiterated that the capital projects updates are always shown in the monthly financial reports. Mr. Rausch reported that there is \$212,865.83 remaining in the bond fund after approved projects and there are three projects that still remain. Mr. Rausch said they are sending out bid requests for the adventure course, have had an architect and contractor look at the old gym bathrooms and may put on hold the CTE bathrooms. Mr. Rausch explained the remaining projects will cost more than what remains in the bond. Mrs. Coutré questioned if the district moves forward with the old gym bathrooms project where the estimated cost is more than what remains in the bond, where would the balance of the funds come from. Mr. Rausch answered the balance of the funds could come from SFB, DAA funds, reserved funds or M&O funds. Mr. Rausch also mentioned there is an option to go for a capital override or non-voted debt.

Sale of School Property

Dr. Chestnut reported that if the district decides to sell any of the pieces of undeveloped property it owns, it would need to be voted on by the public. Dr. Chestnut says the piece of property the district focused on to possibly sell is The Lakes property next to Global Water which is 24 acres and the lands values was estimated at \$35,000 per acer back in January 2015 for a total of \$720,000. Dr. Chestnut says if the voters approve to sell the land, the funds can be used for school district purposes and debt reduction. Mrs. Knorr asked if the board approved to sell the property would the district have to pay for the election and Dr. Chestnut answered yes and the cost would be approximately \$30,000. President Coutré questioned when would be the earliest the sale of the property could be put on the ballot and Dr. Chestnut answered it would be November 2016. Mr. Rausch reiterated the money from the sale of this property cannot go into M&O but can go into Unrestricted Capital and DAA funds. President Coutré requested that Dr. Chestnut puts this item on the next board meeting agenda.

Override Recommendation

Dr. Chestnut presented the override committee's recommendation is to move forward with putting the override on the November 2016 election ballot. The terms of this override recommendation is for 7 years at 15% and the focus would be for additional teachers to reduce class size; additional teachers for foreign language, civics, etc. and support CTE courses after the state cuts the CTE programs in 2016-17; include funding for technology; and consider paying for things that parents are already paying for like "pay to play," calculators, school supplies, feeding hungry kids. Mrs. Knorr and President Coutré feel November 2016 does not give enough time and should put the override on the November 2017 ballot. President Coutré requested that the override recommendation be put on the next board meeting agenda as an action item.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

- A. Approve Expense Vouchers.
 - Voucher #1607 Ratify
 - Voucher#1608 Ratify
 - Voucher #1609 Ratify
- B. Ratify Payroll Vouchers #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, #37, #38
- C. Approve the September 23, 2015 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve the lease of seven (7) Ricoh copiers using the lease/purchase method.
- E. Approve contract award to US Energy for the purchase of Exterior LED Pole Mounted Fixtures and HID fixtures for Multi-purpose room for Maricopa High School, through Mohave Educational contract # 14F-USES-0825
- F. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy FCB - Retirement of Facilities.
- G. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy JFAB - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students.
- H. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy JFABC - Admission of Transfer Students.

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. Melvin motioned to approve the Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the Annual Financial Report.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Discussion and possible approval for MUSD to join the Public Education Reform Advocates.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve MUSD to join the Public Education Reform Advocates. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Adjourn:

Mrs. Knorr motioned and Mrs. Melvin seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0.

Time: 7:54 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

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