

OPENING

Call to Order

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:

Ms. Patti Coutré, President
Mrs. AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President
Mrs. Torri Anderson
Dr. Gary Miller
Mr. Joshua Judd

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Henry Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Call to the Public

Miss Elizabeth Howt and Mr. Bill Howe addressed the Board regarding their displeasure with the moving of Assistant Principal Thad Miller from Maricopa Wells Middle School to Maricopa High School.

Ms. Julia Ivy and Councilman Henry Wade addressed the Board regarding their disagreement with the districts zero tolerance policy on fighting. Councilman Wade offered to the parents that if they have an issue they are welcome to come to him for help. Ms. Ivy feels fighting should be disciplined on a case-by-case basis and not with a blanket policy.

Ms. Aidan Balt addressed the Board to invite everyone to the MUSD Gifted Parent Night on September 27, 2017 at Saddleback Elementary School from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Room 132.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Chestnut announced the City Council declared homecoming week “Paint the Town Red” week.

Dr. Chestnut addressed the switching of Assistant Principals between Maricopa Wells Middle School and Maricopa High School where both Assistant Principals are highly competent, qualified, have tremendous

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amount of experience, and both do a good job in their roles. Dr. Chestnut explained the switch was made due to it being in the best interested of the District and the decision was not taken lightly as there was a great deal of thought and consideration in the decision.

Dr. Chestnut stressed that student safety is the number one priority of Maricopa Unified School District. Dr. Chestnut said he was surprised to hear the comments of zero tolerance and states the phrase of zero tolerance is not found in District policies. Dr. Chestnut stressed the District does not have zero tolerance policy when it comes to fighting, altercations, or aggression; and all instances are addressed based on the facts of the matter on a cases by case basis. Dr. Chestnut understands that there could be some miscommunication on this issue and urges parents to speak to the teacher, assistant principal or principal of the school.

Dr. Chestnut announced the 2017 ACT scores have been received and Maricopa High School scored above the state average in English, science and reading and was 6 10ths of a point below the state average in math. Dr. Chestnut said the number of Maricopa High School students taking the ACT tests is in an upward trend.

Dr. Chestnut reported as of September 8th, MUSD's total enrollment is 6,697 which is 78 students below what was projected.

Dr. Chestnut reported that the RAM Academy progress is moving along and steel ramps that are ADA compliant are being currently being installed. Dr. Chestnut said there are currently 101 students attending RAM Academy.

Dr. Chestnut reminded everyone this week is Maricopa High School Homecoming Week and on September 12th Dr. Chestnut attended the Maricopa Education Association Quarterly Meeting.

Dr. Chestnut announced that on September 23rd the 8th Annual MHS Booster Club Golf Tournament will take place at Southern Dunes Golf Course.at 8 a.m.

Governing Board Member Activity Reports

Mrs. Anderson reported she attended the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Law Conference on September 7-8th and chaired the Legislative Committee at the ASBA Delegate Assembly on September 9th. Mrs. Anderson will be cheering at the homecoming game on Friday night as an alumni cheerleader.

Mr. Judd attended the ASBA Law Conference on September 7-8th and the Delegate Assembly as a delegate on September 9th.

Dr. Miller plans on working with the transportation department to be able to ride on a bus route to get the students experience.

President Coutré informed the Board Members that the ropes course activity that was initially scheduled for September 16th will need to be rescheduled and will be on the next board agenda so a new date can be voted on. President Coutré attended the NT3 Conference in Tucson last week. President Coutré announced that the flyer on the Costco (in Chandler) school event on September 16th from 7 – 10 p.m. will be posted on the district website for everyone to see.

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Information Items/Work Study

Strategic Plan Action Plans for 2017-18

Dr. Chestnut presented the Strategic Action Plan for 2017-18. Mrs. Anderson feels after reading over the plan that some of it seems mediocre and she would like to see outcomes for the strategies and something measurable. Mrs. Knorr feels there are not enough day to day goals to support the school safety statement that is listed in the belief statement. Mrs. Anderson feels there are too many strategies under each goal and Dr. Chestnut said he will look into it.

Review Monthly Financial Report for June 2017

Mr. Rausch presented the Monthly Financial Report for June 2017. For the month of June M & O fund has a budget of \$37,643,356 and current expenditures of \$4,946,895. Actual M & O expenditures for the year are \$35,457,860 and current encumbrances are \$347.00. Projected fund balance of \$2,185,149 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 budget is \$4,395,652 with \$248,232 spent and a Projected Fund Balance of \$3,203,306. The class site funds have a budget of \$3,021,646. The Student Activities Report shows a beginning monthly balance of \$125,881.00, receipts of \$4,861.43, disbursements of \$8,632.00, and an ending monthly balance of \$122,971.86.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Expense Vouchers.
 - Voucher #1809 Ratify
 - Voucher #1810 Ratify
 - Voucher #1811 Ratify
 - Voucher #1812 Ratify

- B. Approve the August 23, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

- C. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy BBBA - Board Member Qualifications.

- D. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy EEAEA - Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities.

- E. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy GCQF - Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members.

- F. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy GDFA - Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements).

- G. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy IJJ - Textbook/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption.

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. Knorr has concerns about the excessive overload stipends and has requested that Dr. Chestnut create a committee that will look into the overload stipends.

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 Actions. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaw Amendments. Mr. Judd motioned to approve the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaw Amendments. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of Rescheduling the October 4, 2017 Board Meeting Date.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the rescheduling of the October 4, 2017 Board Meeting to September 27, 2017. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of 1st reading of updated Policy GCQC - Resignation of Professional Staff Members.

The Board and Dr. Chestnut discussed the underlined language that was added to policy. Board wants to see consistency with this policy. Mrs. Anderson would like to see the underlined language towards the end of the policy removed.

No motion made.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of Policy IJNDB - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction.

Mr. Judd motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy IJNDB - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of Policy JFAA - Admission of Resident Students.

Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy JFAA - Admission of Resident Students. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of Policy JFABC - Admission of Transfer Students.
Mr. Judd motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy JFABC - Admission of Transfer Students. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of Policy JFB - Open Enrollment.
Dr. Miller motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy JFB - Open Enrollment. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of Policy JL - Student Wellness.
Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy JL - Student Wellness. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Discussion and possible approval of the 1st reading of Policy KB - Parent Involvement in Education.
Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the 1st reading of Policy KB - Parent Involvement in Education with keeping all of item I-17 with the exception of “pursuant to A.R.S. 15 353”. Mr. Judd seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: The Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with its attorney in order to consider its position and instruct its attorney regarding the Superintendent’s future contract. The attorney may appear in person or telephonically.

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

Approve to Adjourn to Executive Session: The Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of the renewal of the current Superintendent’s employment agreement and form of the agreement. The Superintendent has been provided with the statutorily required notice. Upon his demand, the Governing Board’s discussion or consideration will occur in a public meeting (with the exception of salary discussions).

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

Adjourn to Executive Session: 8:12 PM

Returned to Regular Session: 9:10 PM

Discussion and possible action to renew Superintendent Dr. Steve Chestnut’s employment with the District and approve related Superintendent Contracts for fiscal Year 2017-2018 and fiscal years 2018 through 2020.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve current contract in place for 2017-2018 and not move forward with any future contracts. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

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Adjourn:

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

Time: 9:11 PM

Patti Coutré, President

AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President

Torri Anderson

Gary Miller

Joshua Judd