

SADDLE MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2016
District Office- Centennial Board Room
38201 W. Indian School Road, Tonopah AZ 85354

Minutes

Attendance:

Dan Blackson-President
Bernadette Delacruz -Clerk
Paul Roetto-Member
Jim Keith-Member

Mark Joraanstad, Ed. D. –Superintendent
Vivian Martinez-Assistant Superintendent
Anna-Marie Perry – Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

President Blackson calls the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Delacruz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Keith seconded and motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Joraanstad introduced the following retirees-

Bonnie Hudson-Payroll
Hector Gonzalez-Maintenance
Yolanda Gonzalez-Food Service
Darla Spain-Drama Teacher
John Spain-Band Teacher
Nancy Moreau-School Secretary

Each retiree was presented with a plaque and recognized for their accomplishments.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Mrs. Delacruz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The motion carried and the following items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Student Activity Fund Balance Statements
3. Ratification of Vouchers
4. Certified Personnel Report
5. Classified Personnel Report
6. Final Review/Approval on Policy JLCD-Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students

REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Report-

Ms. Anna-Marie Perry, Business Manager announced that the district budget is looking stable.

With the anticipation of Proposition 123 passing, ADE and the Auditor General are considering moving the final budget revision date to the end of June. She will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Auditor General Report on Saddle Mountain spending for SY2014-2015-

Ms. Anna-Marie Perry, Business Manager presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation with the Auditor General data. The following areas were covered; Spending by Operational Data, Spending by Operational area such as Admin, Plant Operations, Food Service, Transportation, Per Pupil Spending and Students who met State Standards.

Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy GCQEA-Discretionary Leave for Professional Staff Members upon Separation from Employment-

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy GDQCA-Discretionary Leave for Support Staff Members upon Separation from Employment-

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy GDD-Support Staff Vacations and Holidays-

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy GCD- Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays-

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy GCCH- Professional/Support Staff Bereavement Leave-

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

Review/Revise Gifted Policy and Identification Procedures-

Mrs. Vivian Martinez, Assistant Superintendent explained the current Gifted Policy and Identification procedures for SMUSD.

Mr. Roetto requested a report of neighboring districts and their cut off percentiles, also requested the number of gifted students at SMUSD.

ACTION ITEMS

Meet and Confer Report-

Patti Thompson, teacher at Ruth Fisher, Julie Wruck, Parapro at Ruth Fisher and Vivian Martinez, Assistant Superintendent provided the Board with information regarding the recommendations made by the Meet and Confer Committee. Recommendations include absorb the health insurance rate increase, hire 2 additional bus drivers, maintain 4 SIG positions, hire 2.5 FTE high school teachers, return Assistant Superintendent position to 1 FTE, 4% raise for all employees, move 4 custodians to \$9.12/hour and stipends to pay teachers that cover classes during their prep periods.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Meet and Confer committee as presented with the following exceptions; returning the Assistant Superintendent position to 1 FTE, this will be reviewed at the time of contract issuance and the stipends for teachers

covering classes during their prep periods. Mrs. Delacruz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keith asked if other districts pay their teachers for working during their prep periods. He also questioned why the board did not approve this and requests to bring this back before school starts. Mr. Roetto hears the concerns but feels that the dollar amount has not been determined therefore a vote is not warranted at this time. Requested for the Superintendent to follow up on this. President Blackson commented that additional facts are needed.

Employment of Certified Staff for FY 2017-

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the employment for Certified Staff for FY 2017. Mrs. Delacruz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Certified Teacher Contract Language-

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the certified teacher contract language. Mrs. Delacruz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

President Blackson reminded board members about the Special Board meeting to be held on Monday, March 14th at 3:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Delacruz thanked Ms. Katie Kirby for the ten volunteers that helped with the Tartesso Ice Cream Social event.

Mr. Roetto announced that he attended the AIA Legislative Committee meeting and mentioned all the effort that goes in to the issue of kids moving districts based on athletics rather than scholastics. The committee changed the transfer rule, athletes will sit out for half of a season before being allowed to participate.

Dr. Joraanstad thanked the Meet & Confer committee for their participation and for finding solutions that benefit everyone in the district.

President Blackson also thanked the committee on behalf of the board for making their job easier.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Mr. Roetto. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Board Member
Saddle Mountain Unified School District #90
Merlinda Avila, Board Secretary