

**SADDLE MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 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  
Amy Cruz-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 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Dr. Joraanstad introduced Dr. Paul Tighe who will become the new Superintendent for Saddle Mountain Unified School District effective July 1, 2016.

The Governing Board welcomed Dr. Tighe.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented with the exception of Item's E.7 Travel and E.18 Superintendent's contract. Mrs. Delacruz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The motion carried and the following items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Sole Source Vendor
3. Student Activity Fund Balance Statements
4. Ratification of Vouchers
5. Certified Personnel Report
6. Classified Personnel Report
7. Acceptance of a Special Gift Donation
8. MOU between SMUSD and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services
9. Final Review/Approval on Policy GCQEA-Discretionary Leave for Professional Staff Members upon Separation of Employment

10. Final Review/Approval on Policy GDQCA-Discretionary Leave for Support Staff Members upon Separation of Employment
11. Final Review/Approval on Policy GDD-Support Staff Vacations and Holidays
12. Final Review/Approval on Policy GCD-Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays
13. Final Review/Approval on Policy GCCH-Professional/Support Staff Bereavement Leave
14. Fee Schedule
15. Certified Teacher Salary Placement Schedule
16. Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve Item E.7 Travel, Mrs. Cruz seconded the motion. Mr. Keith asked regarding the district's liability on the senior trip to Disneyland. Dr. Joraanstad responded that the district's insurance covers teacher and student attendance on official school sponsored events which includes the senior trip to Disneyland. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keith made a motion to approve Item E. 18 Superintendent's Contract, Mr. Roetto seconded the motion. Motion failed to pass with one aye vote and four nay votes.

Mrs. Delacruz made a motion for further discussion to be held by Mr. Roetto and President Blackson regarding the Superintendent's contract and for a follow-up board meeting to be held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Roetto seconded the motion. Motion passed with four aye votes and one nay vote.

## **REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### *Budget Report-*

Ms. Anna-Marie Perry, Business Manager is uncertain at this point if a May 15<sup>th</sup> budget revision will be needed due to the May special election. Updates will be provided via Dr. Joraanstad's weekly board memos.

Ms. Perry also mentioned that the architect is currently finalizing the revised design plan for the Maintenance/IT/Warehouse building facility. Once the plans are complete, they will be sent to CORE for the final bid estimate.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### *Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy KF-Community Use of School*

Dr. Joraanstad provided clarification on the policy changes.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

President Blackson mentioned the Special Board meeting to be held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Joraanstad mentioned the following upcoming events; Kindergarten graduations, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotions and High School Graduations. There will be a combined awards banquet for FBLA, Skills USA and FFA. The May board agenda will include student recognitions for distinctions they have attained this school year.

President Blackson mentioned the conflict of times between the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony at Tartesso and the Kindergarten promotion ceremony at Ruth Fisher.

Mrs. Cruz requested a future agenda item to discuss Policy BEDBA-Agenda. She requests that the board agenda be sent to the Governing Board the week prior to the board meeting to have ample time to review.

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Keith thanked the Board for selecting a new Superintendent, as it was not an easy process.

Mrs. Cruz thanked everyone for welcoming her and helping her to learn the process. Mr. Blackson suggested setting up a meeting time with Mrs. Cruz and Dr. Joraanstad to review additional information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Mrs. Delacruz. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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