

SADDLE MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting
October 13, 2014
District Office- Centennial Board Room
38201 W. Indian School Road, Tonopah AZ 85354

Minutes

Attendance:

Paul Roetto-President
Dan Blackson -Clerk
Gary Burton-Member
Jim Keith-Member

Mark Joraanstad, Ed. D. –Superintendent
Vivian Martinez-Assistant Superintendent
Sandy Wilkins – Business Manager

Absence:

Hector Andrade-Member

CALL TO ORDER

President Roetto calls the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Second graders from Mrs. Paulette Pierson's class led The Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Burton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Blackson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Board President Roetto announces the Public Hearing.

1. Review of Proposed Annual Financial Report for FY 2013-2014

Business Manager, Sandy Wilkins presented the Governing Board with the Annual Financial Report for FY 2013-2014. The Summary of School District AFR will be posted on the District's website and on the Arizona Department of Education website.

Ms. Wilkins noted the following corrections to the report that had been provided to the Governing Board; Expended amount for Regular Ed is 6,284,873 and the Budget amount for Athletics is 131,410.

2. Review of Bond Program

Ms. Sandy Wilkins presented the Governing Board with the Saddle Mountain Unified School District Bond Program Report for FY 2013-2014. The report lists the amounts and reasons that the bonds were sold.

3. Calls for Questions and Discussion

Community member, Tom McWilliams asked if the budget amounts include the new bus and van purchases for Transportation. Ms. Wilkins provided an explanation that the reported amounts include costs incurred as of June 30th.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Dr. Joraanstad introduced Mrs. Paulette Pierson and her second grade class from Ruth Fisher. The class performed patriotic songs for the Governing Board to demonstrate the Choral Reading and Singing methods used by English Language Learners.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blackson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Mr. Burton seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The motion carried and the following items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes-The Board was presented with the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 15, 2014.
2. Sole Source Vendor
3. Student Activity Fund Balance Statement
4. Ratification of Vouchers
5. Certified Personnel Report
6. Classified Personnel Report
7. Arizona Mutual Aid Compact

REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Report-

Ms. Sandy Wilkins provided the Board with a report on the District's budget. The M&O budget will increase with growth and the planned cushion from the Verrado developer is still available. The capital budget continues to reflect a positive balance. Cash balance is also healthy at 1.4 million.

Update on Bond Projects-

Mr. Angel Tellez, Facilities Director provided the Governing Board with an update on bond projects.

The well project is on hold pending the arrival of the raw water tank. Manufacturer issues have resulted in the delay, expected delivery is now in late November and installation is expected in early December.

Installation of the chilled water line extension is tentatively planned for Christmas/Winter break.

An update on the turf project for the three playgrounds at Tartesso is as follows; the Kinder playground is complete, middle grade playground should be complete by the end of this week and the soccer field is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving break.

The Maintenance and IT building is in the design phase. Construction should begin in January, 2015 and it should be completed in late August, 2015.

The next planned project is the heating and cooling of the 300 building at Ruth Fisher.

ACTION ITEMS

Annual Financial Report-

Discussion was held and Mr. Blackson made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report. Mr. Burton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS, AGENDA TOPICS AND EVENTS

Dr. Joraanstad announced the Ruth Fisher Fall Festival to be held tomorrow from 5-7 p.m. The annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on Thursday, October 30th. The High School Student Ambassador Group will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on October 30th from 4-6 p.m.

Dr. Joraanstad also announced the schedule for the District Patriotic Speech Contest. The speech contest at Tartesso will take place on Monday, November 10 at 9 a.m. The Ruth Fisher contest will be on Wednesday, November 12 at 9 a.m. and the finalists will compete at the District Office Board Room on Monday, November 17 at 5 p.m. The winner of the contest will present their speech at the December board meeting.

Other events that were mentioned included the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Ruth Fisher on Wednesday, November 19 from 4-7 p.m. and the community rodeo event at 339th Avenue on November 1st.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Keith expressed his gratitude to the district for their participation in patriotic events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Mr. Burton. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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