

SADDLE MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
September 1, 2015
District Office- Centennial Board Room
38201 W. Indian School Road, Tonopah AZ 85354

Minutes

Attendance:

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

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

Absence:

Gary Burton-President

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of President Burton, Mr. Roetto calls the meeting to order at 6:01 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. Mr. Blackson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Joraanstad presented a M.A.D. award to Ms. Sandy Wilkins for making a difference throughout her eight years of service to the district. He recognized her efforts for bringing the district out of receivership and continually being an invaluable resource to the district and staff.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Barbara Black, representing the Tonopah Valley Community Council addressed the Governing Board to request the use of the Winter's Well parking lot during the Tour de Tonopah.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Dr. Joraanstad asked to comment on Agenda Item E. 5 Classified Personnel Report; New Employment. He introduced Ms. Anna-Marie Perry as the new Business Manager.

The motion carried and the following items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes-The Board was presented with the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2015.
2. Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
3. Ratification of Vouchers
4. Certified Personnel Report
5. Classified Personnel Report
6. Performance Pay Plan
7. Qualified Evaluators
8. IGA between SMUSD and Buckeye Union High School District

9. Final Review/Approval on Policy FCB-Retirement of Facilities
10. Final Review/Approval on Policy GBI-Staff Participation in Political Activities
11. Budget Revision

REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Report-

Ms. Sandy Wilkins, Business Manager provided the Governing Board with an updated Cash Balances report through the end of fiscal year '14-15. The M&O budget will have the 4% carryover.

Ms. Wilkins also reported that as a result of the four-day school week, the district has noticed a savings in utilities in the amount of \$10,404 for the first two months of fiscal year '15-16.

Tonopah Valley High School Enrollment-

Mr. Edgar Garcia, Principal provided the Governing Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the increased enrollment numbers at Tonopah Valley High School. Mr. Garcia mentioned that the increase brings both opportunities and challenges. He added that there is a need to hire a full-time English teacher and a .5 Math teacher in order to maintain small class sizes.

ACTION ITEMS

None at this time.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Acting President Mr. Roetto asked for a follow up on Mr. Keith's request to have a potential workshop for the Governing Board. Dr. Joraanstad replied that he and Board President, Mr. Burton are discussing this opportunity.

Dr. Joraanstad announced a few of the sporting events taking place at Tonopah Valley High School including; Varsity Volleyball and JV Football games on September 1st and the second home Varsity football game on Friday, September 4th. Dr. Joraanstad also mentioned that there was a great turnout at both the first home football game and the Ruth Fisher social event.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Joraanstad provided clarification on Parapro trainings during in-service dates. He mentioned the district's emphasis on reading training is due to some findings from the Arizona Department of Education, Special Ed monitoring as well as Move on When Reading. Retention of third graders will begin next school year.

Dr. Joraanstad also mentioned the Tour de Tonopah. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buckeye and Goodyear. It will be held on Saturday, October 10th and the district parking lots will be used for this event.

Mr. Keith requested a report on energy savings from the four day school week.

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 6:41 p.m.