

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WINSLOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
GOVERNING BOARD**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Winslow Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Mrs. Sharon Greenwood, President, at 6:01 p.m. February 20, 2020, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, in Winslow.

PRESENT: Mrs. Sharon Greenwood
Mr. Joseph Hartnett
Mrs. Marilee Ervien
Mrs. Josephine Montoya
Mr. Allen Leonard

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Hartnett made a motion to approve the agenda excluding items C and D. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of "aye" from members present

**AWARDS,
RECOGNITIONS
AND
PRESENTATIONS:** None at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Hartnett made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ervien. Members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

Mr. Hartnett made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on February 11, 2020. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. All members except Mrs. Montoya voted to approve the minutes. Mrs. Montoya refrained from this vote as she was not present at the meeting.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Mrs. Greenwood invited public comments on any listed items on the agenda at this time. She requested that anyone speaking should state their full name for the record and confine their remarks to three minutes or less. She stated that no action will be taken as a result of public comments. She reminded the public that the Board expects citizens who address the Board to present concerns regarding the activities in question rather than make personal attacks upon board members, staff or others present or absent according to Governing Board Policy BEDH. In addition, questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not be accepted per Board Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings. Anyone wishing to discuss an issue with the Governing Board that is not on the agenda should complete form WPS 511 located on the entrance table. Copies will be distributed to all board members for their consideration.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A. A request was made for ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 845 totaling \$619,901.75. Mrs. Lomeli said this is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Mrs. Ervien made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 845. Mr. Hartnett seconded the motion. Members present voted "aye" and the motion carried

B. Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the hiring of the following personnel:

- Joseph Larsen – Assistant Track Coach – High School
- Stephanie Lymer – Assistant JV Coach Softball – High School
- Cheryl Martin – Substitute Bus Driver – District
- Thomas Pentz – Grounds/Substitute Bus Driver – District
- Transportation Department Employees –as needed throughout the district

Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the following resignations:

- Amanda Sander – Teacher – Jefferson elementary School (5/21/20)
- Brandon Terrazas – Teacher – Winslow Jr. High School (5/21/20)

Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the retirement of the following employees:

- Don Baker – High School – (5/21/20) 42 years of service
- Sondra Dixon – Teacher – Washington (5/21/20)

- Eddie Joe Gonzales – Maintenance – District (6/30/20) 35 years of service
- Marianne Richardson – Teacher – High School (5/21/20)

A motion was made by Mrs. Montoya to approve the hirings, resignations, and retirements as presented. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. A vote was taken and members present voted “aye.” The motion carried.

C. This item was excluded.

D. This Item was excluded.

E. Mrs. Greenwood shared the upcoming meetings and schedule with the Governing Board. On Monday, February 24, 2020, at 5:30 pm, the Advisory committee will meet in the District Board Room. The Arizona School Boards Association representative, Mr. Steve Highlen, will explain the open meeting law to the committee. Each candidate will have 40 minutes to answer four questions. The committee members will give the candidates scores of 1 – 4, with four being the best answer. They will also be able to write down their observations and insights. All score sheets and corresponding notes will be given to Mrs. Sanderlin, Board secretary, and she will ensure the confidentiality of all answers. The information written on the forms may be compiled together in a typed document and distributed to the Governing Board members prior to the Board interviews. The answers will remain anonymous.

The schedule is as follows:

Advisory Committee

Monday February 24 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ District Board Room

Governing Board Interviews

Tuesday February 25 8:15 am – 3:30 pm @ District Board Room

Community Forum

Tuesday February 25 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm @ HS Student Union

Board Meeting (choose Superintendent)

Tuesday February 25 7:30 pm - ? @ District Board Room

During the work day on Monday, Governing Board Members can visit the District Office and view the interview questions. Board Members were instructed that they cannot take any written notes, pictures, or copies of the questions.

- F. Mrs. Mattox spoke regarding the white activity busses that the District was going to purchase. The order has been cancelled as there was dissention regarding the use of these busses by non-CDL staff members and coaches. She explained that in performing the necessary due diligence, that she and Mrs. Lomeli, Business Manager, discovered that many schools are using these smaller busses in place of transport vans. The busses are much safer than the vans and a CDL is not required to operate them.

Mrs. Mattox also stated that once these new busses are ordered, a mandatory driver training would be required. This would include any employee and/or coach that would be using the busses.

The insurance company for the district indicated that they do not recommend the purchase of any vans for transporting students. Student safety is the priority and the busses provide much more than the vans.

Mrs. Ervien expressed her concern of staff/coaches driving students after working a full day. Mrs. Mattox agreed and stated that it has always been a concern and support the need for staff/coaches to stay the night if they feel they cannot safely drive home.

- G. Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board cancel the regular meeting scheduled on March 19, 2020, as it falls during Spring break.

A motion was made by Mrs, Ervien to cancel the meeting on March 19, 2020. Mr Hartnett seconded it. All members voted "aye." The motion carried.

- I. Mrs. Mattox asked the Governing Board members to share any possible future agenda items.

Mrs. Ervien and Mr. Leonard would like to see the pros and cons of grade level school opposed to neighborhood schools.

Mrs. Montoya would like to see the updated school start and end times for next school year.

Mr. Leonard would also like to see a solution to the lack of parking at the High School gym.

REPORTS:

- A. Mrs. Lomeli shared the January 2020 Financial Report with the Governing Board. The school year is at 58% completion and the District is at 51% expenditures.
- B. Mrs. Mattox thanked the Governing Board members for their support with the activity busses.

- C. Mrs. Greenwood thanked the community members in attendance for expressing their interest on possibly returning to neighborhood schools. The schools have all been asked to provide Mrs. Mattox with the pros and cons of neighborhood schools. She stated that if the district were to change back, it would require the hiring of ten or more teachers in order to keep class sizes manageable. The district has limited resources to support such a change. It is the responsibility of the Governing Board and the schools to educate the students.

**BOARD
COMMENTS:**

Mr. Leonard expressed his appreciation to the staff members that are retiring. They have put in many years.

Mrs. Ervien did not have any additional comments.

Mrs. Montoya also expressed her gratitude to the retirees and is sad that the district is losing that wealth of knowledge and experience. She is also happy to see that a new grounds person has been hired.

Mr. Hartnett thanked the retirees also. He also stated that the Governing Board members will do their best to hire a superintendent that will be the best fit for our district. While there has been some improvements, he is anxious to see more.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:46 p.m., Mrs. Montoya made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Allen seconded it. All members voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Cyndie Mattox, Superintendent