

**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 6:00 p.m. March 5, 2020, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, in Winslow.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Allen Leonard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Hartnett made a motion to approve the agenda excluding item I. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of “aye” from all members present

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Ervien made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 20, 2020, and the special meetings on February 25, and 2020, and February 26, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hartnett. Members present voted “aye” and the motion carried.

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. 846 totaling \$565,043.65. Mrs. Lomeli said this is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Mrs. Montoya made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 846. Mrs. Ervien 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:

- Janeen Barton – Track Coach – High School
- Christie Bratt - Track Coach – Jr. High School
- Taylor Bradley – Track Coach – Jr. High School
- Shanae Canales – Emergency Substitute Teacher – District
- Kimberly Henling – Track Coach – Jr. High School
- Laurel Hodges – Substitute Teacher – District
- Shauna Lopez – Emergency Substitute Teacher – District
- Ben Montiel – Maintenance/Substitute Bus Driver – District
- Thomas Pentz – Grounds/Substitute Bus Driver – District
- Sarah Shumway – Track Coach – Jr. High School

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

- Cheryl Daly – Teacher – Bonnie Brennan School (5/22/20)
- Cheyenne Martinez – Teacher – Washington Elementary School (3/6/20)

Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the transfer of the following employee:

- Sean Duffy – Science Teacher to Social Studies Teacher – High School

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

- Troy McReynolds – Principal – Bonnie Brennan Elementary (6/30/20)
- Gary Sanderlin – Counselor - Special Education Department (3/30/20)

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

C. Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the following donation:

- A program called *Foundations in Personal Finance: Middle School Edition*, by Dave Ramsey to the Jr. High School. Valued at \$1,700.

Ms. Lopez, principal, shared with the board that Mr. John Maine had contacted the company to inquire about purchasing the program for the enrichment period at the Jr. High. The company found a sponsor to pay for 100 booklets and a year of the program for next year. They also suggested that Mr. Maine contact them at this time next year and they will try to find a sponsor for the following year.

Ms. Lopez will submit the book for the required 60-day review. It will be available in the District Office.

Mrs. Montoya made a motion to approve the donation as presented. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye.” The motion carried.

D. Mr. Matt Weber, NAVIT CTED Superintendent, addressed the Governing Board and audience and provided them with information on the program. He provided the Governing Board with information and went through a power point presentation. The members thanked him for his time.

E. Ms. Miranda Hosteen, Chartwells Supervisor, also gave a presentation to the Governing Board and audience. She explained new options for the Jr. High and High School for breakfast which has increased the number of students stopping in for breakfast. She also explained the necessary training for employees. The Governing Board members thanked her for her presentation.

F. Mrs. Mattox shared that a request for discussion regarding grade level schools versus neighborhood schools was received. She turned over the meeting to Mrs. Greenwood. She invited audience members to speak, giving them three minutes each. Community members that chose to speak were Jon and Whitney Caraway, Shelly Caraway, and Carleen Walton. Staff of the district that spoke were Toni Villanueva, teacher at Jefferson Elementary, Debra Lopez, Jr. High Principal, Sal Hernandez, Washington Principal, Amanda Leonard, District Academic Coach, Troy McReynolds, Bonnie Brennan Principal.

Community members expressed their concerns with the traffic, with the ability of students to build a rapport with schools if only there for two years, and the starting time of school. They would like earlier start time and for the students to be on buses for a shorter time. They also expressed the concern of one school having a grade of "A" and the next having a grade of "D."

Staff explained why the grade level school are beneficial for both social and academic reasons. A few teachers explained what the change from neighborhood to grade level schools in 2009 was like. The consensus was that it was a difficult transition; however, it has turned out to be a great choice.

It was also explained that the Governing Board wants to hear the concerns of the community. Transportation is an issue that can be changed and possibly improve the time students spend on the bus. The community members in the audience were encouraged to talk to the principals at their children's school(s).

It was mentioned that maybe the schools could have a person or people there when students are dropped off early to watch over them. The audience was informed that any before or after school program would have to be funded by someone other than the school district.

Mrs. Greenwood thanked the community members, parents, and staff for sharing their thoughts and concerns regarding the school district.

G. Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the following out-of-state travel:

- Jr. Wrestling Team (22 students) and three coaches to travel to Bullhead City, AZ, to participate in a wrestling tournament. The lodging will be in Laughlin, NV. The Wrestling Club will fund this trip.

Mrs. Ervien asked if there was a way to change the policy to allow lodging within a specified radius from the state boarder without Governing Board approval. Mrs. Mattox stated she would look into that for the board.

Mrs. Ervien made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel as presented. Mrs. Montoya seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- H. Mrs. Greenwood asked the Governing Board members if they had items they would like to see on future agendas.

Mrs. Montoya would like to have JOM give a presentation on their recent trip to the national conference. She stated that Winslow JOM Program was given an award and should be recognized.

Mrs. Ervien and Mr. Hartnett did not have any items at this time.

REPORTS:

- A. Mrs. Mattox shared that a statement from Navajo County Public Health Services regarding the corona virus was given to each school and would be sent home.

Mrs. Mattox informed the Governing Board that the School Facilities Board will be coming to Winslow to see the roof issues at three of our schools.

- B. Mrs. Greenwood stated that the superintendent search will continue tomorrow, Friday March 6, 2020. She wants the board to make the best choice for our district.

**BOARD
COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Montoya, Mrs. Ervien, Mr. Hartnett, and Mrs. Greenwood all expressed their appreciation to Mr. McReynolds and Mr. Sanderlin and wish them the best in their retirement.

Mrs. Ervien thanked everyone for the informative discussion on the grade-level and neighborhood schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Montoya made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Ervien seconded it. All members voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Cyndie Mattox, Superintendent