

Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified School District #9

Work Session Notes August 21, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Denny Dearden, Deana DeWitt, Jennifer Chilton, Don Burton, Heather Shaw-Burton, Aaron Coleman, Randy Hawley, Heather Hermen, Karen McClelland, Karl Wiseman, and Lauren Robinson.

1. One District, One Team Strategic Plan Highlights

Mr. Dearden presented FY19 highlights in student achievement, healthy environments, supported staff, and effective communications.

2. Superintendent Goals

Mr. Dearden's goals are: 1) increase student academic achievement, increase student enrollment, increase the amount of district dollars associated with classroom instructional spending, improve school climate, and increase revenue in the Sedona Education Foundation to support district needs.

3. Department Updates

Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction Deana DeWitt

Ms. DeWitt spoke on 2019 Az Merit results and student achievement.

Principal West Sedona School Brenda Cady

Ms. Cady was not present and will give an update at the next board meeting.

Athletics Don Burton

Mr. Burton spoke on athletic participation numbers and key athletic events and happenings.

Student Services Director/Red Rock Academy Aaron Coleman

Mr. Coleman spoke about special education student numbers, staffing, testing, accommodations, and schedules. He further reported on student numbers and schedules of Red Rock Academy.

Director of Operations Jennifer Chilton

Ms. Chilton updated the board on her additional responsibilities as director of operations.

Information included: maintenance requests, professional development, emergency preparedness, and prioritizing needs.

Director of Finance Heather Shaw-Burton

Ms. Shaw-Burton spoke on: transition and restructure of the business office, QZAB projects, fixed asset inventory, increase in food service revenue, and School Facility Board projects.

4. Discussion regarding lease options for the District Office.

Ms. Chilton discussed options for rental of the district office. We cannot sell the building outright for ten years due to our contract with the Forest Service. Options include leasing offices individually, leasing the entire building, listing with a real estate agent, and advertising on LoopNet. More information will be available after September 1st.

5. Discussion on Board Self-Evaluation

Mr. Hawley led a discussion on the board's self-evaluation. Topics included the board's relationship with the superintendent, community, staff members, and other board members. Also

discussed were: the board's relationship to the instructional program and the district's financial management, as well as the board's strengths and weaknesses.

6. Questions and comments from the Board

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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