



**MARCH 7, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley  
Mr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 4:00.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** Randy Hawley
- III. Roll Call of Members**  
Randy Hawley, Present  
Lauren Robinson, Present  
Karen McClelland, Present  
April Payne, Present  
David Price, Present
- IV. Statement of Welcome** Randy Hawley
- V. Call to the Public** Randy Hawley  
There were no comments from the public.
- VI. Governing Board Member Comments** Board Members  
There were no board member comments.
- VII. Superintendent's Update** Denny Dearden  
Mr. Dearden gave an overview of district events. Although we have had several recent school closures due to winter weather, we will not need to extend the school year. Spring sports are under way. Spring testing will begin after the break. Contracts have been distributed and are due back this month. Recruitment will begin once the leadership team is certain of vacancies. The district applied for the Teacherage grant to help with construction costs for the teacher housing project currently underway at the Big Park Campus. Awards will be announced later this week. There are several signs of high student achievement, including the upcoming Strive for 5 awards and student participation in the state level of the Poetry Out Loud competition. Because two very strong candidates applied to become the new student representative to the board, Superintendent Dearden's recommendation is for Emily Frey to be named Student Representative and Alana Schrader to be named the Alternate Representative.
- VIII. Approve Order of the Agenda Including the Consent Agenda and Minutes** Randy Hawley  
**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/April Payne:** A motion to approve the order of the agenda including the consent agenda and minutes carried by a vote of 5-0.
- IX. Business Items and Presentations**
- A. Student Representative to the Governing Board** Denny Dearden

Emily Frey and Alana Schrader discussed their applications to become the new student representative to the board. Both are very involved in the school community, would like the opportunity to represent their fellow students, and are excited to learn more about board processes. Board members expressed their appreciation for their willingness and commitment to serve on the board.

**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland** to approve the Emily Frey as student representative and Alana Schrader as alternate representative to the Governing Board passed by a vote of 5-0.

**B. Swearing in of the Student Representative to the Governing Board**

Mr. Hawley swore in Emily Frey as student representative to the Governing Board and Alana Schrader as alternate student representative to the Governing Board.

**C. IGAs with the City of Sedona for the community pool and district facilities**

In Jennifer Chilton's absence, Superintendent Dearden gave an overview of these proposed IGA renewals. Major changes include extension to 5 year terms (increased from 3 years) and the waiver of the \$35 pool fee for our school swim team. Maintenance will be largely handled by the City.

**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price** to approve the IGA with the City of Sedona for management of the community pool carried by a vote of 5-0.

**D. Lease to JettLife Ministries at 25 West Saddlehorn Drive**

This is a renewal of the existing lease with minimal changes. These have been good tenants in the past. Board Member Price asked about the need for roof repairs which are a concern for the district. The District is discussing these repairs and funding with the County and other potential tenants. The church's lease is not impacted by these repairs.

**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price** to approve the lease with JettLife Ministries at 25 West Saddlehorn Drive carried by a vote of 5-0.

**E. 2023/24 Salary Schedules**

Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of the proposed Salary Schedules for the 23/24 School Year. Board Member Price verified that these increases are not dependent on the M&O Override.

**Motion made by David Price/Lauren Robinson** to approve Salary Schedules for Certified Staff, Support Staff, and SPED Service Providers for the 23/24 school year carried by a vote of 5-0.

**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/April Payne** to approve the IGA with City of Sedona for the use of district facilities carried by a vote of 5-0. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**F. Annual Waiver of Conflict of Interest with Yavapai County for legal services concerning e-rate, substitute teacher consolidation, data housing, grant management and education services during FY23/24.**

Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of this annual waiver of conflict of interest with the County.

**Motion made by Karen McClelland/David Price** to approve the annual Conflict of Interest Waiver with Yavapai County as presented carried by a vote of 5-0

**G. Second reading of proposed update to SOCUSD Board Policy GCQC: Resignation of Professional Staff Members**

Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of this policy update, highlighting the proposed \$1,000 and \$2,500 liquidated damage fees for staff who break contracts. Board Member Price asked about an appeal process, which he feels is lacking in the policy. Finance Director explained that this opportunity does exist. Upon resignation, Superintendent Dearden will notify the board of a recommendation to waive the fee. If this recommendation is not made, teachers will be notified of their right to address the board. While the dollar amounts have changed, this is not a new policy. The proposed changes provide a more detailed explanation of the process to staff members

**Motion made by Karen McClelland/April Payne** to approve the proposed update to Board Policy GCQC carried by a vote of 5-0.

**H. Second reading of proposed update to SOCUSD Board Policy GCBA: Professional Staff Salary Schedules**

Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of the proposed salary schedule, which will grant additional years of service and allow teachers to gain experience credit for certificated teachers in a charter or private school. Approximately 7 teachers who would have been hired with additional experience were brought up to the level allowed under this revision.

**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland** to approve the proposed update to Board Policy GCBA carried by a vote of 5-0.

**X. Other Business**

Future board meeting dates and agenda items: Next meeting is April 4 at 4:00 at the SPAC. The educational foundation will hold an annual meeting in the SPAC before the board meeting at 3:00.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Lauren Robinson/** to adjourn at 5:02 passed by a vote of 5-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Stanfield

Signature of Attendees:

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Randy Hawley

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Lauren Robinson

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Karen McClelland

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April Payne

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David Price