



Regular Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley
Mr. Hawley called the meeting to order at 4:02.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** Randy Hawley
- III. Roll Call of Members**
Randy Hawley, Present
Lauren Robinson, Excused
Karen McClelland, Present
April Payne, Present
David Price, Present
Emily Frey, Present
- IV. Statement of Welcome** Randy Hawley
- V. Call to the Public** Randy Hawley
VOC resident Carolyn Fisher spoke regarding the potential sale of the Big Park property. She submitted a list of questions she and a committee of residents would like answered before the November election. Superintendent Swaninger took the list for review and future discussion.
- VI. Governing Board Member Comments** Board Members
- April Payne asked about questions she has received from parents and staff members regarding the proposed ELA curriculum at West Sedona School. Superintendent Swaninger informed her that the best process is to direct questions to him or Principal Tavasci. Questions can also be discussed at the June board meeting when the curriculum will be on the agenda for potential adoption.
 - David Price attended the recent arts event at the high school. He felt that it was an excellent event and hopes to see similar events in the future to promote the school in the community.
 - Randy Hawley thanked the Booster Club and Heather Hermen for sponsoring a recent Hovercraft event.
 - Board members thanked teachers noting that this meeting falls on Teacher Appreciation Day.
- VII. Student Representative Update** Emily Frey
Emily Frey gave an update on events throughout the district including state finals for the track team, Prom, a pep rally, and end of year events for NHS and Interact Club.
- VIII. Superintendent's Update** Tom Swaninger
Dr. Swaninger congratulated that track team for a strong performance at state finals. He stated that hiring for next year is nearly complete. Strong candidates with instructional and administrative experience are being recommended for hire as WSS Principal and SRR Assistant Principal. Existing staff members Karyl Goldsmith, Jennifer Chilton, and Deana Dewitt have been promoted to areas that will suit their talents and experience. He believes that the district's students will benefit from these hires. Dr. Swaninger discussed upcoming events including Scholarship Night, Graduation, and grade level promotions.

IX. Approve Order of the Agenda Including the

Randy Hawley

Consent Agenda and Minutes The consent portion of the agenda is to expedite routine matters that must be acted on by the Governing Board of Education. All items approved will be done by one non-debatable motion passed unanimously. Any item may be removed for debate on request of any member of the board, staff, or public. Items removed from the consent portion of the agenda become the first item of business on the regular agenda.

ATTACHMENT 1: Consent Agenda

1. Minutes for Governing Board meetings – April 2, 2024
2. Payroll vouchers – 20-22
3. Accounts Payable vouchers – 2435-2442
4. Gifts and donations –
5. Fund balance statements - Attached
6. Personnel - Attached
7. Approved Fundraisers – Attached

Motion made by April Payne/Karen McClelland: A motion to approve the Order of the Agenda including the Consent Agenda and Minutes carried by a vote of 4-0.

X. Business Items and Presentations

- A. Sedona Kind Presentation** Karen Bare, Christine Schneider, Jawn McKinley
- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication (5 minutes)
 - Attachment 2: Sedona Kind Presentation
 - Members of Sedona Kind gave an overview of volunteer projects throughout the community, many of which benefit our schools. They are partnering with 100 Women Who Care to purchase supplies for students and staff at WSS. Dr. Swaninger and Board Members expressed their gratitude.
- B. Recognition of Retiring Employees** Elizabeth Tavasci
- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication (5 minutes)
 - West Sedona School Principal Elizabeth Tavasci recognized third grade teacher Michelle Johnson who is retiring after 26 years teaching in the district. Mrs. Tavasci and Board Members thanked Mrs. Johnson for her years of service, noting that she has been an excellent teacher and valued SOCUSD community member who will be greatly missed. Mrs. Johnson thanked the board and reflected on her years teaching in the district.
- C. Arizona School Boards Association 2025 Political Agenda** Tom Swaninger
- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication (5 minutes)
 - Attachment 3: 2024 ASBA Political Agenda
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to submit policy priorities for inclusion in the Arizona School Boards Association 2025 political agenda.
 - Dr. Swaninger reviewed the 2024 ASBA political agenda, highlighting important items for rural districts.
 - Board President Hawley suggested that board members review those items over the next month and come prepared to discuss their priorities at the next meeting or work session.
 - Karen McClelland discussed the process, noting that a short list of priorities or alternatively items to be struck from the political agenda can be submitted to ASBA for consideration.
 - David Price suggested viewing the items through a lens of things the district would like to do if money were available or was no object.
 - The ASBA Political Agenda will be on a future agenda for further discussion.

D. IGA for Substitute Teacher Consolidation Services with Yavapai County Education Service Agency

Stacy Saravo
(5 minutes)

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Use of Resources
- Attachment 4: IGA with YCESA
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve an IGA for Substitute Teacher Consolidation Services with the Yavapai County Education Service Agency.
- Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of the IGA. This is a routine IGA that will allow us to continue our normal process for assigning substitute teachers at both campuses.
- **Motion made by Karen McClelland/April Payne:** A motion to approve an IGA for Substitute Teacher Consolidation Services with the Yavapai County Education Service Agency carried by a vote of 4-0.

E. Budget Revision

Stacy Saravo
(5 minutes)

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Use of Resources
- Attachment 5: Budget Revision Summary
- Attachment 6: Budget Revision At-A-Glance
- Attachment 7: Budget Revision
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the revised 23/24 budget as presented.
- Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an update of the proposed revision to the 23/24 budget. This revision is a requirement to account for current year funding. The district lost fewer students than anticipated, resulting in greater funding. The district is on track to meet its 5% carryover goal.
- **Motion made by April Payne/David Price:** A motion to approve the revised 23/24 budget as presented carried by a vote of 4-0.

XI. Other Business

Randy Hawley

Future board meeting dates and agenda items: The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4.

XII. Adjournment

Randy Hawley

Motion made by David Price/April Payne: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. carried by a vote of 4-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Stanfield

Signature of Attendees:

Randy Hawley

Karen McClelland

April Payne

David Price