



Regular Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 4:00 p.m
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley
Board President Randy Hawley called the meeting to order at 4:01.
- 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
Emily Frey, Present
- IV. Statement of Welcome** Randy Hawley
- V. Call to the Public** Randy Hawley
Public comments regarding Big Park Campus will be heard before agenda item XA.
- VI. Governing Board Member Comments** Board Members
Board Members Price, Payne, and McClelland expressed appreciation for the District's efforts to engage the Hispanic community, including English classes for adult family members, the search for a Spanish teacher at the elementary level, and high-level Spanish courses at the high school.
- VII. Student Representative Update** Emily Frey
Student representative Emily Frey gave an overview of upcoming events on campus including a blood drive, traditional and spring prom, NHS cookies and cram study session, athletic events, college acceptances, and Interact Club volunteer events.
- VIII. Superintendent's Update** Tom Swaninger
Superintendent Swaninger gave an update on district events. He expressed appreciation for the leadership team's efforts to finish the year on a high note while planning for next year. Dr. Swaninger expressed thanks for our generous community, which has provided numerous scholarships for graduating seniors. The Rotary Club has also pledged a matching grant of \$15,000 to raise funds for the Extended Day Program at West Sedona School.
- IX. Approve Order of the Agenda Including the Consent Agenda and Minutes** Randy Hawley
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: March 5, 2024
2. Payroll vouchers – 18-19
3. Accounts Payable vouchers – 2430-2434
4. Gifts and donations – N/A
5. Fund balance statements - Attached
6. Personnel - Attached
7. Approved Fundraisers – Attached

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland: A motion to approve the order of the agenda including the consent agenda and minutes carried by a vote of 5-0.

X. Business Items and Presentations

Carolyn Fisher, a resident of the Village of Oak Creek, spoke regarding Big Park. She expressed concern for the upcoming Governing Board vote. She feels the vote is premature since it will occur before the community has had a chance to fully voice their opinions and wishes for the space. She feels that once a vote takes place, there may be limited opportunities for community input. Ms. Fisher asked district leadership to attend an upcoming meeting regarding the formation of a Special District. Board President Randy Hawley responded to Ms. Fisher's comments, reiterating that the board will welcome community input throughout the process.

A. Big Park Property

Tom Swaninger

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication
- Attachment 2: Certificate of Meeting
- Attachment 3: Resolution Calling Election
- **ACTION ITEM:** To consider, discuss, amend if desired, and, if deemed advisable, to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in and for the district and authorizing the sale, lease or exchange of district property.
- Attorney Jim Giel attended virtually. Superintendent Swaninger noted that he welcomes input throughout the process. This vote could open the door to a sale, but does not obligate the district to any course of action. Dr. Swaninger stated that if the property sells, the district should take the highest responsible bid, which may not be the highest bid. He hopes this could benefit the community and the district.
- Board Member Karen McClelland verified that the vote is taking place tonight to give the county ample time to prepare for an election. She stated that listing the property for sale would take additional time and hopes that alternatives including a Special District or county project will be discussed.
- Board Member David Price questioned the language of the motion and suggested striking the word 'and' from the phrase 'for the district and authorizing the sale' for clarification.
- Board Member Lauren Robinson verified that this is the last regularly scheduled meeting when a vote could be held to allow enough time to meet deadlines for the November election. In her opinion, voting to move forward today preserves options.
- Board President Randy Hawley noted agreed and noted that he would like to see a sale that allows for development that is beneficial for the community. Many discussions will take place between tonight's vote, an election, and a potential sale.
- Board Member Karen McClelland asked if the property is zoned for residential or commercial use. Attorney Jim Giel noted that the purchaser would be responsible zoning after the sale.
- In response to Board Member Price's earlier comments, Attorney Jim Giel confirmed that it would be permissible to strike language to clarify the motion.

- **Motion made by David Price/Lauren Robinson:** A motion to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in and for the district authorizing the sale, lease or exchange of district property carried by a vote of 5-0.

B. Second Reading of ASBA Policy Advisory 763-786

Tom Swaninger

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Use of Resources
- Attachment 4: PA 763-782
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the updates to SOCUSD governing board policies as outlined in policy advisories 763-782.
- Superintendent Swaninger gave an overview of proposed policy updates.
- **Motion made by Karen McClelland/April Payne:** A motion to approve the updates to SOCUSD governing board policies as outlined in policy advisories 763-782 carried by a vote of 5-0.
- Karen McClelland verified that all courses for graduation are being offered. She also requested updated information regarding the district's emergency response plan in a future meeting.

C. Overview of Proposed ELA Curriculum at West Sedona School

Elizabeth Tavasci

- Strategic Plan Alignment: High Student Achievement
- Attachment 5: Amplify CKLA Program Guide
- Attachment 6: Amplify CKLA Components Guide
- West Sedona School Principal Elizabeth Tavasci gave an overview of the proposed ELA curriculum, Amplify CKLA. She explained that because the current curriculum was sunset by the publisher, the digital platform, consumables, and PD are unavailable. A curriculum committee has been meeting and evaluating options. The group identified the following curricular goals: based on the science of reading, consistent, provides systematic teaching of reading skills, and integrates social studies and science content. It should include assessments, virtual components, easy to access materials, supports for EL students, and can be differentiated for a range of student abilities. Amplify CKLA is the team's unanimous recommendation. That materials will be available for review in the school office for a period of 60 days. A follow up presentation incorporating community feedback will be given at the June board meeting. The board could vote to adopt the curriculum at that time.
- David Price verified that this would be supported by the publisher for the foreseeable future and asked about teacher opinions, which have been largely positive.
- Lauren Robinson expressed appreciation for ongoing PD, consistency, and the integration of Science and Social Studies.
- Karen McClelland noted there will be chances for collaboration and partnership with teachers at Cottonwood Schools who have recently adopted the curriculum.

D. Annual Waiver of Conflict of Interest with the Yavapai County Attorney's Office

Stacy Saravo

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Use of Resources
- Attachment 7: Waiver of Conflict of Interest Form
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the Waiver of Conflict of Interest with the Yavapai County Attorney's Office.
- Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of this annual waiver that is required since YCESA and the District are both clients of the Yavapai County Attorney's office.
- **Motion made by Lauren Robinson/ Karen McClelland:** A motion to approve the Waiver of Conflict of Interest with the Yavapai County Attorney's Office carried by a vote of 5-0.

E. Second Amendment to Staffing Agreement with ESI

Stacy Saravo

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication
- Attachment 8: Second Amendment to Staffing Agreement
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the Second Amendment to the “Employee Staffing Agreement” with ESI for the 2024-25 school year.
- Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of the attached second amendment to the Staffing Agreement with ESI.
- **Motion made by David Price/April Payne:** A motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Employee Staffing Agreement with ESI for the 2024-25 school year carried by a vote of 5-0.

F. District Technology Upgrade/Install Procurement

Stacy Saravo

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Use of Resources
- Attachment 9: ERate Proposal
- Attachment 10: District Core Switch Upgrade Purchase Approval Form
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase for the District Core Switch Upgrade/Install and additional network equipment - Contingent on E-rate Approval.
- Stacy Saravo summarized this technology upgrade. The E-Rate program would provide approximately 80% of the funding, bringing the District’s cost to approximately \$20,000.
- **Motion made by April Payne/Karen McClelland:** A motion to approve the purchase for the District Core Switch Upgrade/Install and additional network equipment - Contingent on E-rate Approval carried by a vote of 5-0.

XI. Other Business

Randy Hawley

Future board meeting dates and agenda items: Tuesday, May 7 at 4:00.

XII. Adjournment

Randy Hawley

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 carried by a vote of 5-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Stanfield

Signature of Attendees:

Randy Hawley

Lauren Robinson

Karen McClelland

April Payne

David Price