



**SEDONA-OAK CREEK
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified School District #9

**Minutes
January 10, 2023**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley
Board President Randy Hawley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** Randy Hawley
Board President Randy Hawley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call of Members**
Randy Hawley, Present
Lauren Robinson, Present
Karen McClelland, Present
April Payne, Present at 3:30 p.m.
David Price, Present
- IV. Statement of Welcome** Randy Hawley
- V. Election of 2023 Board President for a period of one year** Randy Hawley

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to elect a Governing Board President for the period of one year.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price to elect Randy Hawley as Governing Board President for the period of one year carried by a vote of 4-0.

- VI. Election of 2023 Board Vice-President for a period of one year** Randy Hawley

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to elect a Governing Board Vice-President for the period of one year.

Motion made by Randy Hawley/Karen McClelland to elect Lauren Robinson as Governing Board Vice-President for the period of one year carried by a vote of 4-0.

- VII. Set date, time and place for Governing Board meetings in 2023** Randy Hawley

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to set the date, time and place for Governing Board meetings in 2023.

Motion Made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at a location to be determined at the meeting before carried by a vote of 4-0.

Board Member Lauren Robinson requested alternating meeting locations between the high school and elementary school campuses. Consensus among board members was that meeting locations will alternate between the campuses and will be set at the prior board meeting.

VIII. Annual Housekeeping Items

Randy Hawley

- A) Use of board signature stamps for signing vouchers between meetings
- B) Submittal of Conflict of Interest Forms
- C) Establishment and waiver of \$1.00 Extra-Curricular Activity Fee

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the annual housekeeping items listed above.

Motion made by Karen McClelland/Karen Robinson to approve the annual housekeeping items as listed carried by a margin of 4-0.

REGULAR MEETING

IX. Call to the Public

Randy Hawley

There were no comments from the public.

X. Governing Board Member Comments

Board Members

Karen McClelland gave an update on the AZ School Board Association Board of Directors retreat, including legislative priorities, a new online process to give input on those priorities, and potential partnerships with high school and college groups to improve student advocacy in the legislative process.

XI. Superintendent's Update

Denny Dearden

Superintendent Dearden gave an update on events, including legislative discussions on the Aggregate Expenditure Limit, National Honor Society inductions, the Teacherage Grant for affordable housing projects, the search for a new Student Representative to the Governing Board, and enrollment trends.

XII. Approve Order of the Agenda Including the Consent Agenda and Minutes

Randy Hawley

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland to approve the consent agenda and order of the agenda carried by a vote of 4-0.

XII. Business Items and Presentations

A. Recognition of Student Representative Hunter White

Denny Dearden

Superintendent Dearden presented an award to Hunter White in recognition of his extraordinary commitment and service to the school board. Hunter thanked Superintendent Dearden and the School Board Members for the opportunity to serve. Governing Board members also expressed their admiration and thanks.

- B. Overview of the Arizona General Education Credits (AGEC) partnership with Yavapai College to allow SOCUSD students to earn college credits at major Arizona universities** Deanna Hernandez and Megan Paquette
SOCUSD High School Counselor Deanna Hernandez and YCC Director of Early College & Promise Programs Megan Paquette gave an overview of the AGECE program, which would allow students to take up to 35 general education credits for college credit at NAU, U of A, or ASU. This is different than the current Early College Program because it is an opportunity for students to commit to fewer college courses or enter the program later. Superintendent Dearden noted that there could be costs for families, but donors have pledged \$20,000 to cover costs for interested students over the next few years. Courses could be taken online or in person during a student's senior year. Board members expressed appreciation for this creative solution to help students prepare for college.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the AGECE partnership with Yavapai College.

Motion made by David Price/Karen McClelland to approve the AGECE partnership with Yavapai College carried by a vote of 5-0.

- C. Universal CareerBuilder Adventure California Field Trip for 7th and 8th Grade Students** Taryn Quenzer
Middle school counselor Taryn Quenzer gave an overview of the proposed Universal CareerBuilder Adventure field trip to California. She addressed the quality of the trip provider, safety precautions, itinerary, alignment to standards, cost, and fundraising opportunities. Board members raised questions about affordability. Fundraising events, donations and partnerships with community organizations were discussed as possible ways to extend this opportunity to more students.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the out-of-state Universal CareerBuilder Adventure Field Trip for 7th and 8th Grade Students.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price to approve the out-of-state Universal CareerBuilder Adventure Field Trip passed by a margin of 5-0.

- D. Delegation of approval of student fundraising activities to Superintendent Dearden** Stacy Saravo
Stacy Saravo discussed a requirement to have all student club fundraisers approved by the board. Because these fundraisers are typically not planned in time for monthly board meetings, the board can delegate that approval to Superintendent Dearden. Reports on monthly fundraisers will be included in the Consent Agenda.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to delegate approval of student fundraising activities to Superintendent Dearden.

Motion made by Karen McClelland/Lauren Robinson to delegate approval of student fundraising activities to Superintendent Dearden carried by a vote of 5-0.

- E. Lease for the affordable housing project at Big Park campus** Jennifer Chilton
Jennifer Chilton discussed the lease, which supports our strategic plan in multiple areas. Superintendent Dearden feels that this is a strong lease which is in the best interests of our district. The district intends to apply for the Teacherage Grant which will help offset the Maher's investment.
ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the lease agreement with Basil and Mimi Maher for the affordable housing project at Big Park Campus.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/April Payne to approve the lease agreement with Basil and Mimi Maher for the affordable housing project at Big Park Campus passed by a vote of 5-0.

XIV. Other Business

Randy Hawley

Future board meeting dates and agenda items: The next governing board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 at 4:00. The board work session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 at 11:30.

XV. Adjournment

Randy Hawley

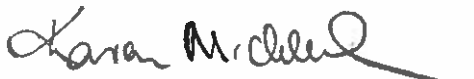
A motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 passed by a vote of 5-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Stanfield

Signature of Attendees:


Randy Hawley


Lauren Robinson


Karen McClelland


April Payne


David Price