



**SEDONA-OAK CREEK  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Executive Session on Monday, December 5 at 3:00 PM  
Regular Public Meeting on Monday, December 5 at 4:00 PM**

**MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley  
Board President Hawley called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- II.** The board will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the following purposes:  
A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843 (F) to discuss the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer regarding the expulsion of a student.  
B. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss a personnel matter: the Superintendent's annual evaluation and review of performance goals.
- Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland** to go into executive session at 3:00 PM carried by a vote of 4-0.
- Motion made by Karen McClelland/Lauren Robinson:** A motion to adjourn the Executive Session carried by a vote of 5-0 at 3:55 PM.

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley  
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
- IV. Statement of Welcome** Randy Hawley  
Board President Hawley welcomed new board members.
- V. Swearing in of Governing Board Members** Tim Carter, Yavapai County School Superintendent  
**Karen McClelland, April Payne, and Lauren Robinson**  
Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter swore in the new governing board members.
- VI. Call to the Public** Randy Hawley  
None
- VII. Governing Board Member Comments** Board Members  
None

**VIII. Superintendent's Update**

Dennis Dearden

Superintendent Dearden gave an overview of events at the district. Student Representative Hunter White's term has ended. The administration team is in the process of looking for candidates to fill the role next year. The WSS spelling bee is next week. Enrollment is up 168 students from last year, largely at the elementary school. Winter athletics are underway after successful fall sports seasons. A new Spanish teacher has been hired for the high school. Superintendent Dearden thanked our finance director Stacy Saravo for a successful audit. The community college would like to partner on AGECE Program (Arizona General Education Credits). A formal presentation on the program will be given at a later date. Superintendent Dearden expressed thanks to the Mahers for their support of the district and its STEM programs, the afterschool program, and the affordable housing project.

**IX. Approve Order of the Agenda Including the Consent Agenda and Minutes**

Randy Hawley

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

**X. Business Items and Presentations**

- A. Hearing officer's recommendations regarding possible student expulsion  
*Strategic Plan Alignment: Positive, Safe and Healthy Environment*

Dennis Dearden

**ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation of Expulsion of a SRRHS student.

**Motion made by David Price/Lauren Robinson** to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation of expulsion of a SRRHS student carried by a vote of 5-0.

- B. Superintendent's Performance Pay

Randy Hawley

**ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action regarding the Superintendent's Performance Pay.

Board President Hawley explained the annual performance pay portion of the superintendent's contract, which includes a 6% bonus if goals are met.

**Motion made by Karen McClelland/Lauren Robinson** to approve the Superintendent's 6% bonus carried by a vote of 3-0. Board members David Price and April Payne abstained as they were not elected to the board during the period discussed.

Board members expressed thanks to Superintendent for improvements in the district. Superintendent Dearden declined his bonus, noting that he was able to meet his goals due to the efforts of his strong administrative team.

- C. Lease of Building C at Big Park Campus for the affordable housing project

Dennis Dearden

**ACTION ITEM:** Discussion and possible action to approve the lease of Building C at Big Park Campus for the affordable housing project.

**Motion made by Randy Hawley/David Price** to approve the draft and the proposed project, subject to further negotiation to clarify and revise as necessary specific lease items. I further move to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate any necessary and appropriate clarifications and revisions to the lease, with the assistance of legal counsel, and to submit a revised draft to the Governing Board for further review and approval.

Board members stated that they had received overwhelmingly positive comments from the community. They are appreciative of the opportunity to provide affordable housing to district staff and are interested in opportunities to develop additional community space on the campus in the future. Board members agreed on the need to discuss the transition back to district control early in the process to determine a strong business plan and policies. Superintendent Dearden noted that there is ample time to plan and learn from other school district housing projects across the country.

**After discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**XI. Other Business**

Randy Hawley

Future board meeting and agenda items: The next governing board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

**XII. Adjournment**

Randy Hawley


**A motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price** to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 carried by a vote of 5-0.

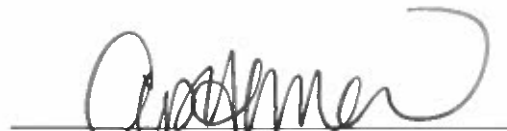
Submitted by: Amanda Stanfield

Signature of Attendees:

  
Randy Hawley

  
Lauren Robinson

  
Karen McClelland

  
April Payne

  
David Price