



Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified School District #9

**October 4, 2022
Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order** Randy Hawley
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** Randy Hawley
- III. Roll Call of Members** Randy Hawley
Randy Hawley, Present
Lauren Robinson, V-P
Karen McClelland, Member
David Price, Member
Hunter White, Student Rep
- IV. Statement of Welcome** Randy Hawley
- V. Call to the Public** Randy Hawley
Garin Marschall, the parent of a kindergarten student at West Sedona School, advocated for extra support in the kindergarten classrooms. He feels that a dedicated classroom aide would benefit students and teachers.
- VI. Governing Board Member Comments** Board Members
Board President Randy Hawley welcomed our new board member David Price. He also recognized Superintendent Dearden's receipt of the Cognia Excellence in Education Award.
- VII. Student Representative's Update** Hunter White
Hunter White gave an update of events at the high school. The majority of organizations are focused on Homecoming, which will be the week after fall break. Hunter welcomed our new board member. Senior Night was held recently. He thanked the administration team for their efforts to make students aware of options for higher education after graduation.
- VIII. Superintendent's Update** Dennis Dearden
Superintendent Dearden expressed gratitude for his team who helped make his recent Excellence in Education award possible. He also expressed thanks for parent input and reiterated his open door policy to discuss any concerns in greater detail. New students continue to enroll in the district. The Wildcat Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. A firefighter safety assembly for grades K-3 will take place later this week. Homecoming week is coming up. A large number of high students have signed up for Rotary Club and are volunteering at throughout the community. The Booster Club has received a \$10,000 donation. The district is looking into possible uses for these funds. The middle school will have a reward day this Friday to celebrate hard work and good behavior. The district flu shot clinic will be held tomorrow.
- IX. Approve Order of the Agenda Including the** Randy Hawley

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland. A motion to approve carried the order of the agenda including the Consent Agenda and Minutes carried by a vote of 4-0.

X. Business Items and Presentations

A. FY23 VACTE and CTE Courses

Dennis Dearden

Strategic Plan Alignment: High Student Achievement

Superintendent Dearden gave an overview of upcoming VACTE classes.

Board Member McClelland asked the number of students who participate in Central Campus courses. Approximately 20 students take part in these programs. More detail will be included in the next board update. Hunter White expressed gratitude for the program and noted that it has been very important for many of his classmates.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve VACTE Central Campus and CTE courses for FY23.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland. A motion to approve VACTE Central Campus and CTE courses for FY 23 carried by a vote of 4-0.

B. ASBA Model Resolution on the Aggregate Expenditure Limit

Dennis Dearden

Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication

Superintendent Dearden gave an overview of the aggregate expenditure limit. If the legislature does not act to raise this limit by April 1, our district will lose approximately 17% of the budget. Superintendents across the state are asking the legislature to hold an extra session to raise the AEL. ASBA has provided a model resolution for school boards to adopt that will give the superintendents additional influence in this process.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve ASBA's Model Resolution on the Aggregate Expenditure Limit.

Motion made by Karen McClelland/Lauren Robinson. A motion to approve ASBA's Model Resolution on the Aggregate Expenditure Limit carried by a vote of 4-0.

C. NAU & AmeriCorps Senior's Foster Grandparent Program

Stacy Saravo

Strategic Plan Alignment: Highly Performing & Supported Staff

Stacy Saravo gave an overview of the program which provides for a volunteer in Mrs. Zarlingo's kindergarten class. There is no cost to the district for this program. Mrs. Zarlingo and Principal Tavasci both support the program and the classroom volunteer. Lauren Robinson verified that training is provided by NAU. Karen McClelland and David Price asked about opportunities to promote this program to increase the number of high quality volunteers in our community. Stacy Saravo will reach out to NAU regarding additional program opportunities.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the NAU & AmeriCorps Senior's Foster Grandparent Program at West Sedona School from 8/1/2022 through 8/1/2025.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price. A motion to approve NAU & AmeriCorps Senior's Foster Grandparent Program at West Sedona School from 8/1/2022 through 8/1/2025 carried by a vote of 4-0.

D. One AZ Credit Union Credit Card

Stacy Saravo

Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Use of Resources

Stacy Saravo explained that the business office needs a credit card to be used when a PO is not accepted by a vendor or in emergencies when there is insufficient time to generate a PO. Most purchases would continue through our standard purchasing procedures. Authorized signers would be Stacy Saravo with a limit of \$5,000 and Amanda Stanfield with a limit of \$2,500.

Board Member Lauren Robinson verified that the limit is sufficient. Randy Hawley verified that there is a process in place for credit card purchases. Stacy Saravo explained that the district will implement procedures similar to those used with our gas cards. There will be two sign offs on each purchase and that the balance will be paid off monthly.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to authorize a credit card loan application with One AZ Credit Union in the amount of \$7,500. Authorized users are Stacy Saravo (\$5,000) and Amanda Stanfield (\$2,500).

Motion made by David Price/Karen McClelland. A motion to authorize a credit card loan application with One AZ Credit Union in the amount of \$7,500 for authorized users Stacy Saravo in the amount of \$5,000 and Amanda Stanfield at \$2,500 passed by a vote of 4-0.

E. Annual Financial Report Overview, including information on the bond and override

Stacy Saravo

Strategic Plan Alignment: Effective Communication

Finance Director Stacy Saravo gave an overview of the 2021-22 AFR. Details are posted on our district website.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the 2021-22 Annual Financial Report.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland. A motion to approve the 2021-22 Annual Financial Report carried by a vote of 4-0.

F. Superintendent's Goals

Dennis Dearden

Strategic Plan Alignment: Highly Performing & Supported Staff

Superintendent Dearden gave an overview of his goals for the school year. These goals were developed with input from Deana Dewitt and Elizabeth Tavasci to align with our mission statement and strategic plan.

Board Member McClelland verified that the budget targets are reasonable and within the acceptable range set by the state. Lauren Robinson and Randy Hawley expressed appreciation for the focus on effective communication.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible action to approve the Superintendent's goals for SY 2022-23 as presented.

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/Karen McClelland. A motion to approve the Superintendent's goals for SY 2022-23 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, November 1 at 5:00.

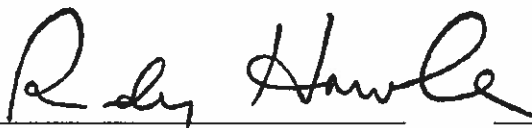

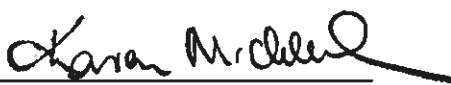

Karen McClelland would like to reevaluate the current superintendent evaluation tool. Randy Hawley agreed, but noted that this should be a defined process. This will be a topic for the upcoming board retreat. Policy changes will also need to be addressed in the near future.

XII. Adjournment

Randy Hawley

Motion made by Lauren Robinson/David Price to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 carried by a vote of 4-0.

Submitted by: Amanda Stanfield

 _____ Randy Hawley	 _____ Lauren Robinson
 _____ Karen McClelland	 _____ David Price