

Amended DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved
Meeting Minutes 5/20/2014

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Study Session on May 20, 2014 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Tucson, Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, President

Dr. Peter Livingston, Board Member

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Clerk

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Amanda Grimshaw, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Marty O'Shea, Business Manager (*Absent*)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Governing Board held a limited call to the public during this session. A limited Call to the Public (BEDH-EB); specifically restricts comments to only agenda items.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (*see attached*)

MOTION: Mr. Ruiz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. ACES 4th Grade Teacher Svea Anderson was selected as a Century Link-Az TEA Innovation in Classroom Technology Integration Grant recipient.

This presentation was postponed; however Dr. Price noted the work of Svea Anderson and Wendy Conger regarding their effort in getting the grant. Mrs. Place thanked the teachers for their exceptional efforts.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. **ASBA FY 2015 Delegate Assembly / Political Agenda Submission of Proposed Issues for FY 2015.**

Board Members and Dr. Price discussed possible issues to be submitted: Special Education funding, Increase Capital funding, Arizona Revised Statute – Title 15 (clean up the language to make to it clear), Utilize State Land Trust funds, and JTED funding (9th grade) reinstate funding.

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion directing the Superintendent Price to make the submission on behalf of the Governing Board to ASBA by the deadline of May 28. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration for Tanque Verde On Target (TOT) Ad Hoc Board Advisory Committee consensus recommendation

Mrs. Place introduced to Board Members the Co-Chairs of the committee, Mr. Tom Dameron and Mrs. Barbara Drummond, as well as committee member Ms. Lesli Pintor and her son Daniel Pintor (TVHS senior). Through the limited Call to the Public, Mr. Dameron and Mrs. Drummond addressed Board Members.

Mr. Dameron explained the Tanque Verde on Target (TOT) Ad hoc committee consisted of a cross section of approximately twenty (20) community members with various interests, expertise and knowledge of the school district. Three meetings took place, (April 8, April 22 and May 13) where the committee learned about the budget, what the district needs are, where funds are allocated and where there is a need, the district history of previous override results and the different types of overrides.

Mr. Dameron said while the committee was given the directive to come to a consensus, they hoped for a unanimous consensus, which they achieved. The TOT committee recommends, with 100% consensus, a 15% M & O override. The committee believes the data supports this discussion. Adding the next steps the district takes will be important . . .

Mrs. Drummond addressed the Board sharing some of reasons the committee came to their recommendation. The committee felt the community would not support a Capital override based on what they learned from the Opinion survey results. With a Capital override there are language issues, and restrictions. The M & O override provides more flexibility.

After the first meeting, Committee members began looking at the website and taking tours of the campus to learn more about the district. Feedback is that the website needs to be easier to navigate. It should reflect all the achievements, and show all the great things happening in our schools. The Public Opinion Survey revealed the community would like to know more about the district and the committee thought that a more attractive and intuitive website would help. They also recommended a low-cost newspaper style of district newsletter be distributed more often to all residents of the district.

The committee thought that sharing more of the financial efficiency of the district to the patrons would help. Mrs. Drummond noted that a high percentage of district funds are going into the classroom.

Committee members are talking about hosting Coffee's in their home to share what they've learned with their neighbors, family and friends. Multiple tours of the campuses have taken place as a result of this committee. The key, as was revealed in the Opinion survey, is to stay positive; highlight all the things we do well.

In recommending an override the committee supports the Governing Board priority to give teachers pay raises and to enrich technology to best meet the demands of the newest State Assessments.

Mrs. Drummond concluded the committee consensus was, if the Board moves forward with the committee recommendation to place a 15% M & O override on the ballot in November, to allow for both walk-in and mail-in ballots.

Committee member Lesli Pintor shared that the committee really considered both an M & O and Capital override, but concluded they didn't want to risk losing both; there was a fear of splitting the vote and ending up with nothing. The committee felt that a 15% M & O override gives the district more flexibility.

Dr. Livingston thanked all committee members present and said a Board priority is to address Teacher pay.

Dr. Price thanked Tom Dameron and Barbara Drummond for their leadership. He recognized Barbara Drummond for taking the lead on the budget process; she was able to demonstrate through an easy to understand flow chart, which she developed, how the budget works.

Dr. Price added Tom Dameron's leadership allowed for individual group discussions among the committee members and was able to summarize the group discussion into meaningful and directed points.

Mr. Ruiz said the two meetings he attended were run well, adding the exchange of information and degree of understanding was remarkable. The Committee members were engaged in the process and the staff was there only to be used for reference and information.

Mr. Auslander said the recommendation report submitted was succinct and thoughtful.

Mrs. Place said the community was well represented with this committee. The group was really thoughtfully engaged and asked pertinent questions throughout the process. She thanked the committee members present, and said she feels confident with the recommendation made tonight.

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion authorizing the Superintendent to gather all the necessary information the Board will need to consider as it relates to placing an Override on the November ballot. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration for Board Retreat

Board members discussed possible Retreat dates.

MOTION: Mrs. Place made a motion to table scheduling a board retreat at this time.

Dr. Livingston seconded; the motion failed unanimously.

Possible agenda topics for the retreat: Tax Rates, TOT recommendation, Transition Plans

MOTION: Mr. Ruiz made a motion to hold a board retreat on Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

D. Second Reading Policies:

JQ-R J-6961 Student Fees, Fines and Charges

JQ-EA J-6981 Student Fees, Fines and Charges

JQ-EB J-6982 Student Fees, Fines and Charges

JFB J-1050 Open Enrollment

JFB-R J-1061 Open Enrollment

MOTION: Dr. Livingston made a motion to adopt policies JQ-R J-6961 Student Fees, Fines and Charges, JQ-EA J-6981 Student Fees, Fines and Charges, JQ-EB J-6982 Student Fees, Fines

Charges, JFB J-1050 Open Enrollment, and JFB-R J-1061 Open Enrollment as presented. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

TVHS Graduation is on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

New Student Board Member for 2014-15 School year is Madison Clausen

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Place adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Peter Livingston, Board Member

Carlos Ruiz, Clerk

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - May 20, 2014

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Marty O'Shea	Business Manager	Retirement	District	1.00	\$81,660.00	6/30/2014
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Rachel Baker	Teacher	Replace Nancy Jindrick	ACES	1.00	\$30,600.00	7/30/2014
Kelly Scott	Teacher	Replace Donna O'Shea	ACES	1.00	\$30,300.00	7/30/2014
Administrator Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Sarah Ramos	Teacher	Opportunity in different areas of expertise	EGJH	1.00	\$31,500.00	5/24/2014
Kathy Harris	Teacher	Did not return contract for next school year	ACES	1.00	\$33,300.00	5/24/2014
Alexandre DeBacker	Teacher	Did not return contract for next school year	TVHS	1.00	\$34,200.00	5/24/2014
Ana McGovern	Teacher	Did not return contract for next school year	ACES	1.00	\$39,029.00	5/24/2014
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Mary Baca	Crossing Guard	Personal	EGJH	0.38	\$9.10	5/22/2014
Tina Shoemaker	Paraprofessional	Personal - Continuation as a Classified Sub Ee	ACES	0.375	\$10.23	5/22/2014
Sara Murray	Paraprofessional	Accepted another position	ACES	0.875	\$10.05	5/22/2014
Other Continuations						
Chris Voutsas	Teacher	Return as ESI Teacher	EGJH	1.00	\$34,200.00	7/30/2014
Susan Johnson	Teacher	Return as ESI Teacher	ACES	1.00	\$34,800.00	7/30/2014
Jennifer Snyder	TOSA	Continuing at HS	TVHS	1.00	\$164.50 / day	7/30/2014
Carolyn Katami	TOSA	Continuing at TVES	TVES	1.00	\$173.00 / day	7/30/2014
OTHER						
Tina Shoemaker	Classified Sub	Change of status from permanent Paraprofessional	varies	varies	Sub Pay	5/23/2014
James Even	Asst Boys Basketball Coach	Replace Eric Gallardo	TVHS	varies	\$2,008.00	SY 14/15
Jamin Collins	TOSA	Discontinue Health / PE Position at EGJH	EGJH	0.38	\$65.36 / day	5/24/2014
Ellen Wray	Certified Sub Teacher	new (former employee)	varies	varies	Sub Pay	7/30/2014