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Meeting Minutes 4/10/2014

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Session on April 10, 2014 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Bldg. #1, and Tucson, Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, President

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Dr. Peter Livingston, Board Member (arrived at 7:03)

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Amanda Grimshaw, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Marty O'Shea, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. REPORTS

• Student Board Member –

Amanda Grimshaw's Board Report for Thursday, April 10, 2014:

Past:

Tanque Verde Elementary held their talent show last Friday, April 4. It was a huge success and great fun!

Many Tanque Verde High school students and staff participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Sunday, March 30.

Two TVES sixth grade students took their Science Fair projects to the state Science Fair (Jack Belobraydic and Haley Jones).

Tanque Verde Elementary School had five student finalists in the Tucson River of Words Art and Science Education Residency. Second grade TVES Student finalists: Eli Clausen, Owen Green, Jacob Meindl and Owen Brock, and fourth grade finalist: Sammie Oligmueller.

Present:

TVHS softball and baseball are having a winning season and making the Hawks proud!

This year TVES participated in Ben's Bells Kind Kids Project. Students and teachers can nominate students to receive the award & a committee makes the selection. This year the following students were chosen as recipients of the award: Jake Pacheco, Blake Burdette, Brett Lewis, Thomas Regina and Kristen Bish. In May one more will be recognized.

Future:

Tanque Verde High School is hosting their second Blood Drive April 15th for the American Red Cross.

The TVHS dual enrollment Chemistry class is having a booth at Reid Park on Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and to educate people about water treatment.

Tanque Verde High School Student Council is organizing powder puff football and volleyball again! The games will be held on April 24th and 25th.

TVHS Prom is on April 26. The junior class organized the event, it's being held at La Mariposa.

6th grade TVES debate is coming up on April 23rd.

Tanque Verde Elementary is having their art show April 25th.

Dr. Price thanked Amanda Grimshaw, Alex Herrera and Jeffrey Masseh for representing the school district so well at the Capitol last month. Amanda thanked Dr. Price and shared with the audience what she and her fellow students experienced; they met with Senator Bradley in his office and then sat in on an Education Committee hearing. Representative Orr provided a tour of the Capitol, the House and Senate. Students led the pledge and the prayer on the floor and were then introduced from the Gallery. Amanda said it was a great opportunity and experience, one she'll never forget.

- **Superintendent's Report –**

- Science Fair Winners ACES / TVES Ms. Kathy Murphy and Ms. Paula Nasiatka

Dr. Price announced Board Members are going to step down from the dais to visit with the Science Fair winners and to get a good look at the projects submitted by district students.

ACES: Bryce Drummond	TVES: Katie Brunner	Nathan Swanberg
Ella Levin	Satito Pajkos	Sam Bistline
Emma Mullins	William Brunner	Kai Chapman-Bilby
Jolie Mullins	McKay Adams	Autumn Hopkins
Eric Drummond	Tory Shulman	Jack Belobraydic
Karah Mayer	Conrad Lis	Hayley Jones
Lainie Radomsky	Zinnia Nielsen	David Sinclair
Adam Schwind	Annika Wangsvick	Reegan Fiske
Raena Bhalla	Chase Kent	Reagan Manka
Mason Brady	AJ Skaggs	Kai Ward
Emily Ignatoff	Luke Thompson	Ms. Marr's 4 th grade class
Liam Boyd	Cade Swanson	
Mia Franks	Sophia Baker	
Erin Sommers	Zylia Pajkos	
Ms. Robinson's 2 nd grade class		

Ms. Nasiatke introduced TVES students, and awarded each student present with a certificate. Dr. Price thanked all TVES students and parents for coming. He thanked Ms. Nasiatke for her tireless work, enthusiasm and dedication to the Sciences.

Ms. Murphy introduced ACES students, and awarded each student present with a certificate. Dr. Price announced ACES was awarded the Top Elementary School in Science SARSEF for 2014 and had the trophy on display. All ACES students attending the meeting and Ms. Murphy gathered around the trophy for pictures. Dr. Price thanked and praised Ms. Murphy for all her work. He acknowledged Ms. Murphy is a past winner of the Science Teacher of the Year award. He added, how fortunate we are to have such talented teachers with a passion for the sciences.

- Technology Infrastructure update: Dr. Price introduced Mr. Tony Blackwell who updated Board Members:

E- Rate Update - provides discounts of up to 90 percent to help eligible schools and libraries in the United States obtain affordable telecommunications and internet access.

Program participants may request funding in five categories of service:

Telecommunications, Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, Internal Connections, and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections.

Discounts for support depend on the level of poverty (Free and Reduce Lunch) and the urban/rural status of the population served.

In 2013 the District qualified for a 40% discount. We had \$74,234.90 of eligible discountable services. Our discount totaled \$29,693.95 which reduced the District expenditures to \$44,540.94.

In 2014 the District qualified for a 48% overall discount (ACES, TVES, EGJH 50%, TVHS 40%). We had \$86,296.76 eligible discountable services. Our discount totaled \$41,421.81 which reduced the District expenditures to \$44,875.95.

Mr. Blackwell said the towers on the buildings will be removed as the utility companies have nearly completed the fiber optics project. This will allow us to increase our inter-building links from 30 Mb to 200 Mb. We anticipate completion of this project by June 27.

Infrastructure Upgrades – We are adding 21 Wireless Access Points to bring our AP total on all campuses to 75 units. These additions will cost \$15,000 (approximate). We still need an additional 21 AP. With this additional increase we will need expanded licensure that will cost \$7,500 (approximate), and we will need additional switches \$8,500 (approximate).

Mr. Blackwell added there is approximately \$29,000 worth of additional infrastructure upgrades/projects needed to complete the rollout. One project is to have exterior Access Points on campuses which would allow for outdoor instruction, and increased security.

Pilots and Core Changes -

Google Apps for Education (student accounts) 40% activation

Chromebooks (150) TVES, ACES and Teachers at TVHS

Hapara (Teacher Dashboard)

These infrastructure upgrades are possible due to the generous donations from PTGs, TV Foundation and the community at-large making anonymous donations.

Dr. Price and the Board thanked Mr. Blackwell for the update.

- PARCC Pilot test Update – Dr. Price introduced Ms. Sally Glennon who updated the Board on the PARCC pilot testing. She shared there were three (3) days slated for testing at TVHS, but students were able to complete the testing in one day. There were three specific areas tested - literacy analysis, research speculation and a narrative. Throughout the testing there were no significant technical problems, according to Ms. Glennon.
- AIMS Science testing for 4th and 8th grade will continue for the next two years.

Dr. Price added, due to all of the mandated testing requirements, our Professional Development Wednesdays will be changing next year. PD Wednesdays will be driven by site Principals and staff. It will be the district's goal to support our teachers with better information from our AIMS testing, the Galileo assessments, and other formative assessment measures (teacher-made assessments). Dr. Price is asking Ms. Glennon to direct her energies on the District Assessment Coordination. School Districts across Arizona will be asked to do greater analysis of the student achievement data. Through the PLCs that have been established at each of the schools, the principals will be using the data to better inform their goals and instructional strategies. Teachers will need more assistance in bridging curriculum and technology.

Dr. Price noted the exceptional achievement and growth of our students on all campuses. It is obvious from the positive trends in both these areas that our teachers and classified staff are working to support all students. Parent and community involvement has also been a key factor in the success of our students. Parents volunteer in all aspects of their children's education, supporting them socially, emotionally, and academically. Dr. Price noted that the character education training in which TVES staff will engage is designed to create a genuine, collective culture of support for not just the students but the staff, too. He noted that we are working with Capturing Kids' Hearts trainers in setting up training for the Emily Gray Junior High School staff, many of whom have traveled to other school sites to see this character education program in action.

Dr. Price and Board Members thanked Ms. Glennon for her presentation.

- SPED Update – Dr. Price reported a shift in our Special Education population. While our SPED population is growing in numbers, our student population with heavily weighted disabilities is declining. Due to this shift, funding in the SPED programs is down by \$250,000. Dr. Price is working with the principals, the SPED Director in ways to lessen the impact of the loss of these funds.

Dr. Price noted that the Legislature has approved an educational budget. Based on that approved budget, we are challenged again this year in establishing a balanced budget

for the SY 14-15. District sponsored charter schools established within the last year will only receive charter school additional assistance funding for one more year. Those recently chartered schools will be required to convert to traditional public schools next year but at no penalty for repayment of the additional charter funding received in the past. TVES will be one of those schools reverting to traditional funding. Adding to this limitation, the school district will only receive 74.5% of the charter school additional assistance funds for the students enrolled at Tanque Verde Elementary School next year. Dr. Price noted that as the legislature was in session, we were on a bit of a “yo-yo” as the Senate version of the educational funding included no funding for the newly established charter schools. The House version of the educational budget included the full \$33.3 million dollars for the incremental increase for the district-sponsored charter schools. As it turned out, the compromise was settled at 74.5% of the funding, but only for one more year. The cut of 24.5% of the charter funds and the deficit in the formula funding for SPED will be challenges in addressing the needs for the upcoming school year. The limitation for the one-year rollback on TVES will impact the SY15-16 budget for which we need to prepare.

We have quality administrators, teachers and support staff who, until recently, have not received a pay increase in many years. In December 2013 the Board approved, effective January 1, a 4% increase for classified staff. Dr. Price added at that time that, his hope was to recommend that each certified (teacher) position to be paid an additional \$1000. Ideally, this increase to their salary would be permanent. However, that decision would be based on favorable legislative action in the budget session. Based on what we now know, the \$1000 recommendation for certified staff would just be for 2014-15. This recommendation will be brought before the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Price and Board Members talked at length regarding the budget challenges. Dr. Price said that he spent a great deal of time working with the legislators in the budget matters. More importantly, parents, Board members and others in the community kept in contact with our legislators in these budget matters and in other potential legislative matters that would have an impact on our schools and the programs we offer. Building the relationships with the legislators has paid off, but there are future legislative discussions and considerations that will impact our schools. Dr. Price noted that the legislative session is not over and that issues like the expansion of the Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) if enacted will create new entitlements and will create a great deal of speculation and questions about the accountability of those funds. We need to continue our dialogue with both the House and the Senate regarding these matters.

- Open Enrollment Lottery Update – Dr. Price reported the deadline for families offered placement through open enrollment lottery is tomorrow, April 11.
 - EFRG Report – Dr. Price said the topics being discussed by the member school districts are empowerment scholarships and vouchers.
 - Pima County School Board / Superintendent Collaborative Meeting – April 21
- **Enrollment** – Mr. O’Shea reported enrollment is 1960. We are down by 6 students in the district.
 - **District Report Card** – Mr. O’Shea reported we are stable and on track.
 - **Legislative Update** – Mr. Neff noted that most of the legislative issues had already been discussed in the earlier reports. He also noted that the upcoming Primary Elections will be critical, not only for education but for business and industry.
 - **Facilities Report** – Dr. Price noted that the cut in state funding for the district charter school has mandated that we reassess the number and scope of the summer maintenance projects including campus security measures. He will have a report in the near future.
 - **Board Comments** – Mrs. Place reported the Tanque Verde on Target (TOT) Committee held the first meeting on Tuesday, April 8. The membership is diverse group and intently interested in our schools. Mrs. Place thanked Board Members for the committee membership recommendations. The group includes retirees, parents, business owners, and community leaders.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Policy Advisory First Reading:

Policy Advisory No. 499 – BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest

Policy Advisory No. 500 – BEI School Board Meetings

Policy Advisory No. 501 – JICI Weapons In School

Policy Advisory No. 502 – JL Student Wellness

Policy Advisory No. 503 – JLF-EB through JLF-ED Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

Dr. Price made a correction to the agenda. Policy Advisory No. 500 is listed as BEI School Board Meeting, it should be BE. He also added under Policy Advisory No. 500, the board meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Mr. Neff commented on Policy Advisory No. 501 JICI Weapons In School, suggesting we add a definition of intent. This language will be added for the second reading of this policy.

7. ACTION ITEM

A. Policy Advisory Second Reading:

Policy Advisory No. 493 – BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest

Policy Advisory No. 494 – DBI Evaluation of Superintendent

Policy Advisory No. 495 – DJE Bidding/Purchasing Procedures

Policy Advisory No. 496 – JICH Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

Policy Advisory No. 497 – JKE Expulsion of Students

Policy Advisory No. 498 – JLF Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to adopt all of the above Policy Advisories No. 493 – No. 498 as submitted. Dr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. 2015-16 SY Calendar

Dr. Price recommended this topic be tabled.

MOTION: Dr. Livingston made a motion to table 2015-16 SY Calendar. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Taste of Tanque Verde – April 2 from 6:00 to 11:00

9. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Mrs. Place adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk

Peter Livingston, Board Member

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - April 10, 2014

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
See Namelist, Attached						
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Administrator Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Christopher Ralyea	Food Service Asst	Replace john Hildenbrand	TVHS	0.3125	\$9.12	4/7/2014
Arminda McLemore	Food Service Asst	Replace Richard Rodriguez	TVHS	0.3125	\$9.12	4/7/2014
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
John Hildenbrand	Food Service Asst	Wants to continue as a Classified Sub only	TVHS	0.3125	\$9.48	3/28/2014
Richard Rodriguez	Food Service Asst	Wants to continue as a Classified Sub only	TVHS	0.3125	\$9.48	3/28/2014
Other Resignations						
OTHER						
Richard Rodriguez	Classified Sub	Transferred from a permanent position to a Substitute	varies	varies	Classified Sub Pay	3/31/2014
John Hildenbrand	Classified Sub	Transferred from a permanent position to a Substitute	varies	varies	Classified Sub Pay	3/31/2014
Jennifer Mansour	Certified Substitute	New	varies	varies	Certified Sub Pay	4/7/2014

Administrative Contracts - Employee Names

SY 2014 / 2015

Last Name	First Name	Primary Job Title	Check Location
Anderson	Greg	Principal	Tanque Verde High School
Blackwell	Tony	IT Director	District
Centers	Susan	Principal	Tanque Verde Elementary School
Glennon	Sally	Director of Curriculum and Professional Development	District
Huestis	Marilyn	School Psychologist and Special Education Director	District
Lantz	Terry	Assistant Principal and Athletic Director	Tanque Verde High School
Miller	Greg	Principal	Emily Gray Junior High School
Rosalik	Sherri	Principal	Agua Caliente Elementary School
Sharp	Kimberly	Human Resources Director	District