

*Amended* **DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved**  
**Meeting Minutes 7/23/2015**

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Study Session on July 23, 2015 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 7:06 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present:

Dr. Peter Livingston, President (absent)

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Ms. Kim Sharp, Superintendent

Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The Governing Board did not hold a call to the public during this session.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Please see the attached.

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

**5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. ASTA Membership for TVUSD Faculty – Ms. Svea Anderson

Ms. Anderson shared with the governing board an opportunity presented to TVUSD, a free membership to all TVUSD teachers (normally \$20. per teacher) to the Arizona Science Teachers Association. The Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA) is an affiliated State Chapter of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Ms. Anderson, 2014 Arizona Elementary Science Teacher of the Year, is very excited about this opportunity for our teachers. She will be announcing this at the Welcome Back event on August 4. With a membership to ASTA our teachers will have access to support, networking resources, semi-monthly E-news, semi-annual science times circular, discounts, professional development, collaboration and a voice in Science and STEM education. Ms. Anderson has worked closely with ASTA for many years and is now an 'Ambassador.' Ms. Sara Torres is the Executive Director of the Arizona Science Teachers Association. She is a district resident and parent and is on the STEAM Team.

Ms. Sharp thanked Ms. Anderson for all her time and effort supporting and promoting the sciences, and for cultivating community connections that reflect well on our entire district.

B. STEAM Initiatives at TVES and ACES: Ms. Svea Anderson and Ms. Krista Young announced they will be presenting next month to the governing board STEAM initiatives on the ACES campus and provide a 'big' picture for board members. They'll discuss curriculum mapping, 3D computer and printer, after school programs - virtual reality club.

From TVES: Greg Gaines; Paula Nasiatka; Frances Verbois and Alicia Marrano presented STEAM integration concepts practiced at TVES over the past six years. This concept started at SMArt, Science, Math and Art enrichment and transitioned into STEAM.

The A in STEAM is the discipline that gives inspiration to ingenuity. By integrating art into the equitation students have the freedom to think creatively – generating new and original ideas. When students know how to think like an artist they can solve problems, overcome obstacles come up with new ideas and make the project look good in the process.

The STEAM collaboration integrates classrooms, library, science lab, and the art room.

There is a strong emphasis on the metric system in the science lab, classrooms and library.

Experiments consistently follow the scientific process and use metric measurements, which consistently involves math.

The engineering design process has been incorporated into the science lab curriculum for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Ultimately, the goal is to incorporate the engineering design process at every grade level.

There is collaboration between the library and science lab supporting science and engineering.

From the library a variety of different learning forms, books, videos or activities help to align the standards and support the curriculum. A website resource Ms. Verbois found, Carolina Biological TigTag, offers a wide range of science topics. Students have been able to watch short clips in the library on many topics, including single-cell amoeba (as an example). From the science lab, students are able to transfer what they've learned in the library to the lab, and can look through microscopes at live amoeba.

TVES will continue with STEAM integrated learning in their classrooms, projects and field trips.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Second Reading Policy Changes – Ms. Kim Sharp

GCCA Professional / Support Staff – Sick Leave

GCCB Professional / Support Staff – Personal / Emergency / Religious Leave

**MOTION:** Mr. Auslander made a motion to adopt the above policies as submitted. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. Set Tax Rate 2015-16 FY – Mr. Hamm

Mr. Hamm noted that in the Pima County Voter Information pamphlet there would be an estimated \$0.91 increase in the secondary taxes. Fortunately the district was able to come in at \$0.89 for the secondary tax rate, \$0.02 cents lower than anticipated. Bringing the total tax rate to \$5.16 for the 2015-16 tax year (Primary Tax rate set at \$3.7233 and the Secondary Tax Rate at \$1.4396).

The school district has funds set aside that can only be used to off-set tax rates or buy down bonds – this year the district will allocate \$1,000,000 toward stabilizing the tax rate.

**MOTION:** Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve the 2015-16 FY Tax Rate as submitted. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

C. TVUSD Governing Board and District Goals – School Year 2015-16

**MOTION:** Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve the TVUSD Governing Board and District Goals 2015-16 SY. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. August – ACES STEAM
- b. Feasibility Study for Preschool – Superintendent Committee to be formed
- c. Principals to report on Professional Development
- d. Quantify the gaps in Preschool preparation for Kindergarten
- e. Site tours for board members
- f. Bring your own device to school

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

ABSENT

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Peter Livingston, Board President

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Steven Auslander, Board Member

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Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk

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Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

**REVISED 7/21/15 Personnel Items - Board Meeting - July 23, 2015**

<b>Administrator Contracts</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
<b>Certified Contracts</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Kari Lovering	PE Teacher	Replace Kathleen Busse	TVHS	1.0	\$31,900.00	8/03/2015
Sarah Ramos	English Teacher	Replace Steve Rosalik	TVHS	1.0	\$33,400.00	8/03/2015
Lisa Ledvina	PE Teacher	Replace Bill Kipling	TVES	1.0	\$35,800.00	8/3/2015
Erin Moore	Science Teacher	Replace Kalyca Spinler	TVHS	1.00	\$35,800.00	8/3/2015
<b>Certified Resignations</b>						
Kalyca Spinler	HS Science Teacher	Resignation - moving	TVHS	1.0	\$35,800.00	7/08/2015
<b>Classified Contracts</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Classified Agreements</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Sarah Barker	Paraprofessional I	Replace Sara Kroll-Franks	ACES	0.70	\$9.56	8/4/2015
Deanna Rosales	Motor Lab Aide	Replace Kaitlyn Hornby	TVES	0.50	\$9.56	8/4/2015
<b>Other Continuations</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Classified Resignations</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Kelli Green	Paraprofessional II/III	Resignation - moving	TVES	0.8	\$10.33	7/6/2015
<b>Other Discontinuations</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Other New Hires</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Brandy Lee	Teacher on Special Assignment	Science / Health, Replace .50 Hopkins, .50 Perkins	EGJH	1.00	\$184.41 / day	8/5/2015
Jordan Chardukian	Assist Flag Football Coach	Replace George Radnothy	EGJH	Varies	\$717.00	8/5/2015
Garrett Novinski	Head Flag Football Coach	Replace Chris Lundgren	EGJH	Varies	\$1,434.00	8/5/2015
Kamie Lopez	Assistant Volleyball Coach	Replace Barry Beitz	EGJH	Varies	\$717.00	7/1/2015
Lynda Runkle	Certified Substitute	New	Varies	Varies	Sub Rate	8/3/2015