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Meeting Minutes 1/10/2013

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Session on January 10, 2013 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 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, President

Mr. Peter Livingston, Board Member

Mrs. Claire Place, Clerk

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Rachel Dick, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Marty O'Shea, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Neff a motion to approve the Agenda, with exception. He requested that Action Items A. Oath of Office and Action Item B. TVUSD Board Officer Election be heard and action taken before reports. Mr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. ACTION ITEM

A. Oath of Office -

Mrs. Place read the oath of office and Board Members Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Mr. Peter Livingston and Mr. Carlos Ruiz were sworn in.

B. TVUSD Board Officer Election -

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion that Mrs. Claire Place be Board President. Mr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Auslander made a motion that Mr. Peter Livingston be Board Clerk. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

- Student Board Member report –Miss Rachel Dick presented her student board member report.

Past:

- ♦Students took their finals and wrapped up their first semester of school!
- ♦Emily Gray Girls' Soccer won the league tournament in December.

Future:

- ♦Tanque Verde High School will be holding a Spirit Week next week. On Friday, to finish off the week, we will have the winter pep assembly along with a No Texting and Driving Campaign.
- ♦Tanque Verde High School will be holding a "High School Fair" at Khalsa Montessori School, a charter school on River Road, next Thursday.
- ♦Emily Gray National Junior Honor Society will soon hold an assembly on the 25th on Rachel's Challenge, a program named after a student killed in the Columbine shooting which works to teach students and adults about how to combat bullying and how to help others with kindness and compassion.

- ◆The Emily Gray Student Council is kicking off the effort to assist the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the second year in a row beginning on the 22nd
- ◆TVHS Jacob Niccum was awarded a Scholarship from the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society.

Dr. Price read into the record a letter sent to Colleen Niccum from the school board:

*As the Tanque Verde Unified School District Board of Education, we would like to congratulate you on being named as **Greater Tucson Leadership's Woman of the Year**. We are so very proud of you. Colleen, you truly represent the best of Tucson when it comes to your inspirational spirit and to your many contributions for the betterment of our community.*

Also, we want to thank you for your continued support, both personally and professionally, of our school district. We have been blessed to have your involvement and assistance throughout the years. We are grateful that your children attend our schools. Olivia and Jacob are wonderful students, and this comes as no surprise to us knowing their mother and father.

At the Board meeting on January 10, 2013 Rachel Dick, TVUSD Student Board Member, as part of her report to the Board announced that Jacob had been named as a recipient of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society scholarship. Please pass along our congratulations to your son. We hope that Jacob will enjoy the Copper Sword Awards Gala where he will be recognized for his accomplishments.

- **Superintendent's Report –**

Dr. Price introduced ACES Principal Mrs. Sherri Rosalik who shared with board members that ACES Math Team competed in a city wide math competition for fourth and fifth graders. She introduced Ms. Sue Johnson, the ACES Teacher who helped organize and prep students for the competition. Ms. Johnson explained that teams came from all over Tucson, and participated in various types of math competitions all morning. The ACES team placed fifth out of 19 schools in the team competition event. Ms. Johnson introduced the team of fifth grade students to the board: Carly Huber, Keith Sanderson, Mia Franks and Davis Mullins. Carly Huber placed fifth in the overall individual competition.

- A. Tanque Verde A+ Parent Forum Meeting Update

Dr. Price reported on the Tuesday, January 8 Tanque Verde A+ Forum he attended at Real Life Christian Fellowship. Senator Bradley, and Representative Wheeler attended the Forum and provided a Legislative update on School Funding to the audience. Ricky Hernandez from the Office of the Pima County School Superintendent attended as well; he talked about School Finance and its complexities. The Legislators expressed their desire and willingness to talk to constituents about State Level School Funding.

- **Enrollment update –** Mr. O'Shea advised the Board that our current enrollment is at 1908 students; the same as last month.
- **District Report Card –** Mr. O'Shea reported to Board Members that the District's Operational budget is tight but tracking as planned. Our ADM will be calculated based on

the 100th day enrollment; he added it is important to note that the Kindergarten student population is only counted as ½ as we only receive ½ day funding.

- **Legislative update** – Nothing to report
- **Facilities report** – Mr. O’Shea reported the Solar projects are progressing and we have Representatives from Solon and Resolute here tonight who will provide a report to Board Members.
- **Board comments** – None

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Community Member, Donna DeHaan addressed Board Members with her concerns regarding the “Open Campus” and parking problems at ACES. She would like a safer environment created at that campus. Dr. Price addressed the concerns Ms. DeHaan presented, the ACES campus will no longer be a polling place and he shared that the district is working with the County to try and come up with solutions relating to the parking problems at ACES. Dr. Price expressed a desire to continue to move in the direction of safer campuses throughout the district, and the challenge of finding the balance of a safe campus and one that remains inviting and friendly.

6. CONSENT AGENDA *(see attached)*

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

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. PTG Updates – ACES, TVES, EGJH and TVHS

Ms. Jamin Collins, ACES PTG President shared with Board members her concerns as well regarding the Open Campus at ACES. However, she said there is a strong desire to maintain the Community type of feeling at ACES. She suggested perhaps more signage directing visitors to the main office. Ms. Collins said parents feel involved, there is a real family type of feeling at ACES – they’ve made efforts to reach out to neighbors to encourage participation in school activities. However, they are looking a ways to engage more working parents.

Fundraising efforts at ACES have yielded the following:

\$4500	-	Entertainment Book
\$12,000	-	Fall Festival
\$5,500	-	Catalog Sales

Ms. Collins explained the funds raised are given back to the school in various ways; every teacher received \$300, and a donation of \$6000. was made to be used towards school supplies. Ms. Collins indicated the PTG is anxious to hear about the district Technology plan. The PTG wants to place their funds in areas that have a long lasting impact.

Ms. Shara Gerhart, TVES PTG President announced the PTG raised \$20,500. They've purchased laptops and are looking forward to having Technology discussions with the district. She explained they must spend their money every year, there can be no excess money.

Fundraising effort at TVES have yielded the following:

\$6800	-	Entertainment Book
\$11,000 – \$12,000	-	<i>E-Script</i> (Safeway)
\$10,000	-	Fall Festival
\$?	-	Spell – A –Thon (next week)
\$?	-	Pancake Breakfast

All but 5 classrooms have White Boards.

Ms. Tiffany Brock/Ms. Carla Masse, EGJG/TVHS PTG Co-Presidents submitted a written report.

They continue to fundraise for both schools and listed below are a few things we have going.

EGJH:

PTSG recently contributed funds to help cover the costs of hosting the Rachel's Challenge program.

TVHS:

The HS is currently working on planning the Spring carnival. We have a new chair person and we hope to host this event in April. We are still in the developing phase right now.

In addition, they we are in need of new board members at the Jr. High.

B. First Reading:

GCBA, G-2200 Professional Staff New Hire Placement Schedules

GCCA, G-2550 Professional / Support Staff Sick Leave

GDD, G-7500 Support Staff Vacations and Holidays

GDI, G-8150 Support Staff Probation and Tenure

Mr. Livingston spoke to Board Members regarding these policies, indicating he supports and recommends the changes.

C. Exhibit JFB-E, J-1081 Open Enrollment Application

Board Members questioned how the surrounding districts handle open enrollment, and would like to know before any changes are made to this exhibit.

D. Update on meeting with County PDOT

a. Hawk Light - The district was awarded Federal grant money to be used to purchase the HAWK light at Emily Gray Junior High, specifically for the crosswalk.

b. Parking at TVHS – Dr. Price met with the club Lacrosse and Soccer contacts regarding the parking at TVHS, both are willing to collaborate in solving the parking problem.

- c. Safety – We are working on a Safety Plan that Principals will endorse. We continue to look at and identify areas we're vulnerable at each of the campuses and developing plans to address these area.
 - d. TVES Bus Loop – Dr. Price said he is working with PDOT and is waiting to hear back.
- E. Community Linkage Meeting January 24, 2013 – Dr. Price indicated over 30 invitations were sent, we are finalizing the agenda and it will go out next week.
- F. Solar Update – Final walk through is on Thursday, Jan 17 for all campuses.
- G. Memorandum of Understanding / Lease Agreement with Tanque Verde Baptist Church – We are having our attorney look at the lease agreement, we should know something soon.
- H. BOLTS Conference (January 17, 2013) Mrs. Place and Mr. Livingston both will be attending.

8. **ACTION ITEM**

- C. Discuss and consider suspension of policy B-2600, *BGB Policy Adoption* (related to a first and second reading) as stated in policy B-2850, *BGF Suspension / Repeal of Policy*. In relation to having a First and Second reading for policies: GCBA, G-2200 Professional Staff New Hire Placement Schedules, GCCA, G-2550 Professional / Support Staff Sick Leave, GDD, G-7500 Support Staff and GDI, G-8150 Support Staff Probation and Tenure during a single board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to suspend policy B-2600, *BGB Policy Adoption* (related to a first and second reading) as stated in policy B-2850, *BGF Suspension / Repeal of Policy*. In relation to having a First and Second reading for policies: GCBA, G-2200 Professional Staff New Hire Placement Schedules, GCCA, G-2550 Professional / Support Staff Sick Leave, GDD, G-7500 Support Staff and GDI, G-8150 Support Staff Probation and Tenure during a single board meeting. Mr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

D. Second Reading Policies:

GCBA, G-2200 Professional Staff New Hire Placement Schedules
GCCA, G-2550 Professional / Support Staff Sick Leave
GDD, G-7500 Support Staff Vacations and Holidays
GDI, G-8150 Support Staff Probation and Tenure

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

- E. Parking Lot at Tanque Verde High School
Dr. Price recommended this item be tabled

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

10. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS –

- A. Consider how to add AP options for 2013-2014 school year
- B. Mr. O'Shea mentioned he will be submitting Budget Revision Option #2 at the next board Meeting
- C. Board retreat to be scheduled for some times in February
- D. Establish a schedule for Board Members to visit the sites

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Auslander made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Peter Livingston, Board Clerk

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

