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Meeting Minutes 8/14/2014

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Session on August 14, 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 7:01 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

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member (absent)

Madisyn Clausen, Student Board Member (absent)

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dr. Livingston made a motion to approve the Agenda; Mr. Ruiz seconded. Board Members discussed the order of the Information Items appearing on the agenda. Mr. Ferrell is presenting Career Day; unfortunately, he may be delayed. Board Members agreed to be flexible. Dr. Livingston amended his motion, approving the agenda with exception, that the Board will exercise discretion and flexibility regarding the presentation order of Information Items. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS

• **Superintendent's Report –**

➤ Condolences to Slade Family

Dr. Price followed up with Board Members regarding the funeral arrangements for TVES Office Manager Kathy Slade. Services will be held on Saturday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. at St Mark's Presbyterian Church. Dr. Price shared with Board Members what a tremendous loss this is to the Tanque Verde Community. Kathy was involved in various capacities with the district for over 25 years. Dr. Price said he visited Tanque Verde Elementary School today to check in, counselors are available to help staff and students through this difficult time. TVES parent Becky Watson is helping organize an artistic memorial tribute in honor of Kathy to be placed on the TVES campus.

Mrs. Place shared her memories of Kathy as a mentor, her involvement with the PTG, and her care and concern for the staff and students of TVES. Kathy will be greatly missed.

Mr. Auslander described Kathy as being part of the TVES landscape, someone who was "always there" . . .

➤ Opening of Schools

Mr. Kevin Davis, the new principal of Tanque Verde High School started on Monday and tonight is the high school Open House. Mr. Lantz and Mrs. Griffiths are working closely with Mr. Davis to help him get oriented.

Meet the Teacher Night at TVES was on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 6:00 p.m. (Kindergarten & 6th)

Meet the Teacher Night at TVES was on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 6:00 p.m. (1st – 5th)

Meet the Teacher Night for ACES is on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6:15

Open House at EGJH is Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6:00 p.m.

➤ School Achievement Reports

Dr. Price announced the district received an “A” rating, which places us in the top 6 for Unified School Districts in the state, and in the top 10 for Districts in the state.

➤ Election Notice and Filings

Dr. Price stated all the Election Notices are complete and Filings are nearly complete. We will complete the “Why” statement this week. Dr. Price complimented Ricky Hernandez, with the Pima County Superintendents office, for being so helpful through this process; adding Mr. Hamm was very helpful throughout the process too.

➤ Status of ASBA Advocacy training for Staff

Dr. Price said he is working with Geoff Esposito, from ASBA, to coordinate schedules for staff training.

➤ Amity Tours

On Wednesday, July 30 Dr. Price attended a tour at Amity with Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Neff. The dining facilities, therapy rooms and housing available during the rehabilitation process and the transitional housing at the DragonFly Village is all well done.

We are working with Amity to provide after school transportation for students attending our schools. We are also looking at refining the Tutoring and Summer school options.

Amity Quality Assurance Director Terry Malony shared that Amity is working toward transitioning their calendar to mirror ours. This will allow families with students to experience fewer interruptions in their education.

- **Enrollment update** – Mr. Hamm reported enrollment is 2089, an increase of 129 students from the 100th day reporting last year.
- **District Report Card** – Mr. Hamm reported we are waiting for funding to come through; it's early in the year. He added he is working on the General Fixed Assets, looking to

streamline the process.

- **Legislative update** – Mr. Mark Morrison, a District 10 Senate candidate and Ms. Lucretia Free, editor of the *Vail Voice* newspaper, toured Tanque Verde High School. They met with most of the staff and visited with staff involved in Precision Manufacturing, Special Education, and all of the core subjects. Mrs. Conger was very instrumental in setting this up and the TVHS staff rallied and contributed to a successful campus tour.

Dr. Price said he is working with Lucretia Free, the founder and publisher of the *Tanque Verde Voice*. Ms. Free works with school districts and the surrounding communities to create a community newspaper that highlights local events and student achievement.

- **Facilities report** – Dr. Price said the new JTED building has a scheduled inspection by the Fire Marshall and we expect to be cleared for occupancy soon.

Due to the increase in student enrollment at the high school, additional furniture is needed.

The new gym floor at the high school was damaged after a floor cleaning vendor attempted to clean and treat the floor earlier this summer. The insurance company has reviewed the damage and declared the wood surface flooring will need to be replaced. We expect to have full use of the gym by October 1. The new floor will be ¾ inch mixed grade 2 and 3 maple wood with a life expectancy of 50 years. This new floor is better quality with a longer life expectancy at no additional cost to the District.

Installation of 4 AC split units is underway at TVES. This is a pilot program and will be monitored for quality and efficiency. The installation of an AC split system in the kitchen at TVHS is also planned.

- **Board comments** – None

4. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were **no comments from the public**.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Please note a correction to the personnel report; JV Football Asst. Coach Mr. Chris Poltt, should be Mr. Chris Polit. Mr. Polit is volunteering his services, this is not a paid position.

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

6. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Career Day – Mr. Rocky Ferrell

Mrs. Place thanked Rocky for all he has been doing for the district. He explained he's having fun and enjoys doing it. Rocky has contacted nearly 50 people and invited them to participate

in career day scheduled at all the campuses for September 4 and 5. With nearly 50 people from the community, there is a variety of vocations represented.

B. Community Share –

Dr. Price said he and Mrs. Place met with Josh Schachter, Angie Donelson and Robin Breault regarding the Community Share program. Josh Schachter developed this program which allows students, and adults to connect and share their perspectives, educate others and inspire volunteerism. During the meeting they learned about www.communityshare.us which helps volunteers connect with schools in the area. Dr. Price said he hopes to introduce this program in our schools and community after the Career Day in early September.

C. Plan Town Hall Meetings – Override Information

Board members and Superintendent Price indicated they will need to select dates, times and locations for the Town Hall meetings. All are hoping to schedule these during August and September. Different Community and School groups were identified in hopes of having them host the Town Hall meetings.

D. Community Linkages -

Board members discussed the timing for Community Linkage meetings and thought there should be one meeting during the first semester. It was suggested that the Tanque Verde on Target (TOT) committee be reconvened for an update.

E. District Collaborative Efforts -

These efforts were previously discussed under the Legislative Update, Community Share and Career Day.

F. Pacing Calendar –

Board members reviewed the pacing calendar suggesting minor changes.

7. **ACTION ITEM**

A. Set Tax Rate

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve Tax Rate as submitted, with the Primary Tax Rate set at 3.8929, and the Secondary Tax Rate at 1.1403 for FY 2014-15. Dr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Principal Achievements and goals

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Mrs. Place adjourned the meeting at 9:07 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

ABSENT

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - August 14, 2014

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Contract	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Classified Contracts						
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Amy Mathiesen	Paraprofessional I	Replace Nancy Loschen	TVES	0.80	\$9.56	8/4/2014
Mark Reynolds	Campus Monitor	Replace Sharon Loper, who transferred	TVES	0.25	\$8.85	8/4/2014
Thomas Fisher	Paraprofessional II	New Position	TVES	0.80	\$9.49	8/4/2014
Other Continuations						
See attachment(s).	Extra Duty Pay	Three Attachments: District, TVHS, EGJH, Elem				
Certified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Jennie Levin	High School Counselor	Personal	TVHS	1.00	\$39,884.00	8/20/2014
Other Resignations						
Jesse South	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	Time Commitment	TVHS	varies	\$2,008.00	7/28/2014
Deborah Gentry	504 Coordinator	Duties moved to another position	TVES	varies	\$2,500.00	SY 14/15
Cathy Kirkendall	Senior Class Sponsor	None provided	TVHS	varies	\$500.00	8/5/2014
Tom Broccolo	JH Bands	No longer working at the Junior High School	EGJH	varies	\$717.00	8/5/2014
OTHER						
Nancy Jindrick	Certified Sub (Retiree)	Continue with TVUSD as a Certified Sub Teacher	varies	varies	\$100 per day	SY 14/15
Kim Hubbard	504 Coordinator	New, Extra Duty	varies	varies	\$2,500.00	SY 14/15
Jonathan Prellwitz	Assistant Football Coach	Replace Latwaun Elliott	varies	varies	\$2,008.00	SY 14/15
Amy Brauer	Extra Curricular Choir	New, Extra Duty	ACES	varies	\$2,000.00	SY 14/15
Amy Brauer	SpEd Music Integration Initiative	New, Extra Duty	ACES	varies	\$4,000.00	SY 14/15
Alex Evans	Cross Country Coach	Replace Don Day	varies	varies	\$1,434.00	SY 14/15
Jesse South	District Webmaster	New, Extra Duty	varies	varies	\$3,500.00	SY 14/15
Tom Crawford	Student Council Advisor	Replace Michael Stock	varies	varies	\$717.00	SY 14/15
Jennifer Snyder	Junior Class Sponsor	Replace Tiffany Brock	varies	varies	\$500.00	SY 14/15
Lindsay Ventola	Senior Class Sponsor	Replace Cathy Kirkendall	varies	varies	\$500.00	SY 14/15
Tom Crawford	JH Bands	Replace 1/2 that was held by Tom Broccolo	varies	varies	\$1,434.00	SY 14/15
Nancy Richards	Substitute Teacher	New	varies	varies	Sub Pay	SY 14/15
Chris Pollt	JV Boys Football Asst Coach	Replace Sean Battle	varies	varies	\$1,434.00	SY 14/15
Jordan Merchant	Varsity Boys Asst FB Coach	Replace Julian Heron	varies	varies	\$2,008.00	SY 14/15
Jared Isaacson	Head Boys Tennis Coach	Replace Kim Elias	varies	varies	\$2,868.00	SY 14/15

An Online Network Connecting Educators & Community Partners



Imagine a second grade teacher with the click of a button being able to find and connect with a local paleontologist or wildlife illustrator ready to collaborate with her students on a class project about dinosaurs.

Imagine yourself when you were in 4th grade...7th grade...or whenever that "community visitor" came into your classroom or took you on a fieldtrip that changed how you imagined yourself, your world and your career dreams.

Imagine being that community visitor today. What skills, passions and experiences might you share in our community?

Imagine a teacher having an entire community's wealth of expertise at his/her fingertips?

With CommunityShare you won't have to imagine this anymore. Through CommunityShare (CS) any educator in the greater Tucson region will be able to quickly search keywords to find the profiles of an entire ecosystem of community partners with specific areas of expertise.

CS is a free, locally-based, online network that matches the skills and experiences of individual professionals, businesses, academics, and nonprofits with the goals and needs of educators in school and afterschool settings. A "match.com" for learning. Community partners can introduce students to career pathways, expertise demonstrations, cutting edge technologies, mentor opportunities, or field trip experiences. They can also collaborate directly with educators on curriculum and class project ideas.

Why Do We Need CommunityShare?

Connectivity and collaborative, creative problem solving are driving our 21st Century economy and future. Yet our youth and educators are increasingly isolated and our education system fragmented. CommunityShare will address four key educational challenges:

- 1) 40-60% of all U.S. students are chronically disengaged from school.** Many studies attribute student disengagement to the lack of real-world relevance of classroom learning to students' lives and experiences.¹
- 2) Students lack an understanding of real-world careers.** Most students have very limited opportunities to learn about career pathways directly from professionals working in a diversity of fields.
- 3) Only 25% of students perceive that adults in their community value youth.**²
- 4) Teachers are isolated, spending only 3% of their day collaborating with adults.** However, nearly 90% of teachers believe time for collaboration is crucial.³

"Kids are very isolated in the school environment and have difficulty imagining what they want to do with their lives, and thus have difficulty setting up long-term dreams & goals."

—Teacher Survey Respondent

¹ R. Blum. (2005). *School Connectedness: Improving the Lives of Students*

² Search Institute. (2001). *Developmental Assets: A profile of our youth.*

³ Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation & Scholastic. (2012). *America's Teachers on the Teaching Profession*

We Know Community Engagement Benefits Students

- Pairing academic studies with real-world examples and guest speakers can increase student learning.⁴
- Exposure to new ideas and people leads to student engagement.⁵
- Community connections and engagement are the hallmarks of successful STEM and career education programs.⁶
- Engagement with artists and art prepares youth with the critical thinking and problem solving skills to be successful in school, work and life.⁷

"I would love to focus on STEM activities in my classroom. It would be fantastic to have experts in fields such as robotics, aeronautics, computer science, etc."
 —Teacher Survey Respondent

Teachers Want CommunityShare

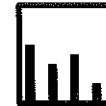
Our survey of 9,000 teachers from over 250 schools in Southern AZ showed one clear result – teachers want more community support in the form of a one-stop, on-line network that would easily connect them to partners and resources in their local community. The few existing online networks for educators do not



84% of teachers want more interaction with community experts/partners



Teachers rated the likelihood of using an online network to find experts



Top 2 reasons teachers don't bring community partners into the classroom: 1) No time to find & contact partners 2) No easy way to find them

meet these needs, as they are discipline specific and do not provide information that is useful on a local level. The beauty of CS is that it reveals and connects the unique assets of a community, yet it can be scaled and adapted to any city or region in the US or even world.

CommunityShare Will Make Connecting Quick & Easy

Educators and community partners will create online profiles in less than 15 minutes. Users will be able to search by skill/profession, location, grade level, classroom engagement type (lecture, field trip), and begin connecting with each other. The site will also feature partnership stories, funding ideas, tips for working with community partners, and much more.

"I love this idea! This has real potential to bridge the gap between schools and non-educator professionals in the community."
 —Teacher Survey Respondent

Who Are Our Collaborators?

⁴ Rajaratnam, K. and Campbell, A. (2013). Enhancing students' learning through practical knowledge taught by industry professionals. *International Business & Economics Research Journal*. Vol. 12, No. 6.
⁵ Marzano, R. and Pinkering, D. (2010). *The Highly Engaged Classroom*
⁶ Bayer Corporation. (2010). *Making Science Make Sense*. www.bayerus.com/ms
⁷ Arts Education Partnership. (2013). *Preparing Students for the Next America: The Benefits of an Arts Education*