

# LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1

2200 Havasupai Blvd.  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

## Special Governing Board Minutes

June 23, 2021

### 1. Routine Opening of Meeting - Call to Order

The special session of the Governing Board of Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Governing Board President, John Masden, in the District Office Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 5:30 p.m., on June 23, 2021.

#### 1.1 Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

#### 1.2 ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Masden, President  
Eric Aurand, Vice President  
Lisa Roman, Member  
Archana Aliyar, Member  
Kyle Neidermann, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Rebecca Stone, Superintendent  
Michael Murray, Director of Business Services  
Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services  
Jaime Festa-Daigle, Director of Personnel/Technology  
Terry Fleming, Secretary

Others: 16

#### 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Review and Accept Agenda for this Session

Dr. Aurand moved, seconded by Mrs. Roman, to approve Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES, Masden: YES

### 3. Action Items

#### 3.1 Approval to Appoint the Principal for Thunderbolt Middle School

Dr. Stone recommended that the Governing Board approve the appointment of John "Gordy" Hall as the principal of Thunderbolt Middle School.

Mr. Hall grew up in Lake Havasu City and graduated from Lake Havasu High School. He graduated from NAU in 2008 with a Bachelors in Business Administration and in 2009 with a Masters in Secondary Education. Gordy first realized his passion for teaching when he worked as a Parks and Recreation Leader. He began his career as a teacher at Thunderbolt Middle School in 2010, where he also coached basketball and other sports for Thunderbolt. He moved to Texas in 2014 where he has served in the San Marcos school district as a middle school teacher, K-8 Instructional Coach and most recently as the Assistant Principal for Doris Miller Middle School.

Gordy is passionate about rigorous curriculum and instruction that is differentiated to provide all students with access to a quality education. He believes that collaboration is the key to creating impactful change for students. All stakeholders must play an active part at Thunderbolt Middle School a place where staff, students, parents, and community members feel welcomed, heard, and a part of the decision making process. In addition to his work with staff implementing strategies to improve student performance and close achievement gaps, Gordy has led teams with a variety of stakeholders to address attendance concerns, school wide discipline, safety measures, and the return to campus during the pandemic.

Gordy is looking forward to returning to Lake Havasu City where he and his wife will raise their two children surrounded by family and friends. He plans to be an active member of the greater Lake Havasu Community building relationships that help support Thunderbolt Middle Schools focus on the whole child.

Mrs. Roman moved, seconded by Dr. Aurand, to approve item 3.1 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES, Masden: YES

### 3.2 Approval of Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20

Mr. Murray recommended that the Governing Board approve the proposed budget for FY 2021-22.

A.R.S. §15-905 requires each district to annually prepare a proposed budget no later than July 6 and furnish it to the County School Superintendent and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. After approval by the Governing Board, the proposed budget summaries and notice of public hearing will be published on the ADE website. The meeting to adopt the budget is scheduled for July 6, 2021. A copy of the proposed budget was provided at the June 23 special board meeting.

Mr. Murray, Mrs. Wolter and Mrs. Youso, Grants Specialist, provided a PowerPoint presentation to explain the proposed budget, including Preliminary Grants, CTE and Special Services. Handouts were distributed.

Dr. Aurand moved, seconded by Mrs. Roman, to approve item 3.2 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES, Masden: YES

### 3.3 Call for Public Hearing - July 6, 2021

Mr. Murray recommended that the Governing Board call for a public hearing on July 6, 2021.

The Governing Board is asked to approve a Call for a Public Hearing to be held on July 6, 2021, 6:00 p.m., to present for adoption the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget for consideration of the residents of the District.

Mrs. Roman moved, seconded by Mr. Neidermann, to approve item 3.3 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES, Masden: YES

4. Announcements – Next regular Governing Board Meeting is July 6 at 6:00 p.m.

### 5. Adjournment

Following a motion by Mrs. Roman, seconded by Mrs. Aliyar, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Video of the entire meeting may be seen on the District website [[www.lhusd.org/boardvideos](http://www.lhusd.org/boardvideos)] under Governing Board.

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Minutes of the Special Governing Board meeting of June 23, 2021 are approved as submitted.

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John Masden, Board President

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Eric Aurand, Board Vice President