



**JANUARY 13.2015**  
**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 6:30 PM**

Members of the Governing Board may attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

*All action matters on the agenda may be discussed, considered or decided at this meeting.*

Board Members Present: Kevin Hartigan, President; SuZan Pearce, Member; Judi Beckerleg, Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hartigan moved to call the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Pearce seconded motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

Dr. Bria shared statements and comments from two Board members Mr. Pete Shearer and Mr. Brian Donehoo. Both of these Board Members are out of town and unable to attend.

Dr Bria shared on behalf of Mr. Shearer his commitment to the Board for 2 more years to finish his term. In addition that Mr. Shearer does not plan on serving future terms. Related to Board position; Mr. Shearer stated that he would support whatever the Board chose. Mr. Shearer also said that he would nominate Mr. Hartigan for President. He continued that he would be willing to step up to serve as clerk if needed but would like to nominate Mr. Donehoo for the position of Clerk.

Dr. Bria shared on behalf of Mr. Brian Donehoo that he would support Mr. Hartigan as president for an additional year. Mr. Donehoo added that he felt the position of President should be at least a 2 year term. Mr. Donehoo nominated Pete for Clerk because Pete has done a great job in this capacity. Mr. Donehoo declined from accepting a nomination for clerk. Mr. Donehoo shared that he simply would not be able to serve in this capacity this year but would be open to it possibly in the future.

Election of Board President for 2015

Nominations for Board President

Ms. Beckerleg moved to nominate Mr. Hartigan as President. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion.

Mr. Hartigan accepted the nomination.

The motion carried 3-0.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hartigan – Yeah

Ms. Beckerleg – Yeah

Ms. Pearce – Yeah

Mr. Shearer – Yeah via Proxy SHONNY TO CHECK WITH BRANDON

Mr. Donehoo – Yeah via Proxy

Election of Clerk for 2015

Nomination of Board

Mr. Hartigan moved to nominate Ms. Beckerleg as Clerk. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion.

Ms. Beckerleg accepted the nomination.

The motion carried 3-0.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Hartigan - Yeah

Ms. Beckerleg – Yeah

Ms. Pearce - Yeah

Mr. Donehoo – Neutral SHONNY TO CHECK WITH BRANDON

Mr. Shearer – Yeah via Proxy through Dr. Bria

Conflict of Interest Letter – Policy (BCB-E) Postponed until February Regular Board Meeting

**CALL TO THE COMMUNITY**

There were no public comments from the Call to the Community.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

ASBA B.O.L.T.S. Workshop January 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. Board Members were asked to let Mrs. Shields know if they want to attend so that registration can be completed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)  
November 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 Amended Meeting Minutes and December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Vouchers (DK, DK-E-2961)
  - 1. Payroll # 14 - \$83,768.03 # 15 - \$113,125.40  
# 16 - \$73,199.05
  - 2. Expenditure # 7009 - \$48,797.96 #7010 - \$32,268.08  
# 7011 - \$50,698.84
- C. Certified - Substitute Teachers; Laura Kelso, Connie McAfner and Cindy Koehler
- D. Classified - Robert Scofield, Resignation
- E. Stipends - Monica Nanacasia, Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, Mr. Monk, Middle School Boys Basketball, Gretchen Bilton, Middles School Volleyball Coach

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Pearce Seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Presentation of Graduation location survey by Steven Landes

Mr. Landes surveyed the following groups

<b>Group Surveyed</b>	<b>Desert View</b>	<b>McKee Amphitheatre</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	8	14

9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	47	24	(4 HS surveys voided, they only voted El Tovar)
Parents	3	6	
Totals	58	44	

Mr. Landes noted that the students were surveyed here at school and were more of a captive audience so there is a good return on those surveys. Not a lot of response from parents however noted it was a very short window for responses it would be preferred to have sent this out sooner.

Park service is anxious to have a decision so they can lock it in. Mr. Landes reminded the Board that McKee Amphitheatre is already reserved and on hold.

Mr. Landes pointed out again that there are certainly pros and cons for each location.

Some examples of the pros and cons are as follows:

(This is not an exhausted list)

### **Desert View**

#### **Pros:**

The location is directly on the rim

Several locations for pictures afterwards

Amenities close by

#### **Cons:**

The Distance, 40 minute drive.

Maybe a Cost to the district. *The cost is unknown at this time.*

Will have to do a split ceremony due to size, seating capacity and parking

On the rim (no fence or Barrier or edge to help guard against someone falling over the edge - small children often running around at these events – concern if The Trust will issue a certificate of liability for the area and event)

Many more staff members would need to be present to assist Law Enforcement efforts

High winds and dust storms common in the area during this time

No back up for inclement weather

### **McKee Amphitheatre**

#### **Pros:**

Able to do combined ceremony (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion & High School Graduation)

Seating for 500

Power for microphones and all media available

Located near the rim 3 – 5 minute walk

Not required to provide additional money for EMS & Law Enforcement due to central local

Shrine available if needed for inclement weather

Canyon picture can be projected on the large screen

#### **Cons:**

Not directly on the rim but located near by within 3-5 minute walk for pictures

Amenities still available but a little further away

Most parking is at a distance

Alyssa Taltzko, 212 Airport Circle, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – 2015 Class President – Shared some of the thoughts of the class on graduation and where they felt it should be held. She shared that there would be seating issues and the school would have to bring more chairs and possibly not enough room for everyone to be there. This influenced the decision to do a split ceremony. There was no talk at this time of any cost to be incurred when using Desert View. Learning of possible fees, Ms. Taltzko said that she was told the Senior Class would need to pay for these. She also believes if needed, that the

Senior Class would be willing to help fundraise and gather donations to acquire the Desert View location. She continued that Graduation has always been on the rim it is tradition. However there were some who said McKee wouldn't be too bad as it located close to the rim. There is more room at McKee allowing the combined ceremony. Just the Senior Class would rather have desert view. Ms. Taltzko said that there were about 5 of the seniors that chose McKee.

Mr. Landes said that park service wants a decision from the Board before they calculate what the cost might be to the District for Desert View

The Board feels that knowing the costs involved is significant information in making this decision. The estimated cost, but not confirmed, is a couple of thousand dollars.

Other options that were considered but not approved by park service were the top of Bright Angel Trail & Hopi Point. Both were not approved.

Cyndi Moreno teacher – Being a long time member of the school and community she is passionate about and does not love the idea of a separate graduation/promotion ceremony. She loves that the school has the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 12<sup>th</sup> graders together it has been a long time tradition and knows that the school does not always have to stay with that. She cherishes the fact and feels that Grand Canyon is special because we are the only K-12 School in a Nation Park and loves embracing having the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduation together. She commented that yes, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders may be a little over shadowed but because their age and that they are not really graduating but promoting, it's okay. They are young and she believes that they may not want to be full center stage at this time. Ms. Moreno loves that these ceremonies are together. Graduation is like a Grand Canyon reunion, and so many people come.

The Board desires more feedback from parents. In addition would like pricing from park service. The District Office will contact The Trust to check on insurance and liability.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Discussion and Presentation of the District Monthly Financial Report by Brenda Martinez

Ms. Martinez reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports with the board.

She updated the Board on the change over from Chase to Wells Fargo. The estimated date to go live with Wells Fargo is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Martinez stated that the upcoming audit for 2013-2014, will have many findings. She shared that for 2014-2015 the school will be in better shape.

There were no questions.

##### Discussion and possible action regarding sale or other disposal and removal of felled timber logs from District property under IGA with Town of Tusayan as a community park. The Board may vote to discuss this matter in executive session to receive legal advice from, and/or give direction to, the District's legal counsel pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3).

Mr. Hartigan provided a brief history stating that there was an offer made to donate \$1000 to the district for the fallen timber logs. The District does not know the value of these logs. Mr. Hartigan has contacted the sawmill in Williams but does not have an estimate yet due to a third party needed to pick up the logs.

This item would need Board approval and a fair market value does need to be obtained in the effort of doing due diligence.

Mr. Hartigan moved to direct Administration to acquire fair estimated value on the timber and take the correct process. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**REPORTS (ARS 38-431.02.K)**

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Shonny Bria

(All other reports postponed until February Regular Board Meeting)

Dr. Bria mentioned that the district is working to recover many grants.

Dr. Bria will bring next Tuesday a proposal for approximately 10,000 dollars to work this spring on all federal grants with specific ones in mind and to finish up impact aid for 12-13 & 14-15.

Per Arizona Law the Board, once a year should approve the Superintendent as an agent up to a set amount for purchases. It is in Governing policy for the Superintendent to purchase but the District Office could not find anywhere, where this was approved annually.

Brenda Martinez recommended the amount of 75,000.00. This issue will come before the Board in the near future.

Dr. Bria explained that Ms. Dobias is working on her PhD. through NAU and is doing her internship under Dr. Bria. Dr. Bria will be pulling her out of her classroom for the next three weeks to assist the District Office. Ms. Dobias is in need of hours in order to receive her doctorate. One area she will be working in is HR Confidentiality in HR must be assured. She has the responsibility of confidentiality and through her NAU program guarantees confidentiality. As well, she will be working on documentation that needs to be attached to the Credit Card Statements. Another item will be the utility bills and teacherage for individual teacher's accounts.

Kudos to Ms. Shields for her efforts in recovering Impact Aid funds, this is important work.

Kudos to Ms. Frischman for her efforts, she applied and secured donations and reading materials for students through a grant.

**CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING (BEDB, BEDBA)**

Special Meeting, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, evening time has not been determined.

Dual Track Graduation

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hartigan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Barbara Shields, Board Secretary & Date

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Kevin Hartigan, President

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Pete Shearer, Clerk

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Judi Beckerleg, Member

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SuZan Pearce, Member

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Brian Donehoo, Member