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Meeting Minutes 6/11/2015

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Session on June 11, 2015 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, at 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Tucson, Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Dr. Peter Livingston, President

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Clerk (called in)

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member (called in)

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent (absent)

Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager

Ms. Kim Sharp, Acting Interim Superintendent

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ruiz seconded. Mr. Neff amended his motion, he requested under Action Items, that item **B. Board to consider suspension of policy BGB – Policy Adoption for the purpose of hearing a First and Second reading of policy JQ-Student Fees and Charges for board action at a single meeting** and item **C. Second reading of policy JQ Student Fees and Charges** are pulled from the agenda. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS

- Superintendent's Report – Ms. Sharp
 - **Odyssey of the Mind** – Ms. Sharp reported on Dr. Price's behalf. Ms. Sharp explained this is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Students develop team-building skills by working in groups of as many as seven students per team. Students learn to examine problems and to identify the real challenge without limiting the possible solutions and their potential success. The creative-thinking process is nurtured and developed as a problem-solving tool.

Students are separated into the following divisions:

- Division I -- Grades K-5
- Division II -- Grades 6-8
- Division III -- Grades 9-12

A member may be a school, a recognized community group, or a college or university. The membership fee is \$135. Each additional membership for the same school or community group is an additional \$100.

Ms. Sharp shared that Painted Sky Elementary School, in the Amphitheater School District, was a winner this year.

Ms. Sharp made a public 'thank you' to Krista Young, the Science Lab coordinator at ACES. Ms. Young contributed to this Odyssey of the Mind information when she researched and provided information to Ms. Sharp following a brief conversation in which this initiative was mentioned.

Based on what Ms. Sharp learned, being part of Odyssey of the Mind program is a huge time commitment for students and teacher sponsors.

➤ **Student Board Member** - Ms. Sharp will be working with TVHS principal Mr. Malis (effective July 1) and the high school counselors to identify two students who would like to fill the Student Board Member vacancy. This year it will be a different approach, allowing two students to split the responsibility, each serving half the school year. Dr. Livingston encouraged training for the students, clearly outlining the governing board objectives and specifically defining what their responsibilities are as Student Board Members.

- Enrollment update – Mr. Adam Hamm
Nothing to report
- District Report Card – Mr. Adam Hamm
Mr. Hamm reported the district purchased two 'used buses.' One of the buses does require some AC work. He also reported he is working closely with Ms. McCollom regarding TVES conversion from a Charter School back to Traditional School. He also advised board members this will require board action on or before July 1, 2015.
- Legislative Update – Mr. Neff
There is nothing to report
- Facilities Report – Mr. Hamm
Mr. Hamm reported the new classroom (Ramada conversion) at TVES is well underway. However, the building was vandalized earlier this week, windows were broken and the door was damaged. Mr. Hamm advised board members that security cameras/system were purchased and will be installed.
The new Ramada pad at TVES will be poured early next week.
At TVES portable classrooms 502 and 503 are being converted from two classrooms to one to accommodate the band program.

Fencing will be placed on both Agua Caliente Elementary School and Tanque Verde High school.

Mr. Hamm reported the possibilities of a cell tower project for the school district seems unlikely at this time, as new information becomes available he'll update the board.

Regarding TVHS field light, Mr. Hamm learned that LED lights are being considered for this project. He is still gathering information relating to the scope of the project and cost. He will have a report for board members at the June 23 board meeting.

Dr. Livingston announced there will be a community linkage committee formed regarding the high school facilities improvements.

- Board Comments – Dr. Livingston

Dr. Livingston clarified for the Boy Scout in the audience, that the reason the board meeting is moving along so quickly is that board members are briefed (via board packets) in advance of the meetings.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public during this session.

5. CONSENT AGENDA *(see attached personnel report)*

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion to pull Item E from the Consent agenda and move it to Action Item B. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Digital Program update – Ms. Sharp reported on behalf of Dr. Price.

These numbers only represent TVHS:

190 students are served in the digital learning online program grades 9-12

Gifted, regular, 504, homeless and Exceptional education populations were all served

3 day diagnostic course/test - 35 students and 112 enrollments

60 day full course – 19 students and 25 enrollments

120 day full course – 136 students and 371 enrollments

Summer of 2014 – 114 students and 191 enrollments (no enrollment cap, no deadline imposed, customer and district pay)

Summer of 2015 – 74 students and 132 enrollments (deadline imposed, customer pay only)

2014-15 SY enrollment total – 831

2015-15 SY enrollment total – 378

Students attending digital classroom only – 0

Dual enrolled in digital and regular classroom coursework – 190

Credit recovery courses – 40% (approximately)

Alternative classroom attendance due to chronic health issues – 2

The digital program supports the belief that students can be successful.

Digital learning curriculum used is from Advanced Academics aka Pearson, Middlebury for some course work via Advanced Academics, Conexus via Advanced Academics.

Counselors and student meet and determine appropriate course selection. Duration of online courses is typically 4 months.

In conclusion, Ms. Sharp said the 2015-16 SY digital program will have a \$40,000 budget, and program parameters (capacity limits and structure) that Ms. Conger, Ms. Marner, Ms. Puiia and Mr. Malis will set and follow.

B. Camp Invention – Ms. Sharp introduced Ms. Hubbard. Ms. Hubbard is from TVES and is the director of the Camp Invention program this year. This is the 5th year TVUSD has hosted; it alternates between the ACES and TVES campuses. Camp Invention is a nationally recognized non-profit enrichment program with a STEM based curriculum. The theme this year was Illuminate, which focused on creativity and innovation. Students each day would rotate through 4 modules, working either independently or through collaboration in small groups. Students learned about famous inventors, designed inventions of their own, designed a prototype for a new video game, explored circuits in the innovation lab and designed a working go cart. Recycled items and old electronics were used for parts to help make their inventions. Parents attend on the last day to see the Inventors Showcase where all the inventions are on display in the classrooms. Ms. Hubbard wanted to acknowledge the electronic recycling company *Green Electronic Solutions* who carted away all the unused recycled items.

Camp invention is a one week program, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The majority of students attending the camp are Tanque Verde students (75%) and the balance was filled from the community. The camp is designed for students in First through Sixth grade. Ms. Hubbard (involved for 3 years with the program) acknowledged the four teacher who helped this year: Ms. Carolyn Katami (5 years); Joanna Vega (3 years); Sue Yandell (1st year); Liz Medina (1st year). Leadership students from TVHS were also involved in the program: Stephen Walton, Ethan Hubbard, Mia Vega, and Kate Maxwell. We also have students from EGJH, called Counselors in Training: Alannah Hubbard, Emily Ignatoff, Evan Finnegan, Isaac Pimienta, Ella Sanford, Amelia Lurie, Kristen Bish, and Brennan Hubler. There were also parent volunteers: Mr. Greg Gaines, Ms. Lisa Foster, Ms. Kathy Hubler, and Ms. Liz Larsen.

C. Pima Community College Instructor Accountability – Ms. Sharp

Ms. Sharp reported we will be offering the following Dual Enrollment courses next year:

Distance Education History

Distance Education Writing

Chemistry, Dr. Zreda is a dual enrollment instructor through Pima Community College

The explanation of inconsistency in classroom presence for the 2014-15 SY was due to a teacher who had a family emergency that resulted in missing class time and shifting time on other days. This arrangement was made between the teacher and the students. Pima College was contacted and an agreement is now in place so this will not happen again.

D. First Reading of policy JQ – Student Fees and Charges –

Dr. Livingston said this item was pulled as an action item; therefore, there is no need for discussion.

7. ACTION ITEM

A. Consider board meeting date change from Thursday, June 25 to Tuesday, June 23.

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to change the board meeting date from Thursday, June 25 to Tuesday, June 23. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. Student Fees and Charges Schedule

MOTION: After a brief discussion among board members, Dr. Livingston made a motion to approve the TVHS Fee schedule as presented. Dr. Livingston asked that the following EGJH fees be removed from the fee schedule: Art \$20, Tech/Shop \$20, Drama \$20, Photography \$20, ELEX Rotation Fee \$20, Band \$47.50. He said this decision was based on certain rules we recently learned about. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Student Board Member
STEAM Curriculum at ACES
Community Programs update

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Auslander adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Governing Board Secretary

Peter Livingston, Board President

Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - June 11, 2015

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Molly Romano-Homoki	4th Grade Teacher	Replace Linda Fox	ACES	1.0	\$36,400.00	8/03/2015
Stacey Carter	4th Grade Teacher	Vacant, after internal transfer to Gifted (S.Johnson)	ACES	1.0	\$35,800.00	8/03/2015
Certified Resignations						
Classified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Other Continuations	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Amy Wortham	Registrar	Resignation	TVHS	1.00	\$11.78	6/18/2015
Sandy Stribling	Paraprofessional I	Resignation	TVES	0.38	\$10.14	5/21/2015
Elena Marshall	Paraprofessional I	Resignation	ACES	0.662	\$9.77	5/29/2015
Other Discontinuations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
George Radnothy	Co-Ed Flag Football Asst. Coach	Resignation	EGJH	varies	\$717.00	5/22/2015
George Radnothy	Boys Basketball Asst. Coach	Resignation	EGJH	varies	\$717.00	5/22/2015
Other New Hires	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Michael Edwards	TOSA / Leadership Teacher	Replace Jennifer Snyder	TVHS	1.00	\$181.18/per day	8/3/2015
Dorothy Frame Hourigan	Certified Sub Teacher	New	Varies	Varies	Sub Rate	8/3/2015