

DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved
Meeting Minutes 5/14/2015

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

Mrs. Claire Place, President	Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member
Dr. Peter Livingston, Clerk	Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Member (absent)
Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member (absent)	Madisyn Clausen, Student Board Member (absent)

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent (absent)
Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager
Ms. Kim Sharp, Human Resources Director

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mrs. Place made a motion to amend the Agenda. She requested Information Items be heard before Reports. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Volunteer Recognition – Governing Board

Principals, Kevin Davis, Greg Miller, Sherri Rosalik and Assistant Principal Kim Hubbard along with board members thanked the following volunteers for all their devoted time and effort to ensure things go smoothly throughout the school year.

Angie Donelson	Michelle Skog
Briana Tenuta	Leah Simmers
Krista Lange	James & Lisa Sealey
Cindy Randolph	Jan Gardlund
Lyndsie Kowalski	Lora Shulman
Brent and Diana LaFoley	Maggie Hammarstrom
Stacy White	Gretchen Cochran
Elizabeth Spilotro	Margie Wagner
Tessa Davis	Karen Murphy
Jim Stobie	Paige Calloway
Jamin Collins	Patty Price
Barbara Drummond	Toby Slade
Greg Gaines	Pam Williamson
Anne Velosa	Liz Barnard
Jen McDowell	Nicole Collins
Jeff Koessler	Liza Belanger

Keri Johnson	Scott Forgues
Melissa Lee	Brenda Goodman
Adrian Riley	Kirsten Herklotz
Jim Drexler	Lisa DeFalco
Sandy Marvik	Charlene Sharp
Lisa Foster	Darrin and Dodie Felish
Kristen Taylor	Carrie and Scott Radomski
Lori Hollywood	Cheryl Snyder
Jodi Roberts	Chuck and Linda Huber
Shara Gerhart	Anne Velosa
Valerie Pinkerton-Lima	Tiffany Brock
Erica Reid	Todd Kowalski
Lottie Gaxiola	Ross Pearson
Kris Grimshaw	Rocky Ferrell
Jeff Mayer	Laurie Kassman
Ross Pearson	Elizabeth Spilotro
Melody Leavitt	Jim Drexler
Jeff and Lisa Bleecker	Jeremy Schalk
George and Char Atkinson	James Ebeling
John Lee	

In celebration, cake was served while board members visited with the volunteers.

B. *Skool Live* update – Mr. Hamm

Mr. Hamm met with representatives from *Skool Live* this week and accepted our first check for \$1000. There were shipping delays, but we appear to be back on track. *Skool Live* is an electronic Kiosk. The Kiosk streams school information and announcements. This also allows for advertising opportunities; a revenue generating venture for the school district. There will be Kiosks on all of our campuses. There will be two at the high school, and one each at the junior high and elementary schools.

Dr. Livingston was told the monitoring equipment in the Greenhouse was relocated to another school.

C. TVF Grants – Ms. Sharp

Ms. Sharp shared with board members the following grants that were approved at the TVF grant meeting earlier this week. Ms. Sharp said the meeting was fascinating, hearing from teachers and administrators regarding their grant requests. Some grant requests received full funding while others received, reduced or partial funding. A select few will be funded fully by the District.

EGJH STEAM Lab - \$4700 (full funding; Price Award winner)

TVHS Graphing Calculators - \$2250 (50% funding)

TVHS Screen Acting equipment - \$2200 (full funding)

ACES Virtual Reality Classroom - \$3000 (50% funding; full funding for program at one school)
 TVES Mobile Learning equipment - \$1350 (partial funding)
 EGJH/TVHS E-Library materials - \$10,000 (full funding)
 TVHS Art Technology - \$1750 (partial funding)
 ACES Special Ed Chromebooks - \$3600 (partial funding)
 TVHS Marimba - \$500 (partial funding)
 EGJH Music Microphones - deferred to alternate sources, e.g. PTG
 TVES Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden - district will fund
 TVHS CTE Film & TV equipment - district will fund
 TVHS DECA store improvements - district will fund

ACES 3rd Grade Chromebook - declined due to new carts approved today

4. REPORTS

- Student Board Member Report – Madisyn Clausen – No report
- Superintendent’s Report – In Dr. Price’s absence, Ms. Sharp will report

- End of Year Event

Ms. Sharp thanked the board members who were able to attend the event. Ms. Rosalik made a video for Dr. Price which was well done, well received and Ms. Sharp thanked Ms. Rosalik for volunteering to do this for us and for doing such a great job.

Ms. Sharp also recognized and thanked Mr. Tom Broccolo and his students for providing great music for the event.

- Virtual Reality Education

Ms. Sharp updated board members about a meeting she and Mrs. Place attended. Ms. Paula Nasiatka was instrumental in setting the Virtual Reality Education meeting up. Mr. Bill Patterson is an engineer with Raytheon and president of a new non-profit called Advanced Technologies in Education developed to support and improve STEM education. This program is to help students connect with the community, tying businesses with education - helping students learn 21 Century skills so they can develop relationships and meaningful work. Through these community connections, internship opportunities become available. Ms. Svea Anderson just received grant funding through Tanque Verde Foundation for the Virtual Reality Classroom she will be piloting next year. There was discussion about the acronym, STEM verses STEAM, The thinking is that perhaps we should consider going with STEM with emphasis in the Arts, or go with STEM Plus, when communicating with the business community.

- Personnel / Hiring update

Ms. Sharp reported that recruiting is going well, offers are being made. She relayed a conversation she recently had with a teacher who is coming to us. This teacher received two offers, one from us and the other from a neighboring school district. Before

deciding which offer to accept, she toured the campuses; what tipped her to us was, our teachers appeared happy and the students talked to her – our campus seemed more relational. Mr. Neff asked if our adjusted salary schedule has helped, Kim said “yes, it has helped.”

- Enrollment update – Mr. Adam Hamm

Mr. Hamm updated the board that both ACES and TVES are each up one student.

- District Report Card – Mr. Adam Hamm

Mr. Hamm said we are on track and closely trending with last year. With the recent Budget revision, our percentage of spending is slightly up. He advised board members that in the report next month, they will see more budget capacity due to the revised budget.

Mr. Hamm announced the district received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. Hamm asked that the following statement be recorded in the minutes: *The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellent in Financing Reporting to Tanque Verde Unified School District for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. In order to be awarded a Certificated of Achievement, a government must publish earn easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.*

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program’s requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Mr. Hamm commended the business office staff: Ms. Stephanie Silva, Ms. Lori Stonum and Ms. Julie Seibert for their hard work; adding, “This award is possible because of their efforts.” He also thanked and commended Ms. Trish McCollum for the SAIS reporting – she is a thorough researcher. He said after a 3 year struggle with AZ Dept. of Ed., due in large part to Ms. McCollum’s diligence, the district received the \$30,000 we were initially denied.

- Legislative Update – Mr. Neff

Mr. Neff attended a Special County and City Town Hall meeting yesterday, May 13 at Udall Center. District 4 Supervisor Ray Carroll and Ward 2 Councilmember Paul Cunningham held the meeting; he said about 30 people were in attendance.

- Facilities Report – In Dr. Price’s absence, Mr. Hamm will report

The Ramada conversion is well underway at TVES, walls and windows are in. Power is going in later this week.

Bookshelves will be installed in the EGJH library

TVHS Field lights and financing options are being explored

Dr. Livingston mentioned we were approached by a Cell Tower vendor who offered to help cover the field light purchase and installation if we agreed to allow a Cell Tower to be placed on the TVHS campus. Mr. Hamm said he would look into it.

- Board Comments – Mrs. Place
None

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Governing Board received a request to address the board from Mr. Ross Pearson. Mr. Pearson wanted to share with board members his recent experience on the Washington D. C. trip. This was the second time he has been a chaperone and feels this trip is important with lasting memories for students and should continue. He mentioned two alumni joined them for dinner, both stating they chose their line of work based on the 8th grade trip they took with Mr. Voutsas. Dr. Livingston said, due to recent legislation relating to Tax Credit donation, the D.C. trip could become cost prohibitive for many families. He encouraged Mr. Pearson, if he feelings strongly about this, to contact his legislators and express his concerns.

6. CONSENT AGENDA (*see attached*)

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

7. ACTION ITEM

A. Budget Revision #2

MOTION: Dr. Livingston made a motion to approve Budget revision #2. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

TVHS Graduation, May 20

9. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Cell Tower update

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Place adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Governing Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Peter Livingston, Board Clerk

ABSENT

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

ABSENT

Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - May 14, 2015

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Shelley Sanchez	2nd Grade Teacher	Requests Job Share for SY 15/16	TVES	0.60	\$21,340.00	8/05/2015
Molly Garcia	Kindergarten Teacher	Replace Pat Gutierrez	ACES	1.00	\$34,600.00	8/03/2015
Jeremy Samoy	HS History Teacher	Replace Sharon Akridge	TVHS	1.00	\$33,700.00	8/3/2015
Certified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Mary Menager	HS Math Teacher	Personal, did not sign contract for next school year	TVHS	1.00	\$38,601.00	5/22/2015
Cheryl Wojdyla	PE Teacher	Resignation	TVHS	1.00	\$32,200.00	5/22/2015
Karen Tauber	Jr High English	Requests to return as a ESI Ee	EGJH	1.00	\$37,093.00	5/22/2015
Elizabeth Medina	3rd Grade Teacher	Resignation	TVES	1.00	\$32,500.00	5/22/2015
Classified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Sara Kroll-Franks	Elementary Counselor	New, transferring from Paraprofessional I position	TVES/ACES	0.80	\$27,200.00	8/3/2015
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Other Continuations	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Nancy Loschen	Paraprofessional III	Requests to rescind resignation, approved on 3/12/15	TVES	0.80	\$10.34	4/16/2015
Karen Tauber	Jr High English	Return as ESI Techer	EGJH	1.00	\$35,200.00	8/3/2015
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Paula Nasiatka	Science Lab	Resignation, returning to school	TVES	0.88	\$10.50	5/21/2015
Connie Holtzen	Library Aide	Retirement	TVES	0.75	\$10.71	5/21/2015
Other Discontinuations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Matt Cox	Head Girls Volleyball Coach	Resignation-moving out of state	TVHS	Vaires	\$2,868.00	4/27/2014
Other New Hires	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Marsha Shelton	504 Site Leader	new	EGJH	varies	\$2,500.00	7/1/2015
Janet Mitchell	504 Site Leader	Replace Wendy Conger	TVHS	varies	\$2,500.00	7/1/2015
Christine Rietz	SpEd Site Leader	new	ACES	varies	\$2,000.00	8/3/2015