

AMENDED DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved
Meeting Minutes 1/12/2017

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Board meeting on January 12, 2017 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Tucson, Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board President

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Mr. Jeremy Schalk, Board Member

Ms. Susan Fry, Board Member

David Morden, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Ms. Kimberly C. Sharp, Superintendent

Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Fry made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS

- Student Board Member Report – David Morden

Tanque Verde High School:

Our school sports are doing extremely well; both Girls and Boys basketball teams are winning most of their games which could help them get to state championships. Soccer is doing very well, and on the same track.

Winter guard, Mock Trial, and the Science Bowl Team are getting organized and ready for their regional competitions while other clubs such as NHS and Spanish Club are preparing for more community outreach and volunteer work.

Yearbook and Entrepreneurship are preparing for their large projects for the year.

Student Council just wrapped up, reviewed, and debriefed on the Winter Formal events. Now, they're working on Sadie Hawkins, Powderpuff, and the events for Prom in April.

Emily Gray Junior High School:

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) just finished collecting the largest Canned Food Drive ever collected this December. They were invited down to the Community Food Drive to see the operation and tour the Gabrielle Giffords Family Assistance Center.

This year, for the Holiday outreach program, EGJHS adopted five (5) families at Mission View Elementary School. The National Junior Honor Society participated as well by adopting two (2) of those families. EGJHS student's delivered the gifts prior to Winter Break.

This semester, NJHS is planning their annual Teddy Bear Drive along with a tour of the Children's Hospital over at UMC.

The Academic Showcase is almost here, it's scheduled on March 15th.

Tanque Verde Elementary School:

First Graders gave their annual musical performance for family and friends in December. Third and Sixth Graders helped collect and donate gifts and clothing for the students at Prince Elementary.

Fifth and Sixth Graders advanced math students competed in a Math competition at University High School. Fifteen (15) out of the twenty seven (27) qualified for State competitions.

In January TVES held their spelling bee. Fourth Grader Lindsey Gaines was the winner this year and Sixth Grader Sophia Ronstadt was the penultimate finisher. They will compete in the district spelling bee on January 12th.

STEEP Testing begins this week to give the teachers and staff an idea of how they are progressing as a school.

TVES is celebrating their 20th year by creating a "Capturing Kid's" heart mural.

Field trips: Sixth Graders will go to a recycling plant and Fourth Graders are heading over to Tumacacori National Park.

Agua Caliente Elementary School:

STEAM – Robotics team is headed to state on Saturday!

Mr. Auslander asked about the Canned Food Drive, how much was collected? David said he didn't have that information but would follow-up and let him know.

- Superintendent's Report – Ms. Kimberly Sharp

- Welcome David Morden –

Superintendent Sharp welcomed new Student Board Member, David Morden. David will be the student board member for the second half of the school year. Board members also gave a hearty welcome to David and were very complimentary of his report and thanked him.

- Welcome Jeremy Schalk –

Ms. Sharp also welcomed new Board Member Jeremy Schalk to his first board meeting as an official Board member. She provided a brief bio of Mr. Schalk; he received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and his graduate degree from the U of A Eller College of Management. She also congratulated Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Neff and Ms. Fry for winning their seats in the election – the first contested election held in many years.

- TVHS Student, Christopher Altizer – Accepted to Harvard

Ms. Sharp stated we are proud of ALL Tanque Verde students. However, tonight we'd like to recognize high school student, Christopher Altizer, who has been accepted to Harvard with a full scholarship! Christopher has been a student in the Tanque Verde Unified School District for his entire K-12 school career. He has worked hard to achieve many accomplishments during that time. As a small, student-focused public school, the Tanque Verde District is proud of the role of our teachers, counselors and school community which supported Chris in his journey to achieving his goal.

- Community Liaison Report – Ms. Claire Place
No report due to Winter Break

- **Enrollment Report – Mr. Adam Hamm**

Mr. Hamm noted enrollment is at 2085. There has been some movement at each of the sites. Each site weighed in stating fluctuating enrollment is due to family relocations, or an alternate educational institution.

- **District Report Card – Mr. Adam Hamm**

Mr. Hamm submitted his report for Board consideration. He stated we are half-way through the year, all remaining balances coming in at or around 50%. Tax credit donations continue to come in.

- **Legislative Update – Mr. Jeff Neff**

Mr. Neff attended a meeting on January 9, where Governor Doug Ducey outlined his key priorities for 2017. Below are excerpts of some of Governor Ducey's educational priorities Mr. Neff heard at the meeting:

Increased investments in Education: “. . . *I have a commitment our educators can take to the bank: starting with the budget I release Friday, I will call for an increased investment in our public schools—above and beyond inflation—every single year I am governor.*”

Teacher Raises: “*My budget will outline a permanent, lasting salary increase to all of Arizona's teachers. This will be above and beyond raises they may be receiving from Prop 123, or overrides, or from their districts. This is an investment by the state of Arizona in recognizing and rewarding the work of our teachers in a way that is fair, permanent and fiscally responsible.*”

Teacher Bonuses: “*The greatest need for high quality teachers is in our low-income schools, and it also happens to be the hardest place to attract them. So let's do more for the teachers willing to make a commitment to these students and these neighborhoods: A \$1,000 signing bonus, to attract the best and brightest, and continue to close the achievement gap.*”

All Day Kindergarten: “*My budget gives the lowest-income schools dollars to start or expand full-day kindergarten, and address an issue we know is critical to closing the achievement gap: The ability to read by third grade.*”

Teacher Certification: *Sandra Day O'Connor, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court retirement in 2005, if she had wanted to teach civics in an Arizona high school classroom, she would have been deemed unqualified, by the system. “That's crazy. I'm talking about the teacher certification process. And it's time to fix it.”*

Increasing Students' Access to Broadband: “*Let's fix this, by connecting these rural schools to high-speed internet. And let's couple it with a statewide computer science and coding initiative. This session, let's break the firewall and get these kids connected.*”

Supporting families with a Grandmother stipend: “*So let's change that, with a Grandmother Stipend'—providing these families with resources to raise these children.*”

More on Education: “*Principal academies, to train school leaders. . . . Loan forgiveness for our STEM teachers. . . . Dollars for school construction and capital. . . . A per pupil boost for excelling schools . . . even more for high-quality low-income schools beating the odds. . . . Career and Technical Education. . . . College knowing and going programs, and . . . Achieve60AZ.*”

Mr. Schalk mentioned he spoke with a reporter from the Arizona Daily Star today regarding 9th grade JTED courses. The interview was from a business perspective, preparing students who are not college bound, seeking careers in technical manufacturing fields.

- **Facilities Update – Mr. Adam Hamm**

Repairs are underway and nearly complete at TVES due to an incident that occurred during Winter Break.

- **Board Comments – Mr. Carlos Ruiz**

Mr. Ruiz commented how nice it is to have five Board members.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests from the public.

5. CONSENT AGENDA *(see attached)*

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the consent agenda with exception. The December 8, (8:00 a.m.) board meeting minutes need to be amended. There was an error on the Support Staff Hiring Schedule in pay grade 42. The increments should be .50 cent increments, not \$1.00 increments. Ms. Fry seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. TEP Update – Mr. Adam Hamm

Mr. Hamm updated Board members regarding the TEP proposed mandatory rate increase – which could result in a 68% increase to TVUSD's energy costs. He stated the District submitted a letter (from Superintendent, Board President and Business Manager) to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) in response to TEP's proposed new mandatory rate plan structure. The District received word, on January 3, that the Arizona Corporation Commission made a decision and final order to grandfather all solar customers onto their current rate plan structure and retain their net metering benefits. TEP communicated with the District, stating they anticipate our rate increase to be approximately 3% or 4%. A meeting is scheduled with TEP representatives, Mr. Hamm and Governing Board President, Mr. Carlos Ruiz on February 7 to discuss this issue in more detail.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Reorganization – Mr. Carlos Ruiz

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to nominate Mr. Carlos Ruiz as Governing Board President and himself (Jeff Neff) as the Governing Board Clerk. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. FY 2016 Budget Revision #3 – Mr. Adam Hamm

The budget revision was deemed necessary due to recent Certificate of Educational Convenience (CEC) payment from the state.

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to approve FY 2016 Budget Revision #3 as presented. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

C. 2017-18 Governing Board Meeting Schedule – Ms. Kimberly Sharp

Board members discussed the June 18 Retreat which is scheduled on Father's Day.

MOTION: Ms. Fry made a motion to approve the 2017-18 calendar as presented, and she made a motion to cancel the June 18, 2017 Retreat. Mr. Schalk seconded both motions; both of the motions carried unanimously.

D. BDF – Advisory Committees – Ms. Kimberly Sharp

Ms. Sharp introduced policy BDF. It came from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) adding the following language:

If an executive session is authorized, all applicable requirements as present in Policy BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings will be followed.

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to adopt BDF - Advisory Committees as submitted. Ms. Fry seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

JIC- Student Conduct – Ms. Kimberly Sharp

Ms. Sharp presented policy JIC. Policy language changes that are being recommended are to align and be consistent with open enrollment language. The addition of the follow language (underlined) is being recommended:

Any resident or open enrollment student who violates these policies and regulations may be subject to discipline up to expulsion and / or revocation of open enrollment status, in addition to other civil and criminal prosecution.

MOTION: Ms. Fry made a motion to adopt JIC – Student Conduct as submitted. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

JLCC – Communicable / Infectious Diseases – Ms. Kimberly Sharp

Ms. Sharp talked with Board members about policy JLCC. She stated the policy has been reviewed by all of the Nurses. Board members discussed the Lice infestation section of the policy, specifically the section about the nurse screening students found to have live head lice. Ms. Sharp pointed out that administrators, staff and school nurses will use discretion if a student has a severe infestation, and may ask a parent to pick up their student and start treatment before returning to school. The following language has been recommended for Board approval:

Students found with live head lice and/or nits (eggs) may remain in class but discouraged from close direct head contact with others. The school administrator and/or school nurse will inform the parents and discuss treating the child at the conclusion of the school day.

An exception may be made in the case of younger students who may not have the ability to use discretion to limit head to head contact such as preschool or kindergarten students. The school administrator and/or school nurse will evaluate each case on an individual basis. Students with severe infestations (hundreds of live louse) may be asked to be picked up and start treatment before returning to school.

Administrators, staff and school nurses may screen students who have previously no infestation, symptomatic students, and in special cases may randomly screen classrooms with higher reported cases.

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion to adopt JLCC – Communicable / Infectious Diseases as submitted. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 22, 2017 – Board Retreat 9:00 – 3:00

January 28, 2017 – Annual Tech Trek

TVHS – Cheer and Pom qualified for State finals

EGJH – Mr. Chris Voutas was awarded \$5000 Grant through the Fiesta Bowl Wishes for Teachers – it was a lottery entry. He plans to use the funds in the classrooms(s) for 60 Chromebooks and a cart plus one more cart (we had Chromebooks without a card).

9. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Transportation Update

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Governing Board Secretary

Carlos Ruiz, Board President

Jeffrey Neff, Board Clerk

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Jeremy Schalk, Board Member

Susan Fry, Board Member