

**DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved**  
**Meeting Minutes 3/10/2016**

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Board meeting on March 10, 2016 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 6:59 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present:

Dr. Peter Livingston, President

Ms. Susan Fry, Board Member

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk (via phone)

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Grace Gerbing, Student Board Member (absent)

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 with exception; she requested Information and Discussion Item A – *TVES K-12 Art Presentation* be heard prior to Reports. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. TVES K-12 Art Presentation – Ms. Alicia Marrano

Ms. Marrano thanked Board Members for supporting the Arts – this is the first full year of Art Education at the elementary grade levels. She expressed how grateful she is and how important Art education is for students. TVES 6th grade students: Kayla Maclean, Mia Contreras, Zoe Hunter, Isabella Gonzalez, Eliza Barr and Kyla Alonzo each spoke directly to the Governing Board expressing what Art education has done for them personally. Many indicated it allows them to develop new friendships as they work with other students collaboratively, it allows them to express their emotions, look at things differently, they find inspiration, it's relaxing and calming, and that Art lets you be you and sometimes with a twist! Ms. Marrano read two additional statements from students who were unable to attend the meeting tonight – both expressed how they appreciate having full time Art and having more time for clay projects. A short video of the making of a watercolor print was viewed.

The students presented Board Members with a clay mug they personally made. Ms. Marrano presented Ms. Sharp with the watercolor print that was in the video.

Board Members expressed their thanks and appreciation to Ms. Marrano and all the students. Ms. Sharp spoke directly to the students about their presentations - letting them know they did a great job and she could tell they were speaking from their hearts.

Dr. Livingston addressed the students explaining we have a Student Board member that sits on the Board. He encouraged the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, when they become seniors at TVHS, to consider joining the Board.

Ms. Marrano invited everyone to attend the TVES Art Show and Live Auction on March 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### 4. **REPORTS**

##### **Student Board Member Report – Grace Gerbing**

##### **CURRENT**

##### TVHS:

TVHS Student Council held Hawks Night and Hawks Fly-In on February 17th. Multiple clubs participated to help promote school spirit while encouraging eighth graders to attend Tanque Verde.

Student spirit is still soaring at Tanque Verde. Student Council has put in massive amounts of work to promote spirit through Sadie Hawkins Week and other fundraisers. March 4th they held a blood drive and coming up on the club's agenda is Teacher Appreciation Week, Prom, and the Powderpuff Games.

NHS is still collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and recently turned in a 25 pound bag. Members have been actively volunteering at Tucson Country Day School, helping with various tasks such as painting and cleaning the campus. On March 6th, members participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. NHS is also starting the application process for next year's NHS group and is holding elections for next year's officers.

The TVHS Cheer Squad competed in California on February 13th and received second place in their division.

Both winter guard and concert band members did exceptional in recent regional competitions. Winter-guard placed 12th overall with a score of 54.07 and band qualified to audition for state in March! Aurora Watson, Liz Merritt, Owen Lamb, Bernadette Lamb, and Martin Lamb also represented Tanque Verde at the regional honor festival on February 27th.

In the academic world, we have multiple clubs who have qualified for regional or state competitions. Our DECA program just sent some participants to its state competition, where one group now has the opportunity to compete in nationals in Nashville.

The Science bowl team, run by Dr. Zreda, travelled to Phoenix on the 20th to compete with other science teams in a trivia competition. The team placed ahead of one BASIS school and Verrado High School.

Other clubs, such as Ecology Club and Math Club, have done outreach citizen science projects; these two clubs collaborated at Saguaro National Park for a census on native saguaro populations.

Chem club is working on outreach for Tucson's Earth Day Festival, while our Jazz Band, our Concert Band, and our Winter Guard programs are just beginning their competitive seasons.

Moving on to sports, the winter season proved to be very successful for our students; our girls' soccer team became runners up at this year's State Championships! Also, our girls' basketball team traveled to Prescott for the State Tournament, the first time in four years . Our boys' teams also took home their fair share of wins this year, capping off record seasons. As we transition into the spring sports season, we expect a good State opportunity from all spring sports this year.

Also, TVHS is now the proud owner of a grandstand seating complex, which is still under construction for next year's events.

EGJH :

EGJH just completed their Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser and raised over \$2,000.

National Junior Honor Society had a Teddy Bear Drive to benefit the patients of the Banner Diamond Children's Hospital at the University of Arizona. NJHS members toured the facility, met with staff, and presented their gifts for Valentine's Day on February 12th.

On February 13th several string orchestra students from the middle school participated in the Southern Arizona Honor Orchestra Festival.

In addition, on March 12th, four students from Emily Gray will be traveling to the Phoenix area for the All State Band Festival.

The Emily Gray bands, several orchestra members, and the Emily Gray Choir will be premiering an arrangement of "Wichita Lineman."

TVES:

TVES just held their Heart Smart Week March 4th-10th. To jump start the event there was an assembly on Friday, March 4th presented by the Tucson Twist Its. During this week, Lisa Ledvina, the PE teacher taught the students how to jump rope and began the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser.

In addition to promoting healthy activity, TVES held their field day March 10th, also presented by Lisa Ledvina PE teacher.

A big fundraiser for TVES is their Read-A-Thon. Students have begun to collect pledges and their goal is to reach \$19,500. On Monday, February 29th Friday, March 4th they held their Book Fair.

A new program starting at TVES is "Thank you Thursday." Students will write Thank You notes to one another and they will be read over the intercom every other Thursday.

In Student Council students are working hard on a skit for the school talent show coming up in April.

ACES:

ACES just held their Math-a-thon on Friday February 19th.

Kids and families had a great time celebrating Rodeo last month and held a Rodeo BBQ on Friday February 19th. The 2nd grade classes had western theme music performance, and the school received a visit from several real cowboys who helped with activities including roping and panning for gold.

The Science Fair was a big success on February 12th. The winners have gone on to present their projects for SARSEF.

A magic show was held Friday March 4th and the proceeds go to the 6th grade legacy gift.

Young Authors Day is coming up on March 18th.

Many students are looking forward to the annual Spring Carnival Saturday March 19th

Tuesday March 22nd Student Council holding first game day in MPR after school. This is a great opportunity for students to get together and socialize after school and play board games together with friends.

**FUTURE**

TVHS:

NHS members will be volunteering at the ACES Spring Festival on March 19th. NHS induction will also be held in May.

TVHS Stuco is working hard on and Prom which will be held April 16th at the Whistle Stop Depot. The theme this year is vintage movie night.

TVHS SkillsUSA State Competition will be held in Phoenix during Spring Break and will feature many groups on campus. Some of these competitions include CAD, photography, and broadcasting news.

EGJH:

The Emily Gray bands, several orchestra members, and the Emily Gray Choir will be traveling to Anaheim, CA March 17th 20th for the "Music in the Parks" Music Festival. While there, they will enjoy Disneyland/California Adventures and perform before a panel of judges who will rate them on their musicianship.

TVES:

TVES is planning a Butterfly Sanctuary Garden to help pollinators and bring beauty to the campus. With the butterfly garden TVES is clearing and prepping the ground for planting. Many students have come up with plans for how to arrange the plants and are writing business letters to help support the garden.

TVES will be donating a bench to a memorial site planned to go up by the end of the year.

Tanque Verde Elementary School will be hosting Camp Invention again this summer June 6th 10th. At Camp Invention local educators lead a week of hands on activities created especially for elementary school children. Boys and girls spend time building original prototypes using real tools and components found in everyday devices, playing high energy games and so much more! All lessons explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation.

#### ACES:

Upcoming events to look forward to at ACES are the Star Party April 12th and Taste of Tanque Verde April 23rd.

- **Superintendent's Report – Ms. Kim Sharp presented the following reports:**

- Summer School Update

Ms. Sharp let Board Members know she met with the Administrative team on March 3 regarding Summer School. Mr. Hamm confirmed the budget for each site to consider so informed decisions could be made. At the elementary level they will continue to offer Camp Invention at TVES. This camp has been well attended for many years. Ms. Kim Hubbard and Ms. Carolyn Katami, both from TVES, will oversee the camp this year.

At the secondary level last year Emily Gray Junior High and Tanque Verde High were merged – Summer School was only available through the Digital Learning Program and overseen by one high school teacher. This year Summer School at Emily Gray Junior High will be different, teachers will be teaching live. Mr. Miller states this will be a better option for the students and will not impact the budget negatively.

This summer Tanque Verde High will continue with the Digital Learning program.

- Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment window closed on March 1. The Lottery will be held next week for those who submitted applications between, November 1, 2015 and March 1, 2016. We continue to accept applications after the March 1 deadline. Applications received after the March 1 deadline will be considered on a first come first served basis.

- Teacher Contracts

Ms. Sharp explained contracts were delayed this year. We've been working with our Attorney to ensure we have proper language in the contracts allowing for some pay adjustments if Proposition 123 passes in May. If voters approve Prop 123, we will submit a budget revision to adjust salaries. Ms. Sharp added she attended faculty meetings to express her thanks and appreciation and to explain how pay adjustments for some will work if Proposition 123 passes. Teachers expressed their thanks for the \$1000 increase to their base salary and understand this increase will not be withdrawn should Proposition 123 be voted down.

- **Community Liaison Report – Ms. Claire Place**

➤ Community Outreach

Legislative/Political/Business Outreach-

We have been in contact with several representatives at the local and state level:

- Congresswoman Martha McSally is scheduled to speak to the student body at TVHS on May 5<sup>th</sup> (time TBD).
- Former Representative (and former TVUSD Student) Jonathon Paton- Arrangements are being made for district site visit with Tucson Chamber of Commerce President, Mr. Mike Varney and other possible business representatives.
- Arizona Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Diane Douglas – Ms. Douglas’s office requested the district provide a meeting space for her “We Heard You Tour,” tentatively scheduled in June.
- Rincon Rotary Club – Mr. Rocky Ferrell requested TVHS Principal Mr. A.J. Malis, speak at an upcoming meeting later this month, about technology use at the high school. (*District Goal 4.1, 4.4*)

Volunteer Tutor appreciation -

Representatives of Sorensen Community Programs, Circle Tree Ranch and Dragonfly Village were instrumental in preparations for the reception, and their collaboration and support were very much appreciated. The event was a great success, bringing together students, teachers, parents, district administration and staff members to acknowledge and celebrate the tutors from Desert Skies United Methodist Church. Board Member Ms. Susan Fry also attended as a representative of the District Governing Board. (*District Goal 4.1, 4.3*)

➤ Communication

District Logo Development – Work is underway to trademark and register the new “Pathways” District Logo. The legal fees are covered by our contract with The Trust. (*Goal 4.2*)

Advertising – Three ads have been sold in the next two editions of the *News and Views*. Any excess advertising space will be utilized to highlight our district partners, such as Community Programs and Tanque Verde Foundation. (*District Goal 1.2, 1.4, 4.1*)

Tax Credit – Information regarding the change to the tax credit deadline to April 15<sup>th</sup> will be included in the *News and Views*, and has been distributed through the District and school electronic newsletters, as well as being posted on social media. (*District Goal 1.2, 4.1*)

Media Inquiries – Media inquiries were received and responded to regarding an ongoing study by the Arizona School Facilities Board (FSB) of rubberized gym flooring materials. A site inspection is pending at EGJH and TVHS; however, the district does not anticipate any issues with our floors as they were installed outside the time-frame of the floors in question. An additional inquiry was made as to the potential use of Proposition 123 funding by area school districts.

Ms. Place commented that she and Ms. Sharp met with a candidate running for the Pima County School Superintendent’s position due to Dr. Linda Arzoumanian’s pending retirement. Ms. Place also met with Mr. Todd Clodfelter who is running for the House LD 10 position.

She added the SFB will be arriving tomorrow for the floor inspection and we may have a media presence, she will be available to answer any questions. We've also had other media inquiries regarding teacher vacancies as well as questions about our high school counselors and the functions they perform.

Ms. Place wanted to clarify, for the record, when she was interviewed for the Arizona Daily Star article on Prop 123, she was misquoted. The article stated if Proposition 123 passed, in TVUSD the additional funds would go toward teacher pay; what she said was, the additional funds would be prioritized for salaries.

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

Mr. Hamm reported enrollment is down slightly, one overall.

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

Mr. Hamm indicated we are holding pretty steady, our expenditures are up by approximately ½ %. The Board asked about current year funding, Mr. Hamm indicated he felt this is likely to be implemented for the 2016-17 FY. Developing the budget under current year funding will be different. Board members talked about proceeding with caution, asking for balance and to make sure we aren't too conservative. Mr. Hamm agreed, he said worksheets will be available in May. He'll review our trend data to make the best estimations, and will begin looking into the best strategies.

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

Mr. Neff reported Vouchers will not be coming up. Fall elections will be here soon, and we should be looking for pro-education candidates.

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

- Stadium Update:

Mr. Neff said he was on the fields and they look great, especially the baseball fields. Mr. Hamm added the stadium and press box are up – Mr. Barrios is digging the trench to connect the electrical.

- Transportation Update:

Mr. Hamm let Board Members know we received a 'new to us' bus last week. We are actively looking for additional buses and looking to place some of our retired buses up for auction. Mr. Livingston asked about the 'routing software' that transportation coordinator Ms. Amy Lindflott once asked about. Mr. Hamm updated Board Members this request is not a priority and the need and ranking has fallen on the list. Mr. Livingston asked about the dirt road alternate routes. Mr. Hamm said he would follow up on this information.

- **Board Comments – Dr. Livingston**

None

## 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA** *(see attached)*

**MOTION:** Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

B. TVES Wolf Project – Ms. Geneasa Varner

Ms. Sharp announced this presentation will be delayed until the March 24 board meeting.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Set Excess Capacity Limits

Ms. Kimberly Sharp presented the Excess capacity limits to the Board. She indicated these numbers are subject to change. There were questions regarding the number of open enrollment applications, and the number of applications we've received to date.

**MOTION:** Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve Excess Capacity as submitted. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Dr. Livingston made a motion to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to:

A.R.S. 38-431.03 A. (7) Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session but only for the follow purposes:

Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to Consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

A. Preschool Proposal – Finance and Property component

Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Governing Board Members, Ms. Kimberly Sharp, Ms. Claire Place and Mr. Adam Hamm adjourned into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Governing Board Members, Ms. Kimberly Sharp, Ms. Claire Place and Mr. Adam Hamm reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TVES Art Show (in the MPR) on Friday, March 18 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pima County School board/Superintendent Collaborative Meeting March 28

TVF – Taste of Tanque Verde, April 23 - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 49er's Country Club. Tickets are now available, go to the district website online store. If you are donating Auction items for the event, please submit them by April 15.

**11. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Livingston adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

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Peter Livingston, Board President

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Susan Fry, Board Member

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Carlos Ruiz, Board Clerk

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Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

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Steven Auslander, Board Member

## Personnel Items - Board Meeting - March 10, 2016

<b>Administrator Contracts</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
<b>Certified Contracts</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
See attached list		Name Did Not Make Last Board Report				
<b>Certified Resignations</b>						
Lindsay Ventola	English Teacher	Moving	TVHS	1.00	\$34,700.00	5/26/2016
Sequoia Rudolph	Special Ed Teacher	Moving	TVHS	1.00	\$36,700.00	5/26/2016
<b>Classified Contracts</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Classified Agreements</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Other Continuations</b>	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Classified Resignations</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
<b>Other Discontinuations</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Lindsay Ventola	Head Cross Country Coach	Moving	EGJH	Varies	\$1,434.00	5/26/2016
Michael Edwards	Leadership Position- TOSA	Personal	TVHS	1.00	\$181.18 per day	5/26/2016
<b>Other New Hires</b>	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Della Thompson	Homebound Teacher	New	EGJH	0.10	\$20/hour	2/24/2016

