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Meeting Minutes 11/06/2014

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School district #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Regular Session on November 6, 2014 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 7:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, President

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Clerk

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member (absent)

Dr. Peter Livingston, Board Member (absent)

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Madisyn Clausen, Student Board Member (absent)

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the agenda, with one modification. The Student Board Report should be delayed and delivered pending Madisyn Clausen’s anticipated arrival time. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS

Student Board Report: None provided (due to Madisyn Clausen’s absence from the meeting).

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Doug Price

- Make a Difference Day Update

A great success. There were approximately 16 projects; 140+ volunteers participated. The projects ranged from addressing the ‘look’ of the campus (example: painting exteriors) to addressing technical needs (example: drainage issues, which affects neighbors). Talented volunteers, including engineers. There were two (2) buses of students from Eller College, UofA – and all worked really hard. Dr. Price will draft a letter of appreciation for the Governing Board members to sign. Mrs. Place reported learning that over 1,000 volunteers participated in Make a Difference Day, including students from Tucson High School. She recommends including Tanque Verde High School students in the future. Dr. Price mentioned that there is a ‘list of needs’ from the community Home Owners Association(s). Our students may be able to volunteer in our community without limiting student volunteerism to this one day and one event.

- REM4 Security Update

This digitized emergency security system is not an expensive system. It would take six to eight weeks to implement. Dr. Price will arrange for a presentation for the Governing Board to review this system.

- Election Results

Dr. Price reported that the community support in this election was greater than ever before. The TVUSD Website includes a Thank You! to the community on the home page. Mr. Neff said that the Board Advisory Committee (Tanque Verde On-Target) created a momentum that should be continued. Dr. Price also said Thank You! to the Governing Board for all of the time, energy,

effort and commitment to this initiative. Mrs. Place appreciates the updates that she sees on the Website, and appreciation goes out to Jesse South for his attention to this.

Enrollment Report: Mr. Adam Hamm

No large changes. Tanque Verde Elementary school has increased by four (4) students. Secondary is down by two (2) students. Mrs. Bower is receiving Open Enrollment applications for next school year. As of Monday, November 3, 68 applications had been submitted.

District Report Card: Mr. Adam Hamm

Nothing substantial on self-reporting. Stifel and Associates issued a Retraction Report – materials finding on continuing disclosures on our bonds. No material findings were found.

Legislative Update: Mr. Jeffrey Neff

Four of seven Bond Issues and Overrides passed in Pima County. It appears that the less affluent school districts didn't pass them. In Phoenix, four passed and six failed, with the same type of demographic correlation. Some legislative races are being decided by a markedly small number of ballots. The votes for the Superintendent of Schools are still being counted. Dr. Price said that it is important that we establish relationships with the politicians who will 'sit and talk' with us. Mrs. Place wants our district to host a Legislative Breakfast, and to invite all persons who have an interest (including past legislators). She, too, stressed the importance of building relationships. Dr. Price said that December 1 is a possible date for this breakfast, to correspond with the ASBA Workshop (topic: Political Activism). Mr. Ruiz agreed that sooner is better than later. Mrs. Place would like to also invite the breakfast participants to stay for the Advocacy session, and to have an opportunity to give their perspectives. If we decide to invite other school districts, we should begin by determining the space, and then put a 'capacity' on the participation. Dr. Price indicated that we will begin to work on this district-sponsored event.

Facilities Report: Dr. Doug Price

- Because of good working relationship with JTED and full occupancy in JTED classes, we negotiated (at low cost to us) a Fire Hydrant. JTED helped to fund this.
- A relationship has been forged with a new Architect and with Engineers who will likely be well suited to help TVUSD with projects at a fraction of the cost.
- Meetings are now being held with building administrators to plan for future FTE for next school year. There may be space issues, particularly at the two Elementary Schools.
- In November, 2014, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted a new statewide achievement test: the AzMERIT. This will be in place no matter who is elected as the state superintendent. There is some uneasiness relative to these changes – and questions about how this will affect teacher evaluations. For TVUSD, we question also how we can better organize the digital resources that are available.
- Dr. Price asked Sally Glennon to provide the Governing Board with an update about the two-day training she and Kim Hubbard attended in Maricopa County. Ms. Glennon reported that that using data to improve student achievement was a major focus of the training. Students should be included when setting goals. It is obvious that TVUSD is different from other districts, as we are mostly high achieving, with very few variances in socioeconomic status or in student diversity. While other districts were talking about 'sub groups', this was not something that 'fit' for TVUSD. We are looking at "new students" who are experiencing 'adjustment' problems (when transitioning into this school district). Common Core standards are causing instruction and assessment to change. Dr. Price said that once we know the test we will better be able to plan. Dr. Price complimented the Building Principals and the Technology Director for piloting

different ‘digitized’ learning methods. We need to learn more about AzMERIT (from Air) as we make decisions – and we are in a time of transition. It would be useful to have a ‘Safe Harbor’ year during this time of transition. This would be a time to pilot new initiatives, operationalize changes, and hold those involved harmless during the changes. Mrs. Place said it is important to communicate with the parents and with the community. We should tell these groups in advance that while it may look like we aren’t achieving as well, it is due to some of these changes that are being implemented. Dr. Price reported that our teachers don’t have the time to be creators of textbooks.

Board Comments: Mrs. Claire Place

- Mr. Ruiz reported that he attended a ‘Lead Local’ Community Share meeting. The intent was to provide an opportunity to ‘connect’ with other community members of various professional backgrounds, and a ‘Bingo’ card was used to find folks with various levels of expertise. Although you couldn’t speak with many people using this format, Mr. Ruiz was able to connect with a professor from the University of Arizona with an interesting background in plant sciences. Mrs. Place said that these are the types of collaborations we are looking for in our own community – it is one of our goals.
- Mrs. Place wants to ensure that we thank our community – for passing the Override. We will thank them for coming out and for showing their support. We also thank the persons involved in the grass roots campaigns from organizations in our own district. We also thank local political representatives, candidates, and parties for their support. There were significant donations that helped in this effort. Thank you to the Governing Board members who gave of their time, personal donations, and for their activity and participation. Thank you to the District Administration who also had a role to play. These folks were fielding questions from the community, and were able to get information out accurately and positively. Mrs. Place received positive feedback from those who called in. Dr. Price noted the good work of Board President Claire Place during the M&O Override communication campaign. She was a great liaison between the school and community. Her work was the glue that held all efforts together and we are all thankful for her leadership.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (*see attached*)

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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Special Education Update – Marilyn Huestis *Dr. Doug Price presented on behalf of Ms. Huestis.* Tanque Verde Unified School District is currently ‘at capacity’ in Special Education enrollments. There is a number that is ‘over capacity’ reported at Agua Caliente Elementary School. The preschool accounts for most of this overage. The preschool situation should be reserved for future discussion. TVES and ACES could both benefit by an addition of two (2) spaces for teaching. The report provided includes numbers of students. There is still a question about how many ‘minutes’ each teacher is spending when teaching each student. This requirement varies with IEPs. We may want to include our Special Education students in their own IEP planning.

B. IT Infrastructure Update – Tony Blackwell

What’s been done? Towers on buildings. Fiber optics are in place. Speed has increased five-fold. Internet bandwidth still needs to increase. There were phone issues at start of school year – due to a Cox move (their issue). We now have a liaison with Cox, which was a positive

outcome. Technology is now in every department, including Food Service, with Easy School Pay, e-mails to parents.

What's next / high priority? Assessment testing. Infrastructure needs – with major thanks to the TV Foundation for the funding. Thanksgiving is the target date for rebuilding systems, during the Holiday break. The goal is for every student to be able to test on-line, simultaneously, wireless. Another priority is driven by the glitches in the announcement systems at the schools; including, broadcasts and bells. We are starting to replace old speakers with new digital ones. Hope to have this resolved by Thanksgiving. Another priority is the replacement of the Visions Server (the HR/Payroll/Finance system in the District Office).

What are we proud of? Grants – Svea Anderson has been for grants affording the opportunity for various technological and creative teacher techniques. At EGJH: Google Apps, Chromebooks, Shared Documents – teachers can view the students' folders. At TVES: All projectors have been replaced (Thank you, PTG!). There are some maintenance / stability issues with projectors. TVUSD switched to a brand that guarantees replacement bulbs at no charge for the lifetime of the projector. At TVHS: Replaced projectors – the Vendor is no longer active, we are currently shopping for a new vendor. On-line digital program, room 502 at the High School, Wendy Conger's class – 75 inch TV used as a presentation and interactive device.

Mrs. Place thanked Tony for being responsive to the PTG questions, and for helping them, and for having a collaborative relationship. Mr. Blackwell mentioned that the support from TVTA and the Foundation is the reason for so many of the devices that we have.

Skool Live Kiosks. Placements of Kiosks being determined – will be outdoors for the most part. They can replace bulletin boards – they will include Announcements; Updates; and some (prescreened) Advertisements. A 'feasibility study' will help to determine future features, such as 'safety related' features.

Assessment Testing. Will pilot multi-user testing after the Winter Break.

Dr. Price said that he appreciates Mr. Blackwell meeting with the building principals. There will increasingly be more integration needed between IT and educational functions. Mr. Blackwell and Ms. Glennon will report to the Governing Board more frequently. Mrs. Place again expressed her appreciation – for the purposeful and goal-oriented approach being demonstrated.

C. State New Assessment – Sally Glennon

Questions linger – will it be an on-line assessment? Or paper and pencil? TVUSD is preparing for on-line assessment. The secondary assessments will be by subject matter (course assessment), not by grade (as will happen in the primary grades). Not yet clear how test results will impact graduation. AIR (AzMERIT came from AIR) developed a test for Utah – the training test is on-line, and it seems much simpler than the PARCC. There are practice tests on ADE Website – 3rd through 11th grade – take a look! They are quite difficult! The new testing will require a knowledge of content and the students must have technology skills to answer the questions. We will have more information after the December State Board of Education Meeting. It is clear that teachers will need additional training. Students should start practicing on a device that will be used for testing. There is a question about whether Special Education students will need to pass the same test. If so, this may result in additional problems/complications. There are also complications when taking in new students, and determining the testing these students have already had. Many questions still need to be answered.

D. Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) – Kevin Davis *Dr. Price, on behalf of Mr. Davis.*

Dr. Price met with Kevin Davis, Madisyn Clausen and Christa Sonderer. Multiple students will be sent to the “Key to Employment for 21st Century” Symposium. This will be held on February 11, 2015, at the UofA, Student Union Ballroom. Madisyn is helping to organize this.

E. Board Self Evaluation (BAA & BAA-E Board Self Evaluation – Dr. Price

The Governing Board is asked to consider whether they would like for Dr. Price to bring Administrators into the discussion. The theme moving forward is ‘Transition’.

- Faculty are been retiring and this trend will continue.
- Employees need continual training during times of change.
- We need continuity in district leadership.

Prepare for the Governing Board Retreat by bringing two to three ‘Transitional Ideas’ that will pay big dividends. Have Self Evaluation documentation ready for the Board Retreat.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Second Reading Policy:

GCCB Professional Support Staff

JFB Open Enrollment

Mr. Ruiz made a motion to approve Policy GCCB Professional Support Staff and Policy JFB Open Enrollment as submitted. Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. EGJH Band Out of State Travel Request

Mr. Neff made a motion to approve the EGJH Band Out of State Travel Request. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

7. Executive session

MOTION: Mr. Ruiz made a motion to adjourn to Executive session pursuant to:

A.R.S. 38-431.03 A. (1) Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee, or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting regarding:

A. Superintendent’s Evaluation

Mr. Neff seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Price and Board Members adjourned to Executive session at 9:18 pm.

At 9:23 pm Superintendent Price and Board Members reconvened the Board meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Climatec initiative resulted in a \$62,000 savings to the district. Energy efficiency is 42% better than the target goal. A representative will present information to the Governing Board.

TEP rebates are coming back. They range from \$25,000 to \$26,000 – very good!

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Climatec will be at the ASBA Meeting.
- Annual Governing Board Conference.
- CBI Evaluation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Mrs. Place adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Kimberly C. Sharp, Human Resources Director

Claire Place, Board President

ABSENT

Peter Livingston, Board Member

Carlos Ruiz, Clerk

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

ABSENT

Steven Auslander, Board President

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - November 6, 2014

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Shana Speer	School Nurse	Replace Virginia Poage	EGJH	1.00	\$32,000.00	11/14/2014
Certified Resignations						
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Arlissa Pelligrino	Food Service Assistant	Replace Alba Lipke	EGJH	0.50	\$8.46	10/28/2014
Other Continuations	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Other Discontinuations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Pattie Holter	Certified Substitute Teacher	Family Responsibilities - no longer available	varies	varies	Sub Pay	10/16/2014
Maria Patterson	Certified Substitute Teacher	None provided	varies	varies	Sub Pay	6/25/2014
OTHER	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Barbara Powers	Substitute Nurse	new	varies	varies	\$20 / hour	10/31/2014
Sequoia Rudolph	Homebound Teacher	new	TVHS	0.10	\$20 / hour	10/27/2014
George Radnothy	Asst. Boys Basketball Coach	Replace Pat McClanahan	EGJH	varies	\$717.00	10/28/2014