

DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved
Meeting Minutes 1/24/2013

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Study Session on January 24, 2013 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd., Bldg #1 - Tucson Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, Board President
Mr. Peter Livingston, Board Clerk
Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member
Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Member
Rachel Dick, TVHS Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent
Mr. Marty O'Shea, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no call to the public.

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

Mr. Auslander and Mr. Livingston asked for clarification on the personnel report relating to the tennis coach position.

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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Exhibit JFB-E, J-1081 Open Enrollment Application

Board Members reviewed Open Enrollment applications from surrounding school districts and concluded they would like our application submission dates adjusted. Dr. Price advised Board Members this request will require the policy to be amended. Board Members asked for this to be brought back for consideration at the next board meeting.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A FY 2012-13 Budget Revision #2

MOTION: Mr. Livingston made a motion to approve FY 2012-13 Budget Revision #2. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. Baptist Church Park MOA

Dr. Price indicated he thought he would have the final draft of the MOA in time for the board meeting but it is still under review.

MOTION: Mr. Livingston made a motion to table this item. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Price read into the record a letter Emily Gray Junior High Social Studies Teacher, Mr. Steve Tobias received from Mr. Steven Spielberg:

January 23, 2013

Dear students and teacher of the 7th grade class of Emily Gray Junior High School,

Please forgive me for my late response to the wonderful letters based on your November 21st screening of our film, LINCOLN. I have been very busy answering questions from the press, from the media, and was even honored to be invited to the White House to show LINCOLN to President Obama and his guest, and several weeks later to then take it and show it to the combined Senate – both Democrats and Republicans. This has been quite a journey for all of us involved in telling this story of Abraham Lincoln and for me personally, one of the most creatively satisfying experiences in my long career.

I may have been influenced to tell the story of Lincoln from my early childhood. When I was six years old, my uncle, who lived in Maryland, took my cousin and me to see the statue of Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. I had never seen such a large figure, in such a gigantic chair sitting back with such strength and pride – that at first, I was too afraid to look into the face of the statue, I only focused my attention on the sculpted hands, fearing that if I looked at the face, that giant of a man might rise to his full height and accidentally step on me. Of course, as a six year old, I had an awfully big imagination which I'm not sure ever went away. But just before leaving the Memorial, I dared myself to look at the face, and when I did, I instantly felt safe and secure.

A decade later, I returned to Washington D.C. and spent at least a half hour staring up at the sage countenance of Lincoln's face and reading the Gettysburg Address inscribed there on the wall. Those were the two seminal moments in my life that led me to the decision to tell this story.

When I read through all of your letters I was gratified to see how all of you so perfectly understood the story we told. Your insights, your observations, and what you learned, was a great personal reward – which I will share with my writer, Tony Kushner, and Daniel Day-Lewis. I guarantee they will read all of your letters, as I have.

My thanks to Steve Tobias and the parent/teacher group that donated the money so you could reserve a private theater in which to view LINCOLN. I am enclosing in this letter a check to reimburse all of you for the gift you have given all of us.

*All my best,
Steven Spielberg*

8. **FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Auslander asked about AP Courses in time for summer

Mrs. Place asked about how we post our call to the public and if we post our policy

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Auslander made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Peter Livingston, Board Clerk

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

