



Governing Board Meeting Summary December 8, 2021

At the December 8, 2021 Regular Governing Board meeting, items addressed included several issues of importance to the upcoming legislative session and 2022-23 school year. In addition, several acknowledgements were made for students, staff and community members, as well the following special acknowledgement for TVUSD Superintendent, Dr. Scott Hagerman.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Hagerman has been selected as the ASA 2021 All Arizona Superintendent of the Year for Medium Districts. Dr. Hagerman will receive his award at the 2021 ASA/ASBA Annual Conference in Scottsdale on December 16th. We hope you'll join us in wishing him congratulations on this very well-deserved recognition. More details are included in the board summary items below. Please see our official media release [here](#).

Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member Lilyana Brummitt reported on activities at Emily Gray Jr. High School and Tanque Verde Elementary School. This is Lilyana's last meeting as the first semester student board member representing TVUSD students. Thank you, Lilyana!

[Student Board Member Report](#)

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hagerman reported on several items, including:

- COVID Data Update

Data from the Arizona Dept. of Health Services was shared. The level of community transmission in Pima County continues to be "High" according to the CDC metrics for Pima County. The number of cases in TVUSD schools has remained relatively low since the ACES outbreak occurred in late October. The current TVUSD COVID-19 Dashboard information may be viewed [here](#).

- Upcoming Legislative Session

Dr. Hagerman stated to the board that it is expected to be a very rough legislative session for schools, so we need to be watchful and prepared to address possible concerns. Following are several issues that are already known to be brought for consideration:

- Board members partisan election
- Ability to sue school districts
- Constitutional limit

The following information from the [Superintendent's Report](#) presentation details the current issue of the Constitutional Budget Expenditure Limit that is of concern to Arizona school districts. For TVUSD, there is \$1.3M at stake. The budget would have to be reduced by that amount by April 1st to avoid going over the constitutional expenditure limit as it is currently written.

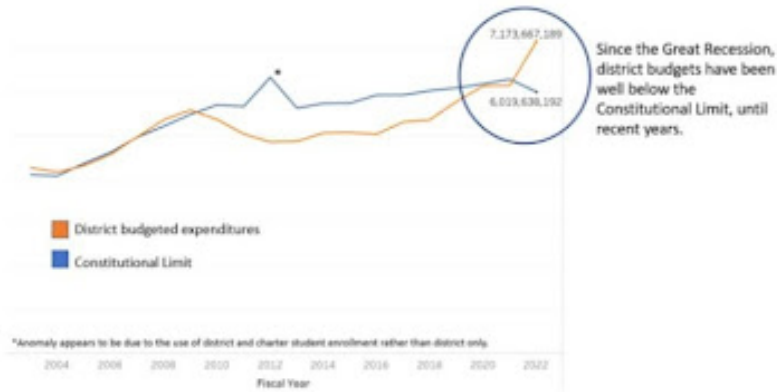
Issues with Constitutional Limit

- Benchmarked in 1979-1980
 - Special education was in its infancy (fewer students and much less costly)
 - Before K-3 Reading and English Learners identified for additional funding
 - Before Career Technical Education districts
- Does not reflect use of "weights" in the funding system (e.g., special education, K-3 reading, etc.)
- Uses student enrollment for the prior year but school budgets reflect students enrolled in the current year.
 - This misalignment is particularly problematic in times of significant increases or decreases in enrollment (e.g., COVID-19).

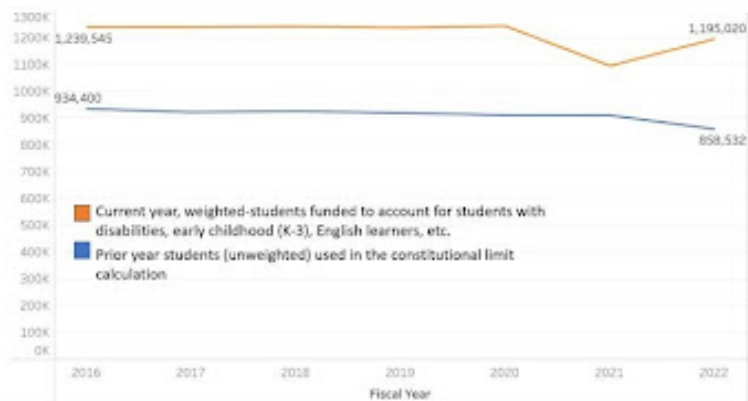
Why is this an issue *NOW*?

- Arizona's historically low funding levels kept expenditures well below the constitutional limit.
- As the state restored recession-era cuts and increased funding for teachers, special education and gifted students, expenditures approached the limit.
- Enrollment decline due to COVID-19 magnified the prior year/current year misalignment in the formulas. In FY22, budgets reflect a significant increase in student enrollment, while the constitutional limit reflects a loss.
 - This, in turn, magnified the discrepancy between weighted vs. unweighted students.
- Classroom Site Fund (Prop 301) is no longer exempt from the limit calculation, more than doubling the amount districts would have otherwise been over the constitutional limit.
 - For twenty years, this fund was exempted because it was authorized by the voters through Prop 301. When Prop 301 expired, the fund and the corresponding tax revenue continue through legislative authority, but the exemption from the limit does not.

Historical District Budgeted Expenditures Compared to the Constitutional Limit



The Constitutional Limit does not reflect the reality of student funding in Arizona.



Please see the [presentation](#) for additional slides and information.

Dr. Hagerman remarked that there needs to be a permanent change made so that school districts don't face this issue on an annual basis. This could be addressed through a complete change to the school funding formulas, which would allow all issues to be dealt with simultaneously.

- 2022-23 School Year Planning

Positions for the 22-23 school year are being posted now to find new teachers to meet growing program needs as follows:

- New Elementary STEAM teachers
- New HS World Language
- New HS Math
- Other Open Positions

Election of Officers

The Election of Officers for the 2022 board year was held. Unanimously elected to the following positions were:

- President - Anne Velosa
- Clerk - Susan Fry

Outgoing President Susan Fry was thanked for her outstanding leadership throughout the past, very challenging, pandemic year. Incoming President Anne Velosa was commended by Susan Fry for her thorough preparation for meetings, and her willingness to attend training and seek opportunities to further her knowledge of school board governance.

New Construction Update

Dr. Hagerman reported on the progress of the new construction, renovations and remediation projects that are underway at all district campuses.

- Timelines (See presentation)
- Site by site status updates (See below)
- Photos of work (See presentation)

Please see the presentation for photographs depicting the following construction progress described by Dr. Hagerman.

- The building at EGJH is progressing in a timely manner. The steel for the high school classroom building is arriving Monday.
- A lot of ground work and moving of utilities is in progress at most sites. There have been profound challenges due to working over and around existing utilities.
- The high school science building pad has been poured.
- The Library renovation is underway for the new HS Administration building.
- The Tanque Verde Elementary retaining wall has been completed. The building pad has not yet been poured as site prep work is still ongoing.

Superintendent Update: [New Construction Update Presentation](#)

EstimatingPlus Consulting Report: [TVUSD November Overview and Business Report](#)

Student Learning Update

TVHS Biology Teacher, Mr. Hunter Jones presented detailed information on the new science classroom and equipment updates that are being made to expand and enhance the Science Department Programs at Tanque Verde High School.

Three major questions formed the Department Objectives in acquiring new equipment:

1. What equipment and classroom facilities are out of date?
2. In what areas do we have a low quantity of equipment which is preventing student progress?
3. Can we acquire new or different measurement devices to better show student learning, and how can we upgrade lab equipment to the level that students would see in university classroom labs, for example - balances that are becoming out of date and losing calibration.

Mr. Jones remarked that one of his goals is to upgrade his classroom equipment and technology, allowing him to build a progression of experiences which allow students to conduct higher level experiments and use advanced materials from one year to

the next. He drew a distinction between education grade vs. professional grade materials. Better materials and equipment will produce results that will be much more accurate and consistent, and will improve student outcomes over time.

Another example given was probeware, which is scientific equipment that allows probes to be interfaced with computer software to collect data to support students in interpreting and analyzing data.

Dr. Hagerman stated our funding has been dramatically improved through the passage of the bond coupled with the restoration of education funding. The Bond has allowed us to regain funding to more optimal levels. We are currently in a place to make these improvements, and to support a future refresh cycle from the restoration of our annual school funding.

Dr. Cislak added that the new classrooms were designed to be flexible to support future program changes and/or growth.

Mr. Jones thanked the board for the opportunity to improve the equipment and the science classrooms and labs for TVHS students.

Important Dates & Information

- Friday, December 17 - End of 2nd Quarter/Grading Day NO SCHOOL
- Monday, December 20 - Friday, December 31 - Winter Break NO SCHOOL
- Monday, January 3 - Return from Winter Break CLASSES RESUME
- Wednesday, January 12 - Governing Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 26 - Governing Board Meeting

January Events Calendar

Next Governing Board Meeting Date:

The next Regular Meeting of the TVUSD Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, **January 12th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Tanque Verde Elementary School Library.

A Call to the Public will be held at the first meeting of each month. The Virtual Call to the Public Form is available from 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

- [Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- [TVUSD Board Meeting Livestream Link](#)
- [TVUSD Virtual Call to the Public Form](#)



Student, Staff & Community Acknowledgments



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Congratulations to the following students and staff who were recognized for their kindness during the month of November ~

Teachers/Staff

- ❖ Lorraine Blackmon, TVHS
- ❖ Nancy Ingerson, ACES
- ❖ Joanna Vega, TVES

Students

- ❖ Kinsley, ACES 3rd Grade Student
- ❖ Naliyah, ACES 4th Grade Student
- ❖ Jackson, TVES 5th Grade Student
- ❖ Payson, TVES 5th Grade Student
- ❖ Tommy Waldsmith, EGJH Student*



Congratulations to the following EGJHS students for their accomplishments~

- ❖ EGJH Boys Basketball Team - Undefeated 2021 Season & Southern Valley League Champions
- ❖ EGJH Volleyball Team - 1st Place, Southern Volleyball League Champions
- ❖ EGJH Volleyball Team - 1st Place Citizenship Award, Southern Volleyball League



Thank you to the following staff members for their work on the ELA Curriculum Adoption Committee ~

- ❖ Tiffany Hodge, Director of Student Services

Agua Caliente Elementary

- ❖ Chris Rietz Principal
- ❖ Sandy Herfkens Assistant Principal
- ❖ Lynette Gilmartin Interventionist
- ❖ Deb Goepfrich 1st Grade Teacher
- ❖ Terri Williams 2nd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Holly Lopez Kindergarten Teacher
- ❖ Shannon Jeffrey 3rd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Savannah Hopkins 4th Grade Teacher
- ❖ Stacey Carter 5th Grade Teacher
- ❖ Susannah Johnson 6th Grade Teacher

Tanque Verde Elementary

- ❖ Emma Batty Principal
- ❖ Julie Laird Assistant Principal
- ❖ Karen Hla Interventionist
- ❖ Kristen Kvaran Preschool SpEd
- ❖ Diana Nottingham Teacher/Director
- ❖ Courtney Garcia Kindergarten Teacher
- ❖ Kim Roh 1st Grade Teacher
- ❖ Marci Becker 2nd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Lisa Nielsen 3rd Grade Teacher
- ❖ Angela Hixon 4th Grade Teacher
- ❖ Cindy Adkins 5th Grade Teacher
- ❖ 6th Grade Teacher



Congratulations to the following staff members for their recognition ~

- ❖ Kristen Kvaran, TV Community Preschool - Appointed to the Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative Advisory Board

Thank you to Rincon Rotary for their continued support with the following recent donations ~

- ❖ ACES - Occupational Therapy Materials
- ❖ ACES - 3rd Grade Dictionaries



*Dr. Scott Hagerman, Superintendent
Tanque Verde Unified School District*

***Congratulations,
Dr. Scott Hagerman!***



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