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Meeting Minutes 2/24/2015

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Study Session on February 24, 2015 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 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, President

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

Dr. Peter Livingston, Clerk (absent)

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Madisyn Clausen, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Adam Hamm, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Governing Board did not hold a call to the public during this session.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (see attached)

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

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Audit Update – Mr. Hamm

Mr. Hamm reported there are no material findings for the audit report period ending June 30, 2014. Mr. Hamm added he does not anticipate any material findings for the next audit period. Following is Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. CPAs and Business Consultants Auditor's report summary:

*Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditor's Report

Governing Board

Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained

in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 26, 2014. Our report included an emphasis of matter paragraph as to comparability because of the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 65.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly,

we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

B. Legislative Update – Dr. Price

1. TV A Plus

Dr. Price said Tanque Verde Association of Parents and Leaders United for Schools (TV A- Plus) hosted a Legislative Forum on Thursday, Feb. 19. All District 10 representatives were invited to the forum; however, only Senator Bradley participated in the Forum. He talked about current education bills to watch closely in the House and Senate. He also spoke about education finance reform. He answered questions from those in attendance. Dr. Price said the Forum was well attended and informative. Mr. Neff was in attendance that evening.

2. Legislation

i. Bills of Concern

Dr. Price shared the following information from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) regarding current education bills under consideration:

SB 1406 – FAILED Senate Third Read on a 15-14-1 vote.

(Schools; audit findings; financial penalty)

This bill requires ADE or the Superintendent of Public Instruction to notify a district or charter if they've failed to take corrective action to comply with audit findings and allows the SBE or Superintendent to direct ADE to withhold up to 10% of state aid monthly apportionment if a district or charter is found in non-compliance after 60 days of notice. Once compliance is achieved, withheld monies are returned to the district or charter. ASBA opposes this bill; this is redundant and burdensome and potentially put districts at risk for FERPA violation.

HB 2109 – PASSED the House COW (Committee of the Whole).

(ballot; form; secondary property taxes)

This bill adds ballot language for a bond that are to be repaid with secondary property taxes, that articulates what a "yes" vote means and "no" vote. ASBA opposes this bill – this measure to add ballot language to depress bond passages.

HB 2153 – Held on House Third Read.

(tax credits; STOs; preapproval; entities)

This bill further expands the corporate scholarship tax credit to allow any S Corporations and Limited Liability Companies to make donations under the corporate scholarship tax credit program. ASBA opposes this expansion of access to corporate tax breaks while traditional public schools still lack adequate funding.

HB 2174 – Held on House Third Read.

(empowerment scholarship accounts; grandchildren)

This bill would expand eligibility of empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) to grandchildren being raised by their grandparents. ASBA opposes this voucher expansion.

HB 2479 – PASSED the House Third Read on a 58-0-2 vote.

(schools; financial revisions)

This bill allows a county school superintendent to make electronic transfers, modifies posting requirements for school district budgets and allows student activities and auxiliary operation fund monies to be deposited with the county treasurer. ASBA supports this bill.

SB 1172 – PASSED Senate Third Read on an 18-11-1 vote.

(schools; information; political activity; prohibition)

This bill would prohibit school districts and charters from releasing any information, including directory information, to any person or group that seeks to engage in any political activity, including bonds and overrides. ASBA opposes, as this bill distinguishes between types of uses for directory information that may be unconstitutional. Prohibiting the disclosure of directory information to those engaging in lawful political speech is protected under the First Amendment; however, this bill takes the unique position of stating that commercial speech has a higher level of protection than political speech. It also puts districts in a difficult position of determining if a person is using the information for political purposes or not.

SB 1305 – PASSED Senate COW.

(continuous improvement; academic standards committee)

This bill establishes the 12-member Arizona Continuous Improvement Academic Standards Committee in the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), with specific charges all around seeking public input on Arizona education standards. This is an ADE bill.

C. Tucson Festival of Books

Dr. Price announced the festival is Saturday, March 14 and on Sunday, March 15, at the University of Arizona. The district has participated each year. It's another way of supporting our community. Mr. Neff said he would volunteer for Sunday, March 15.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The 2016-17 School Calendar

March 12 Board meeting Principals and Ms. Glennon to present preparation for the AzMerit Test

Mrs. Place asked if Mrs. Rosalik could provide an update on the Cradle to Career meeting

Section 504 update – Mrs. Rosalik and Ms. Centers
McKinney Vento, Digital programs, Leadership Academy, Bowie School
SAIS coordinator Mrs. McCollom to demonstrate the new ADE Dash Board
ADE Connect Continuous Improvement – Dr. Price, Mr. Hamm and Mrs. Sharp

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Price announced Daniel Homoki from ACES and Brett Lewis from TVES won the Festival of Books 2015 young Illustrator Competition. Also, Andrew Smith from ACES was a finalist in the Festival of Books Young Authors competition. Thanks to these students teachers for all of their efforts in helping these students with their applications for this completion. Mrs. Marrano, the elementary art teacher, went above and beyond in this effort.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Mrs. Place adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

ABSENT

Peter Livingston, Clerk

Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Steven Auslander, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - February 24, 2015

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Resignations						
Michael Stock	Science Teacher	Requests return as an ESI Ee	EGJH	1.00	\$42,286.00	5/22/2015
Sharon Akridge	Social Studies Teacher	Retirement	TVHS	1.00	\$41,856.00	5/22/2015
Susan Johnson	Gifted Teacher	Retirement / currently an ESI Ee	ACES	1.00	\$35,800.00	5/22/2015
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Other Continuations	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Michael Stock	Science Teacher	Return as an ESI Teacher	EGJH	1.00	\$37,000.00	8/3/2015
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Ayla Johnson	Food Service Assistant	Personal Reasons	TVHS	0.313	\$8.39	2/17/2015
Other Discontinuations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Jennifer Snyder	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	Relocating	TVHS	Varies	\$2,868.00	2/16/2015
Other New Hires	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Julie Ann Hengemuehler	Assistant Basketball Coach	New / Volunteer	EGJH	varies	\$0.00	SY 14/15
John Puia	Assistant Golf Coach	New / Volunteer	TVHS	varies	\$0.00	SY 14/15
Jared Isaacman	Head Girls Tennis Coach	Shared Assignment with Jenny Snyder	TVHS	varies	\$1,768.00	SY 14/15
Jenny Snyder	Head Girls Tennis Coach	Shared Assignment with Jared Isaacman	TVHS	varies	\$1,100.00	SY 14/15
Colleen Rojas	Substitute Teacher	New	Varies	varies	Sub Wage	SY 14/15
Nancy Richards	Substitute Teacher	New	Varies	varies	Sub Wage	SY 14/15
Sean Walter Coldiron	Baseball Program Volunteer, TVHS	New	Varies	varies	\$0.00	SY 14/15
Molly Romano-Homoki	Substitute Teacher	New	Varies	varies	Sub Wage	SY 14/15
Lori McLaughlin	Substitute Teacher	Currently a Parapro, will add these duties	Varies	varies	Sub Wage	SY 14/15
Zukowski, Barbara	Substitute Teacher	New	Varies	Varies	Retiree/ Sub	SY 14/15