

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGUA FRIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #216
District Office Boardroom
1481 N. Eliseo Felix Jr. Way, Avondale, AZ 85323
May 9, 2018**

Mrs. Gina DeCoste, Clerk
Ms. Maxine Hill, Member
Mr. Tom Rosztoczy, Member
Mrs. Mariana Sandoval, Member
Mrs. Mary Kay Utecht, President

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Dr. Dennis Runyan, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Huffman, Executive Director, Educational Services
Mrs. Marcie Rodriguez, Executive Director, Finance
Mrs. Sandra Haiflich, Executive Director, Accountability and Accreditation
Mr. Mike Shepard, Executive Director, Support Services
Mrs. Sheila Sorenson, Executive Director, Human Resources
Mrs. Kristen Tiffany, Principal, Verrado High School
Mrs. Julie Jones, Principal, Desert Edge High School
Ms. Tamee Gressett, Principal, Millennium High School
Mr. Phillip Nowlin, Planning Principal, Canyon View High School
Dr. Shelle Schlosser, Director, Non-Traditional Programs
Mr. Sean Smith, Director, Data and Assessment
Ms. Anne Wisener, Director, Career and Technical Education
Ms. Mary Hammonds, Director, Facilities and Maintenance
Dr. Grant Conway, Director, Curriculum

**ADMINISTRATORS
PRESENT**

Jill Thomas, Kathy Gross, Kyle Brumbaugh, Kim Coburn, Kim Laguardia, C. Mike Sinor, Jennifer Cole, Steve Johnson, Bill Lucas, Jeff Stroud, Kim Lincoln, Tanya Hooper, Jessica Cox, Lucy Swig, Eric Oliphant, Larry Robb, Gen Turnbull, Brooke McCormick, Paloma Perez, Catherine Crary, Lisa Dailey, Lino Robles, Dana McCarty

STAFF PRESENT

Gina Coburn, Jocelyn Garcia, Aaron McKinney, Catherine Broski, Dolores Broski

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Utecht called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER –
PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

The following retirees were recognized for their years of service to the District:

RECOGNITIONS

Eric Oliphant – 12 years
Martin Purnell (not present) – 13 years
Steve Johnson – 26 years
Larry Robb – 12 years

**CELEBRATION OF
RETIREES**

Additional retirees will be recognized at the June 13, 2018 Board meeting.

Coldwater Academy student Jeffrey Favela Wolfe received a standing ovation and resounding applause for “beating the odds” and earning the chance to walk with his class at Millennium’s graduation having earned the credits necessary for his high school diploma. Jeffrey shared his Coldwater Academy success story and said that, without this program and the support of Dr. Schlosser and Mrs. Harrelson, he may have continued down a path leading away, rather than toward, earning his diploma. Jeffrey was presented with a certificate from the Board as well as a plaque from Mrs. Harrelson which says, “Life is all about how you navigate Plan B.”

*COLDWATER ACADEMY
STUDENT JEFFREY
FAVELA WOLFE*

Mrs. Gressett recognized Catherine Broski and Cynthia Celaya (not present) for their leadership with March for Our Lives movement in the west valley. Miss Broski shared the March for Our Lives goals and how she’s working locally to promote civic engagement for the movement. She was presented with a certificate and the Board expressed their appreciation for her efforts and those of Miss Celaya.

*CATHERINE BROSKI,
CYNTHIA CELAYA,
MARCH FOR OUR LIVES
LEADERS*

It was moved by Mrs. Utecht to convene a Public Hearing pursuant to A.R.S. 15-948(C) and (D), and 15-905(D) to review Revision #3 to the Expenditure Budget, including the Maintenance and Operations and District Additional Assistance Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sandoval, and carried unanimously.

**CONVENE PUBLIC
HEARING TO REVIEW
BUDGET REVISION #3**

Mrs. Rodriguez gave an overview of the budget revisions:

- Maintenance and Operations – Increase of \$553,525
- Instructional Improvement – Increase of \$56,175
- Classroom Site Fund – Increase of \$160,698
- Unrestricted Capital Outlay – Decrease of \$796,166
- Adjacent Ways – Increase of \$1,988,259

PUBLIC HEARING

The revisions were necessary as a result of adjustments (decreases) to Average Daily Membership (ADM), Weighted ADM, the Base Level and District Additional Assistance.

Mrs. Rodriguez responded to questions from the Board related to how the decrease in ADM might impact staffing and defined District Additional Assistance. There were no questions from the audience.

It was moved by Mr. Rosztoczy to adjourn the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sandoval, and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC
HEARING**

It was moved by Mr. Rosztoczy to approve Revision #3 to the Expenditure Budget, including the Maintenance and Operations and District Additional Assistance Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. DeCoste, and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET
REVISION #3**

It was moved by Mrs. DeCoste to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hill, and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Sandoval announced that the Jobs for Arizona Graduates presentation would need to be rescheduled for another date.

*JOBS FOR ARIZONA
GRADUATES*

Mrs. Sorenson and Mrs. Rodriguez gave an overview of the 301 budget and Performance Pay Plan process. Components of the presentation included a review of the statutory requirements, the three funds and how they are utilized and fund balances. Three pay-out scenarios spanning five years with projected impact on the balances were shared. Mrs. Rodriguez discussed legislation recently passed, as well as the potential for future legislation that may impact the funding through a change in the tax percentage and/or a redirect of the funding.

*CLASSROOM SITE FUND
AND PERFORMANCE
PAY PLAN*

A committee will be convened later this month to review the District's current 301 Performance Pay Plan, gather input and discuss options. A new Performance Pay Plan for the 2018-2019 school year will be drafted and presented to the Board and to teachers in August. Teachers will have the opportunity to vote on the draft Plan before consideration of approval by the Board, also in August. Mrs. Sorenson said the goal will be to have a Plan that has been approved by teachers and the Board as early in the school year as possible to allow ample time for teachers to develop and begin to implement their performance goals.

The Call to Public agenda item allows individuals the opportunity to address the Governing Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. There were two requests to speak.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Jocelyn Garcia, a student at Millennium, addressed the Board regarding her previous request for a policy change enabling seniors to wear the regalia (cords, stoles, etc.) they have earned during their graduation ceremonies. The ability to wear additional regalia on senior honors nights is not enough. Miss Garcia urged the Board to request a future agenda item for review of the policy.

Mike Sinor, President of the Agua Fria District Education Association (AFDEA), said it was inequitable that teachers who chose to participate in the recent teacher walk-out were required to use a full-day of leave. He asked the Board to convert the absences to half-days. Mr. Sinor also asked that the Board to consider paying out additional funds from the District's 301 Fund 12 to teachers on the August 7, 2018 paycheck and said that he hopes AFDEA leadership is part of the decision-making process regarding new funding from the state.

The Support Success in Algebra Study is a yearlong research project conducted by the Educational Development Center through Boston College University. The purpose of the study is to investigate the effects of the Transition to Algebra curriculum on student algebra achievement and attitudes toward mathematics. Mr. Huffman said participation in the study will provide support for students falling in the bottom 25% in math achievement.

**APPROVAL TO
PARTICIPATE IN
ALGEBRA STUDY WITH
BOSTON COLLEGE**

It was moved by Mrs. DeCoste to approve the District's participation in the Supporting Success in Algebra Study with Boston College University. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sandoval, and carried unanimously.

The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) between AFUHSD and McCarthy Building Companies governs the construction, including pricing, of the new field house at Desert Edge High School. The contract is currently still under review by the District’s attorney, but Mr. Shepard recommended that the Board approve and authorize Dr. Runyan to sign the contract pending completion of the legal review in order to stay on track with the construction schedule.

**GUARANTEED
MAXIMUM PRICE
CONTRACT APPROVAL
FOR DESERT EDGE
FIELD HOUSE**

It was moved by Ms. Hill to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Construction Manager at Risk, McCarthy Building Companies, for the Desert Edge field house and authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract agreement pending final attorney review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. DeCoste, and carried unanimously.

Christopher Todd Communities will be developing a property at the southeast corner of Dysart and Indian School Roads that will bring 373 multi-family rental properties to the community. Under current attendance zones, students from this development will attend Agua Fria High School. This agreement outlines the developer’s commitment to participate in a partnership to give the district a voluntary donation of \$200 per residential unit in order to mitigate the impact of the increased student population.

**APPROVAL OF
DEVELOPER
DONATION
AGREEMENT WITH
CHRISTOPHER TODD,
LLC**

It was moved by Mrs. DeCoste to approve the Developer Donation Agreement with Christopher Todd, LLC for the multi-family rental development, Christopher Todd on Indian School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hill, and carried unanimously.

Dr. Runyan explained that the District has been fortunate to benefit from a grant awarded to the City of Goodyear that has covered the cost of the school resource officers at Millennium and Desert Edge for several years. That grant is now ending. This Intergovernmental Agreement outlines the covenants for the provision of a school resource officer at Millennium for the upcoming school year with a 50%/50% split of the costs between City and District, which is consistent with the agreements the District has with the cities of Avondale and Buckeye.

**APPROVAL OF IGA
WITH CITY OF
GOODYEAR FOR
SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICERS FOR 2018-
2019**

Dr. Runyan further clarified that in order to assist the District in building budget capacity for the new expense, the City agreed to continue to pay in full for the school resource officer at Desert Edge for one year only. This agreement is not reflected in the new IGA and Ms. Hill expressed her concern. She asked that an addendum or memo be attached to the IGA that addresses the agreement with regard to Desert Edge. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Hill to approve the IGA with the City of Goodyear for School Resource Officer Services for the 2018-2019 school year with the added memo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosztochy, and carried unanimously.

On March 6, 2018, the Agua Fria Union High School District issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Yearbook Printing Services. The solicitation was sent to six vendors that were registered on the District bidder's list as well as advertised in the official newspaper of Maricopa County. The District received 5 proposals for this RFP.

**AWARD OF RFP 18-03-06
FOR YEARBOOK
PRINTING SERVICES**

An evaluation committee was formed which consisted of yearbook sponsors and school site administration. The members of the evaluation committee evaluated and scored the proposals based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP packet and, as a result, recommend that the Board award the RFP to Balfour Publishing and Herff Jones. Award of this RFP to the recommended vendors will help to maintain the cost expended on yearbook printing, which was approximately \$68,000.00 in the current year.

It was moved by Mr. Rosztoczy to approve the award of RFP 18-03-06 for yearbook printing services to Balfour Publishing and Herff Jones. The motion was seconded by Mrs. DeCoste, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sorenson presented a recommendation for approval of a new job description for the position of Interventionist. An Interventionist would use real-time student data analysis, coupled with the application of best practice in instructional strategies to increase academic achievement and student learning.

APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION – INTERVENTIONIST

Mrs. Angela Madsen, Director of Federal Programs, said this would be an opportunity to support the Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) through data utilization. If the District is able to hire, the positions would be supported with Title I funding and will only be hired at the District’s two Title I schools. Mrs. Utecht spoke in opposition to the positions stating that there are better means for intervention than by hiring more staff.

It was moved by Ms. Hill to approve the job description for Interventionist. The motion was seconded by Mrs. DeCoste, and carried with four “yes” votes. Mrs. Utecht voted “no.”

It was moved by Ms. Hill to approve the following priorities to be submitted to the Arizona School Boards Association for the Legislative Committee’s consideration to include in their 2019 Political Agenda:

APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Provide additional state funding for nationally competitive salaries to attract, recruit and retain talented teachers.
- Revise the School Finance formula to provide a stable revenue source less reliant on the general fund or annual legislative appropriation; Fund the implementation and ongoing costs of AZ standards, assessments and technology; Allow districts the option to operate individual schools for 200-day school years and increase accompanying funding to 8% from 5% to improve student achievement; Establish statewide poverty weights within the school funding formula.
- Fully restore 9th grade CTE/JTED eligibility and funding to allow students to explore career fields and/or certification completion.
- Reform of ELL to align with research on how a second language is acquired.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Utecht, and carried unanimously.

BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Rosztoczy moved the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hill, and carried with a 5-0 vote. The following items were approved:

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.2, *Ratification of Human Resource Report containing the hiring of new employees, reassignments, requests for leave of absence, resignations, retirements, terminations, extra duty assignments and volunteers.

*HUMAN RESOURCE
REPORT*

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.3, Consideration of Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests, including:

*OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
REQUESTS*

Zoe Sheperd, Millennium Culinary Arts teacher, to attend Johnson & Wales Summer Educator Program 2018: Continuing Education Units for Baking & Pastry, Level 1 in Denver, Colorado, July 14-21, 2018.

Desert Edge Football players (25) and Coaches/Chaperones Jose Lucero, Travis Guiney, Austyn Hall, Trevor Chaco, Ian Gardner and Colyn Poe to attend the University of San Diego's Football Passing Camp in San Diego, California, June 7-10, 2018.

Millennium Football players (30) and Coaches/Chaperones Lamar Early, Gerrit Groenewald, Mike Loprich, Larry Craft, Deveron Hightower, Mathius Early and Jermaine Austin to attend the University of San Diego's Football Passing Camp in San Diego, California, June 8-10, 2018.

Millennium Girls Basketball players (12) and Coaches/Chaperones Courtland Rojeck and Tamika Stukes Daniel to attend the University of San Diego's Cindy Fisher Girls' Basketball Team Camp, in San Diego, California, June 22-24, 2018.

Millennium Boys Basketball players (12) and Coaches/Chaperones Ay Amundsen, Dale Castro, Brian Greer and Nick Kovats to attend the Boys' Basketball Classic in Mission Viejo, California, June 21-26, 2018.

Verrado Football players (100) and Coaches/Chaperones Tom Ward, Ernest Urquieta, Donn Duplain, Tee Hampton, Jimmy Richardson, Scott Kneisel, Demetrius Brown, Sean Moran, Hector Gamez and Lionel Varvel to attend Cal Lutheran University's Summer Football Camp in Thousand Oaks, California, July 14-18, 2018.

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.4, *Ratification of Payroll Vouchers #1026 and Expense Vouchers #8070, 8071, 8072, and 8073. Vouchers represent orders for payment of material, equipment, salaries and services.

*PAYROLL AND EXPENSE
VOUCHERS*

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.5, *Ratification of the Gifts and Donations Report for the Month of April 2018 containing gifts and donations in support of the District from students, parents, staff and community members. The following donations were approved:

*GIFTS AND DONATIONS
REPORT*

Valley Schools Management Group - \$1,502.00 for sponsorship of 2018 Spirit of Agua Fria Awards/Celebration

Juan/Helen Osorio – musical instrument valued at \$58.98 for Agua Fria High School

Homeless Youth Connection – athletic equipment valued at \$4,000.00 for Agua Fria High School

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.6, *Ratification of the Student Activity Report for the Month of April 2018 showing the expenditures and account balances in club and student activity accounts for Agua Fria, Desert Edge, Millennium and Verrado High Schools.

*STUDENT ACTIVITY
REPORT*

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.7, *Ratification of the District General Expense Report for the Month Ending April 30, 2018.

*DISTRICT GENERAL
EXPENSE REPORT*

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.8, *Consideration of Approval of the Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southwest Behavioral for the 2018-2019 School Year for identification, support and assistance for students and families in need of behavioral health services.

*RENEWAL OF MOU WITH
SOUTHWEST
BEHAVIORAL FOR THE
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR*

APPROVED. Consent Agenda Item 11.9, *Consideration of Approval for the Disposal of Obsolete Technology Equipment

*APPROVAL FOR THE
DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE
TECHNOLOGY
EQUIPMENT*

Dr. Runyan reported on the following:

- School Safety Conference
- Progress of Accelerator at Canyon View
- West Valley Women's Meeting
- Aspiring Administrators Cohort
- Millennium's Culinary Arts catering services at Spirit of Agua Fria Breakfast
- Greater Phoenix Education Management Council meeting hosted by AFUHSD
- National School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas attended by Mrs. Utecht, Mrs. DeCoste, Mrs. Sandoval, Dr. Runyan and Mrs. Haiflich
- Meeting with Rosztoczy Foundation's College Promise students
- Graduation preparation

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

There were no reports given by the Board.

**GOVERNING BOARD
MEMBER REPORTS**

The following items were requested by the Board:

- Phone call with Mrs. Rodriguez to review any changes to the District's contract with the Arizona Risk Retention Trust when the new contract is available (Mrs. Utecht)
- Presentation on staffing to include year-end numbers and hiring status for next year (Mrs. Utecht)
- Study Session to present 301 Performance Pay Plan recommendations from the 301 committee prior to Board consideration of approval (Mr. Rosztoczy)

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

Dr. Runyan announced that the Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) - Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney(s) of the public body; and A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4) - Discussion or consultation with the attorney(s) of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorney(s) regarding the public body's position related to the Injunction for Workplace Harassment against Justin Blackburn was not needed at this time per the attorney for the public body.

**CONVENE EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The agenda item, Consideration of Direction to the Attorney(s) of the Public Body related to items discussed in Executive Session, was not needed since the Executive Session did not occur.

CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY(S) OF THE PUBLIC BODY RELATED TO ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Sandoval, seconded by Mr. Rosztoczy, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

** Complete and approved lists/reports are available upon request in the Superintendent's Office and/or can be found as posted with the May 9, 2018 agenda on BoardDocs.*

President	_____
Clerk	_____
Member	_____
Member	_____
Member	_____
Superintendent	_____