



Governing Board Minutes
343 N. Carlisle Ave
Somerton, AZ.
On Tuesday, March 25, 2014
At 8:00 am

Notice of Public Meeting

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.02. Notice of this Public Meeting has been appropriately posted. The Board will consider the item(s) listed on the agenda and will take action when necessary and appropriate. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice on any item on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephone.

Attending Board: **Fern Soto** **Fernando Villega** **C. David Gonzalez**
Araceli Juarez

Absent Board: **Leticia Yopez**

Attending Staff: **Jerry Cabrera** **Margarita Camacho**

1. Opening and Announcements

1.1. Call to Order

Mr. Gonzalez called the board meeting to order at 8:12 am.

1.2. Call for Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to **A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A1**--Discussion or consideration of Employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public office.

A.R.S. §38-431.03-- Executive Sessions

Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

The Governing Board will screen applicant submissions for the position of District Superintendent.

Mr. Gonzalez stated there is a need to enter Executive Session after agenda Item 2.1.

2. Discussion

2.1. Arizona School Boards Association will present the Governing Board with information regarding the applicant screening process for the position of Superintendent.

Mr. Highlen presented the information regarding the applicant screening process.

- There are ten applicants applying for the Superintendent position.
- From those ten applicants they selected only those applicants the board members feel comfortable that they will be the right person for the district.

Mr. Gonzalez moved for an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. Section A.R.S. §38-431.03.A1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Villegas. Motion passed. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:16 a.m.

MOTION to adjourn Executive Session and resume Governing Board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez moved to resume the Governing Board at 11:06 a.m. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed

3. Action Items

- 3.1. The Governing Board will discuss and consider the selection of candidates for the position of District Superintendent that will be invited to interview with the Board.

Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to consider offering an interview to the following number candidates 5, 8, 9, 10. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Highlen re-stated for the record that board members chose candidates 5, 8, 9, 10. He will be contacting #5 Laura Noel, #8 Kimberly Seh, #9 Jeff St. Clair and #10 Jose Urena.

- 3.2. The Governing Board will discuss and consider the process and schedule for interviewing for the position of District Superintendent.

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez made a motion that the ASBA Representative establish a contact and an interview schedule including a meet and greet with the community. Current administration will ensure the community, staff members and city leadership are informed about the event. A special invitation will be sent including information on the location, time and that refreshments will be served. Ms. Soto seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3.3. The Governing Board will discuss and consider specific questions to be used with each candidate for the position of District Superintendent.

Mr. Highlen discussed the forty-four interview questions and he recommended the questions be narrowed down to less than 14 questions.

The board members outlined the number of questions.

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez made a motion for the ASBA consultant to revise the questions to 12-14. Also, key words will be added to the questions on stakeholder diversity, Common Core. Additionally, questions about budgets, finance, and separation of personal and professional lives will be added. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 3.4. Arizona School Boards Association will present information regarding training opportunities with the Board and new Superintendent.

Mr. Highlen recommended that the Governing Board members and the new Superintendent have training with the ASBA representative to discuss the following:

- Board Goals
- Expectations
- Board Vision
- Committee involvement
- Superintendent Evaluation

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez asked the board members to confirm their commitment to hold the training before November 2014. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Mr. Villegas seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Signature of Board President/Clerk



Date