

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ASH  
FORK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31**

**MINUTES**

**Date: January 8, 2019 Time: 4:15 PM Place: In the Library**

**I. Call to Order – Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:15pm**

**A. Roll Call**

Board Secretary, Sue Atkinson read the roll:

Board Members **present** / absent:

**President: Mike Wilson**

**Members: Susan Barnes**

**Melvin Stump**

**Joe Fairchild**

**Laurie Anderson-Granger**

Superintendent: **Seth Staples**

Business Manager: **Sue Atkinson**

II. Election of Governing Board President.

III. Election of Governing Board Vice President.

IV. Election of Governing Board Clerk.

V. Establish Regular Meeting Date and Time.

VI. Establish Official Public Notice Locations.

**Melvin Stump made the motion keep the officers, meeting date and posting location the same: Mike Wilson will remain President for a period of two years, Laurie Granger will remain Vice President, Susan Barnes will remain Clerk. Regular meeting date and time will be the second Tuesday of each month at 4:15pm in the school library. The official public notice location shall remain at the school, 46999 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Ash Fork, AZ and on the website, [www.afjUSD.org](http://www.afjUSD.org). It was seconded by Susan Barnes. Yay votes: Laurie Granger, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. Unanimously approved.**

**II. Adjournment. Melvin Stump made the motion to adjourn the organizational meeting at 4:28pm. It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. Unanimously approved.**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE**  
**ASH FORK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31**  
**46999 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Ash Fork, Arizona**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public that the Governing Board for Ash Fork Joint Unified School District No. 31 will convene a Regular Board Meeting at the time, date, and place indicated. **Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (the Board may vote to convene in executive session to review personnel, confidential and/or legal matters related to those items marked by an asterisk\*)**

**Date: January 8 2018 4:30pm in the Library**

**MINUTES**

**III. Call to Order Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:30PM**

**A. Roll Call**

Board Secretary, Sue Atkinson read the roll:

Board Members **present** / absent:

**President: Mike Wilson**

**Members: Susan Barnes**

**Melvin Stump**

**Joe Fairchild**

**Laurie Anderson-Granger**

Superintendent: **Seth Staples**

Business Manager: **Sue Atkinson**

Special Ed Director: **Sharon Wollenzien**

Student Council President: Jasmine Ayala - excused

Technology Specialist: **Carrie Sotelo-Ayala**

Guest: **Erika Acosta Middle School Math, Natalie Broehm Middle School Language Arts, Al Wood, Middle School Social Studies**

**IV. Adoption of Agenda Melvin Stump made the motion to approve the agenda with no changes. ; It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

**V. Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Mike Wilson**

**VI. Board meeting minutes not previously approved**

**A. Regular Board meeting December 11, 2018. Melvin Stump made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Board meeting of December 11, 2018; it was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Mike Wilson, Susan Barnes, abstaining: Joe Fairchild Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

**VII. Information Only Items (No Action Taken)**

**A. Presentations –Summary of Current events**

**a. Superintendents Report - current events, celebrations, and recognitions**

Mr. Staples wanted to welcome new Board member, Joe Fairchild. The 2018 yearbook is out! It encompasses the whole year, accounting for prom and graduation. We have been

talking about getting the yearbook out earlier to generate better sales. Miss Naomi, the Yearbook Advisor is checking into pricing on that. We received results of the latest Transwestern Pipeline litigation for 2016 and 2017. The estimated payback this time is \$622,012.00. County Superintendent Tim Carter as well as representatives from the County Board of Supervisors and hopefully someone from Arizona Department of Revenue will be at our February Board meeting to discuss this further. We are back from Christmas break. Intercession went well with a good turnout from our Middle School Students. This will be a short 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter coming up. This is to coincide with Spring break and AZMerit testing. We are working on a testing schedule and looking into the possibility of only having students that are testing on campus. Our ADM is up to about 290, as we have new students still enrolling.

b. Governing Board – none

**VIII.** Call to the Public *(This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.) - Tom Cauthen – Middle School Backpacks concerns*

**IX.** Action Items

**A. Consent Agenda Items** *(All those items listed below may be enacted by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda items with or without discussion. All or individual items may be pulled from the consent agenda and discussed individually)*

**1. Consideration to Ratify Vouchers**

- a. Payroll Voucher #13 - \$66,682.41
- Expense Voucher #1924 - \$22,501.22
- Expense Voucher # 1925 - \$31,948.69
- Expense Voucher # 1926 - \$4,588.39

**b. Auxiliary Account Check Detail**

**Melvin Stump made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items number 1, a and b. It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

**B. Non-Consent Agenda Discussion/Action Items**

**1. Approve District Financial Reports:**

- a. Budget Summary Report
- b. Fund/Cash Balances Reports
- c. Student Activity Report

**Laurie Granger made the motion to approve Non-Consent Agenda items number 1, a, b and c. It was seconded by Susan Barnes. Yay votes: Melvin Stump, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

**2. \* Varsity baseball Head Coach F. Martin, Asst. Coach D. Rudnick**

**Melvin Stump made the motion to approve Varsity Baseball Head coach and Assistant coach stipends for F. Martin and D. Rudnick. It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

3. \* Varsity softball Head Coach N. Broehm

**Susan Barnes made the motion to approve Varsity Softball Head coach stipend for N. Broehm. It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Melvin Stump, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

4. Middle School backpack concerns

Mr. Staples reported that he had talked to the Middle School teachers and did random samplings of the weight backpacks from some of the students and some packs were heavy. He also had asked the teachers if there were any more complaints than just the one. Erika, Natalie and Al all responded no. Natalie did add that she has taken measures in her classroom, clearing shelving/cabinet space so students could store their items required for her class in the room. Erika and Al stated they could also do the same in their rooms if required. The teachers also reported that required materials in their classes are the AzMerit practice books, notebooks and agendas. Tom Cauthen added that when the students go upstairs to science class the hallway is littered with backpacks and isn't that more of a fire hazard than lockers?

Mr. Staples added that research was done into lockers finding that double lockers with 6 lockers per unit would run approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000. Tom Cauthen added that \$10,000 is not that much money and a lot cheaper than a lawsuit. Mr. Staples responded that he has not been able to find any statute or health department guideline on backpack weight. The possibility of installing hooks in the hallway is being considered or cubbies with hooks. Susan Barnes liked the idea of cubbies. Tom Cauthen also brought up security concerns and Mr. Staples reminded the Board of security cameras that are in place in the hallway. Rolling backpacks could be a possibility but navigating the stairs could be difficult. **Melvin Stump made the motion to have Mr. Staples and teachers assess the implementation of what the teachers have done in their rooms, making space for student storage. Research further sizing of lockers for hallway, continue to survey students and parents and report at the February meeting their findings. It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

5. Approval to accept home schooled/online students to play Varsity sports at the District.

**Laurie Granger made the motion to approve the acceptance of home schooled/online students to play Varsity sports. It was seconded by Melvin Stump. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

6. \* December Evaluation for Seth Staples

**Susan Barnes made the motion to approve 8 of 8 #1's for the December evaluation of Seth Staples. It was seconded by Laurie Granger. Yay votes: Melvin Stump, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved.**

X. Information and Discussion only Items (NO Action taken)

- A. Special meeting Thursday January 10, 2019 at 4:15pm to review excessive absences with students. **The Board will be in attendance.**
- B. Transwestern litigation results for FY16 & FY17 for \$622,012.00. **Representatives from County and State will be at the February Board meeting for updates.**

- C. AZSBA Board Operations and Leadership Training Seminar (Feb. 1, 2019)
- D. FY 19/20 Budget planning meeting date – **Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 4:15pm**
- E. Requests for Future Agenda Items ( The governing Board may identify items they would like placed on a future agenda)
- F. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 4:15pm in the Library

IX. Adjournment – Laurie Granger made the motion to adjourn at 5:05pm. It was seconded by Susan Barnes. Yay votes: Melvin Stump, Joe Fairchild, Mike Wilson  
 Nay votes: 0. unanimously approved

MINUTES APPROVED \_\_\_ WRITTEN/\_\_\_ AMENDED, January 8, 2019 MEETING\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mike Wilson, President

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 Laurie Anderson Granger, Vice-President

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 Susan Barnes, Clerk

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 Joe Fairchild, Member

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 Melvin Stump- Member

\*draft until approved at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

1/9/19 10:30 AM 