

REGULAR MEETING
THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
ASH FORK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31
46999 N. 5th St. Ash Fork, Arizona
Date: August 1, 2023 5:00pm Place: Resource Room
MINUTES

I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

A. Roll Call **Present:**

Board Secretary, Sue Atkinson read the roll:

Board Members **present** / absent:

President: Laurie Granger

Members: Susan Barnes

Deborah Hunt

Joe Fairchild

Jodie Benson

Superintendent: **Seth Staples**

Business Manager: **Sue Atkinson**

Facilities Supervisor: **Robert Broehm**

II. Adoption of Agenda

Jodie Benson made the motion to adopt the agenda as written Susan Barnes seconded it. Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

III. Pledge of Allegiance - Lead by Laurie Granger

IV. Board meeting minutes not previously approved

A. Regular Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2023 Public Hearing from July 11, 2023 and Special meeting from July 17, 2023.

Jodie Benson made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2023 Public Hearing from July 11, 2023 and Special meeting from July 17, 2023. as written. Susan Barnes seconded it. Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild Nay votes: none. Abstain: Deborah Hunt from July 11, 2023 meetings. Unanimously approved.

V. Information Only Items (No Action Taken)

A. Governing Board items Member Jodie Benson gave a report from attending the recent ASBA conference. Topics at the conference covered: Governing Board boundaries and Superintendent Relations. We would not be involved with the day-to-day operations. That is the job for administration. We should be focusing on setting goals and shaping the focus of the District as a whole not micro-managing.

B. Facilities- Transportation report - The new bus arrived. We numbered in #89 because it will doing the CTED run up and down Hwy. 89. The boiler went down the first week of school We are looking at different options to replace it. We seem to be having “keep up” issues witht the AC units and this heat. We have a contractor willing to help map out the thermostats and the

boiler issue. The new cameras are working great! We reached out to get a quote for adding them to the High School classrooms.

C. Superintendents report. Mr. Staples reported we're in the 3rd week of school now. New teachers and lots of new students. Middle School went to Slide Rock State Park as part of a team building trip. Every Thursday we have implemented a "new teacher" meeting for trainings and mentoring. Teacher evaluations have started already. August 17th from 5pm to 7 pm is our open house. This year we will have ½ hour segments devoted to parent tours of classrooms and meeting the teachers. The new film and TV Production class is going really well. We currently have 27 students who have signed up for CTED classes.

D. Presentations (No Action Taken) – NONE

VI. Call to the Public –Kurtis Keele introduced himself and thanked the Board for their support of the PTO

VII. Old Business - none

VIII. 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)*

Consideration to Ratify Vouchers (pg.1-20)

a. Payroll Voucher: #2 -\$55,808.69 #3 - \$41,219.55

b. Expense Voucher: #2356 - \$1,555.22 / #2357 - \$15,240.14 / #2358 - \$8,521.69
#2401 - \$50,288.80 / #2402 - \$5,524.07 / #2403 - \$77,416.66

c. Auxiliary Account Check Detail (pg.21)

Jodie Benson made the motion to approve consent agenda items a,b,c. Susan Barnes seconded it.

Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none.

Unanimously approved.

d. Approval of District Fundraisers: 100 Mile Club – Change Challenge, End of year Walk-a-thon. Class of 2026 - Little Caesars pizza sale (Homecoming fundraiser)
Class of 2024 – Jean Day
Middle School – Hat Day

Jodie Benson made the motion approve the district class fundraisers. Deborah Hunt seconded it.

Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild, Susan Barnes . Nay votes: none.

Unanimously approved.

e. Approve the purchase of a new oven and dishwasher from Source One Supply for Food Service \$24,578.80 (Food Service Funds) (pg.22-28)

Jodie Benson made the motion to approve the purchase of a new oven and dishwasher from Source One Supply for Food Service \$24,578.80 from Food Service Funds. Susan Barnes seconded it. Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

f. IGA with Seligman Unified School District for participation in High School Athletics with Ash Fork

Jodie Benson made the motion to approve the IGA with Seligman Unified School District for participation in High School Athletics with Ash Fork. Susan Barnes seconded it. Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

B. Non-Consent Agenda Discussion/Action Items

1. District Financials

a. Cash and Budget balances Month ending June 30, 2023 (pg.33-34)

b. Student Activities Report (pg.35)

Jodie Benson made the motion to approve the District financial reports for cash and budget balance and Student Activities account. Joe Fairchild seconded it. Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Susan Barnes, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

2. Discuss/Approve Resignation of Presidential duties L. Granger (pg.36)

President Granger stated that she must resign from the position of President of the Governing Board due to new duties as Fire Chief at the KEW Fire Dept. She didn't feel she could effectively do both.

Susan Barnes reluctantly made the motion to approve the Resignation of Presidential duties L. Granger. Joe Fairchild seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

3. Discuss/Approve Nomination of new President for the remainder of the term to January 2025

Laurie Anderson- Granger made the motion nominate Jodie Benson for President. Susan Barnes seconded it. Yay votes: Joe Fairchild, Deborah Hunt. Abstain: Jodie Benson. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

4. Discuss/ Approve Nomination of Vice-President or Clerk if warranted by item #3

Jodie Benson made the motion to nominate Susan Barnes for the position of Board Clerk. Deborah Hunt seconded it. Yay votes: Laurie Anderson- Granger, Joe Fairchild. Abstain: Susan Barnes. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

5. Discuss/Approve revising the Pro/Argument For statement for the November ballot (pg.37-38)

Laurie Anderson- Granger made the motion to approve revising the Pro/Argument For statement for the November ballot to "*We are solely using accumulated District funds in DAA for this project. We want to make it clear this is not an "override" election. We're not asking for more money.*" And to remove the apostrophe from "students", Deborah Hunt seconded it. Yay votes: Joe Fairchild, Susan Barnes, Jodie Benson. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

6. Discuss/Approve Correction to Policy Alerts #744-746, first reading (pg.39-45)

Susan Barnes reluctantly made the motion to approve the correction to Policy Alerts #744-746, first reading. Laurie Anderson- Granger seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Deborah Hunt, Joe Fairchild. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

7. Discuss/Approve Emergency Boiler replacement estimated \$15,000 (handout)

Mr. Staples stated that the plumber (1 Source Mechanical) has suggested replacing our boiler with an “On Demand system” Also pipes need replacing and new venting put in.

Laurie Anderson- Granger made the motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the boiler replacement. Susan Barnes seconded it. Yay votes: Joe Fairchild, Deborah Hunt, Jodie Benson. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

8. Discuss/Approve teaching cursive writing during Elementary School “Specials” hour

Mr. Staples stated that the teachers (K-5) like the idea of teaching cursive and have already included this in their lesson plans. It is a part of Specials hour.

9. Discuss/Approve 2023-2024 Classroom Site Fund Performance Pay Plan (handout)

Susan Barnes made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Classroom Site Fund Performance Pay Plan Laurie Anderson- Granger seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Deborah Hunt, Joe Fairchild. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

10. Discuss/Approve revising Governing Board evaluation – Policy BAA, Exhibit BAA-E and Superintendent evaluation Policy CBI and Exhibit CBI-E (pg. 46-59)

Mr. Staples recommended that due to the extensive content to be reviewed and revised that this be tabled until the October. Maybe a separate study/work session should be held to focus on these topics.

Susan Barnes made the motion to discontinue the current Superintendent evaluation form and table item #10 until the October 2023 meeting. In the meantime hold a work session September 19th at 5pm to review and create a new document. Laurie Anderson- Granger seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Deborah Hunt, Joe Fairchild. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

11. Discuss/Approve Board member volunteering in the Elementary, Middle and/or High School

Mrs. Hunt expressed her desire to withdraw her interest of volunteering in the schools. The other Board members agreed that a Board policy should be implemented stating that no members can/should volunteer in an educational capacity in the schools. In the spirit of staying involved, volunteering should only be done in a social capacity such as volunteering for special events.

Laurie Anderson- Granger made the motion to create a Board policy stating Board members shall not volunteer in an educational capacity but rather in a social way like volunteering for special events. Joe Fairchild seconded it. Yay votes: Susan Barnes, Deborah Hunt, Jodie Benson. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

12. Discuss/Approve 1st reading of policy revision IFK Graduation Requirements Community service “Spartan Legacy Project” (pg.60)

Deborah Hunt made the motion to approve 1st reading of policy revision IFK Graduation Requirements Community service “Spartan Legacy Project” Plan. Laurie Anderson- Granger seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Susan Barnes, Joe Fairchild. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

13. **Personnel**

- ii. New Hires: Steven Stanley – Night Custodian/Bus Driver
- iii. Resignations
- iv. Additional Duty Stipends:
Coaching stipends:
HS Volleyball: Erika Acosta, Cristina Santoyo
Middle School Soccer: Floyd Martin, Jose Acosta
High School Soccer: Floyd Martin, Diane Rudnick
Add '1 Duty Middle School PE: Tyrone Holladay
Add '1 Duty Elementary Teacher Mentor: Rebecca Depoy

Joe Fairchild made the motion to approve the hiring of Steven Stanley as Night Custodian/Bus Driver. Laurie Anderson- Granger seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Susan Barnes, Deborah Hunt. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

Susan Barnes made the motion to approve the extra dusty stipends in item iv. Laurie Anderson- Granger seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Deborah Hunt, Joe Fairchild. Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

10. July evaluation of Seth Staples – no action taken

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

- A. 1. Bus Barn Election is named Prop 459
- 2. ELA curriculum examination by Advisory Committee Policy BDF (pg.61)
- 3. Policy review BDE – Board Committees, IJOC – School Volunteers (pg.62-63)
- 4. Governing Board strategic plan – **work session topic**
- B. Requests for Information or Future Agenda Items (The governing Board may identify items they would like placed on a future agenda)

September agenda: Social Contract, Student Council update, vote yes flyer for bus barn, New evaluations on the October agenda.

C. Date of Next Meeting –Tuesday, **September 12, 2023** 5pm in Resource Room

IX. Adjournment

Laurie Anderson- Granger made the motion to adjourn at 6:41pm. Joe Fairchild seconded it. Yay votes: Jodie Benson, Susan Barnes, Deborah Hunt Nay votes: none. Unanimously approved.

MINUTES APPROVED ___ WRITTEN/___ AMENDED, August 1, 2023 MEETING*

Laurie Granger

Joe Fairchild, Vice-President

Susan Barnes, Clerk

Deborah Hunt, Member

Jodie Benson- President

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