

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARIZONA STATE  
SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

**APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 19, 2013  
ASDB Phoenix Campus  
MS/HS Multi-Purpose Room  
7654 N 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix, Arizona

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President Michael Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 5:07 p.m. and Board Secretary Sherri Collins conducted roll call.

Members Present: Michael Williams, Sherri Collins, Elaine Baldrige, Taralynn Petrites, Kathy Jankowski, Mark Syms, Michael Gordon, Orlanda Roberts, and Marv Lamar

Others Present: Superintendent Robert Hill, Attorney General Representatives Kim Anderson and Michelle Kunzman (arrived at approximately 5:15 p.m. and left at approximately 6:52 p.m.)

II. President's Report

Michael Williams pulled items A. and B. of the President's Report for the sake of time. Both items were requested by Kathy Jankowski and will be discussed at October meeting. Michael Williams did comment that he and Kathy Jankowski met with PDSD parent, will attempt to monthly meeting on Phoenix campus, and will do the same on the Tucson campus very soon.

A. ASDB Recruitment & Hiring Processes for Filling Vacant Positions, for Discussion

B. ASDB Budget, Legislative, and Appropriations Processes, and How To Become More Involved, for Discussion

III. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items\*\*

Following agenda item IV.C., Michael Williams moved to public comment on non-agenda items.

Xavier Herbold, student, expressed concern about the cancellation of Literacy Camp, the need for more teachers, and riding on school busses when it is really hot.

Willow Herbold, student, expressed concern that the school bus ride is really long and hot, the need more water on the busses, and Literacy Camp was stopped and she wants to go to this camp.

Zander Herbold, student, said the school bus ride is too long and he has to get up real early in morning; class is too easy and need more challenge so need more teachers; and wants to bring Literacy Camp back.

Shelley Herbold, parent, spoke to the different levels of less advanced and more advanced combined in classrooms, and expressed concern the more advanced are not being challenged, and her fears that the advanced students to fall behind; wants to know about contract with bus company and if Literacy Camp will be brought back.

Michael Williams informed Shelly Herbold that he will get her a response on Tuesday night and then moved to agenda item V.

#### IV. Business Agenda Items

- A. Report Regarding Investigation into Complaints Filed with the Board for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

***It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board go into executive session for legal advice on this agenda item.***

The Board went into closed executive session at approximately 5:12 p.m. and returned to public session at approximately 6:52 p.m.

Michelle Kunzman left at approximately 6:52 p.m.

***It was moved by Mark Syms, seconded by Elaine Baldrige, and unanimously carried that.. Items redacted for persons privacy before allowing to view findings, AG's office to look through to advise, and guidance about what to do.***

Spoke to the Issue: Michael Williams, Marv Lamer, Kathy Jankowski, Orlenda Roberts

Discussion Highlights: The Board President announced the need for a special meeting, consensus reached for a 6:00 meeting in same location at PDS on September 24, 2013 to accommodate Kathy Jankowski, review of the report by AG to determine what can be made public and what may need to be redacted.

It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Kathy Jankowski that the Board take a 5 minute recess. The Board broke for recess at approximately 6:57 p.m. and resumed the public meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Marv Lamer left at approximately 7:00 p.m.

- B. Approval to Expend FY 2014 Trust Funds Allocated to Schools for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

***It was moved by Mark Syms, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board of Director's approve an initial expenditure of Trust Funds for FY 2014 in the amount of \$155,000 to the Schools as recommended by the Superintendent.***

Robert Hill provided background on the approved allocations and deferred to Board Finance Committee member Mark Syms recommendation of FY 2014 expenditures in the amount of \$155,000.

- C. Approval of Reduction in Force (RIF) for Reasons of Economy and Efficiency of Operations for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

Michael Williams referred the matter to Robert Hill who reported he pulled this agenda item, and explained that the impacted employees will remain employed and work in conjunction with contracted custodial services to meet the needs of ASDB.

Michael Williams pulled agenda items D and E, and moved to public comment before moving to agenda items F and G.

- D. Superintendent's Intent to Issue Employment Contract for Regional Director, Eastern Highlands Regional Cooperative for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
- E. Superintendent's Intent to Issue Employment Contract for Regional Director, North Central Regional Cooperative for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action
- F. Second Reading of Revisions to Board Policy ACA, Sexual Harassment, for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

Robert asked if there were any questions.

Michael asked to table agenda items F and G.

**It was moved by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Elaine Baldrige, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors table items F and G until a later date.**

- G. Second Reading of Newly Proposed Board Policy JBB, Student Sexual Harassment, for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

V. Consent Agenda for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Approval of August 29, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Contracts and/or Agreements with Carden of Tucson Charter School

**It was carried by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Sherri Collins, and unanimously carried that the Board approve the Contract and/or Agreement with Carden of Tucson Charter School.**

**It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Elaine Baldrige, and unanimously carried that the statements by Dr. Alan Schussel be clarified in the meeting minutes**

Spoke to the Issue: Sherri Collins, Robert Hill, Michael Williams

Discussion Highlights: An email sent by Sherri Collins to administration with a request to change Alan Schussel's comments regarding "dirty evidence"; explanation that the minutes reflect what was stated by interpreter and a Board motion is necessary to authorize the change to the record; and clarification that consent agenda items may be taken separately or together.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Student Enrollment Report (August 2013)

Spoke to the Issue: Robert Hill and Michael Williams

The reasons surrounding the drop in enrollment that was questioned at previous Board meeting; numbers usually fluctuate at this time and stabilize around November; still must have contingency plans for the significant loss in voucher revenue due to enrollment decline; teaching shortages have existed for the last 10 years so the shortages are not new to ASDB.

VII. Adjournment

***It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.***

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39p.m.