

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

APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2013, Capitol Executive Tower
2nd Floor Governor's Conference Room
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Absent a Board President, Board Secretary Sherri Collins called the meeting to order at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Members Present: Marv Lamer, Orlenda Roberts, Michael Williams, Elaine Baldrige, Kathy Jankowski, Mike Gordon, Taralynn Petrites, Mark Syms, Sherri Collins, Governor Jan Brewer (ex officio member).

Others Present: Superintendent Robert Hill, and Attorney General Representatives Kim Anderson and Michelle Kunzman.

Sherri Collins thanked the three previous board members, Dr. Bernhardt Jones, Mr. Clifford Rowley, and Mr. Ray Mungaray for their years of service on the board. Sherri Collins moved agenda item III up on the agenda before agenda item II to accommodate the Governor.

III. Introduction of New Board Members for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

Sherri Collins introduced The Honorable Governor Jan Brewer.

Governor Brewer welcomed everyone attending the meeting and introduced the five new board members. She addressed her vision and mission for the Board of Directors, and for ASDB with the top priority being our students. Governor Brewer indicated that it is critical to move forward in a meaningful and thoughtful way. She requested patience from all while awaiting the outcomes from the board driven inquiry. The Governor thanked everyone for the tough job ahead and that the State of Arizona's children are counting on them.

Governor Brewer left the meeting at approximately 1:35 p.m.

Sherri Collins welcomed the new board members and requested each Board member to introduce themselves, express their passion, and state why they want to serve on the ASDB Board. Following the introduction by each board member, Sherri Collins moved to public comment.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Dave Huber, employee, welcomed the new members of the board and spoke of his expectations of the new members requesting a better connection to the staff, parents and public.

Dr. Nancy Amann, employee, welcomed the new board members to ASDB; she requested the board look at the ASDB system, how it works and how it can be changed. She indicated it is a very complex system which includes the campus and cooperative educational programs. Dr. Amann also stated she had not heard of any updates on the investigation since the last board meeting.

Sherri Collins requested Michael Williams to provide an update on the investigation. Michael Williams explained an investigator has been hired, has requested records, is reviewing, and conducting interviews shortly, and will be at next Board meeting for update.

Denny Voreck, public, stated he attended the last board meeting and observed the negativity toward Superintendent Hill. He asked the Board start new and look for solutions and possible outside resources to clean up a system that needs to be cleaned up.

Henry Garcia, public, handed out documentation to the Board.

Dr. Alan Schussel, public, congratulated the new Board members; stated the importance of investing in our children; and recommended Board member Jankowski as President due to her extensive background in administration and education of the Deaf.

IV. Election of Board Officers for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

Marv Lamer requested Board members to be mindful of conflicts and biases that may influence their ability to impartially make decisions and act, and asked Board members to serve only if they will not be unduly influenced by individuals or groups they may represent.

Sherri Collins called for nominations for Board President.

Taralynn Petrites recommend Kathy Jankowski for President, but Kathy Jankowski declined the nomination.

Kathy Jankowski nominated Sherri Collins for President, but Sherri Collins declined the nomination.

Orlenda Roberts nominated Michael Williams, who accepted the nomination.

Kathy Jankowski asked Michael Williams to explain his vision and what he would like to do with Board.

Michael Williams expressed his desire to bring an unbiased, balanced approach to the Board; to be open in placing items on the agenda to be of help to the schools but no injurious; to have more open communications with parents and students; to look more closely at how ASDB operates; and to promote confidence because ASDB has a great Board, staff, students and parents.

It was moved by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Marv Lamer, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors nominate and elect Michael Williams as Board President.

Board Secretary Collins turned the meeting over to President elect Michael Williams

President elect Michael Williams called for Secretary/Treasurer nominations.

Sherri Collins nominated Kathy Jankowski, but Kathy Jankowski declined.

Michael Williams nominated Sherri Collins, who accepted the nomination.

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Kathy Jankowski, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors nominate and reelect Sherri Collins as Secretary/Treasurer.

V. Adjournment

It was moved Ms. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Robert and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.