



Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

December 18, 2014

4:00 p.m.

ASDB Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Gordon, Elaine Baldrige, Angela Denning, Dr. Mark Syms, Lynn Davison, Dean Howard, William Gibney

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Marv Lamer, Interim Superintendent & William Koehler, Assistant Superintendent

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.01 Call to Order: Dr. Mark Syms called the meeting to order at approximately 4:08 p.m.

1.02 Action Item: Board Member Nominations & Voting for Board President

Elaine Baldrige nominated Dr. Mark Syms for Board President; seconded by Michael Gordon. Vote unanimously carried.

1.03 Action Item: Board Member Nominations & Voting for Board Secretary

Angela Denning nominated Elaine Baldrige for Board Secretary; seconded by Lynne Davison. Vote unanimously carried.

1.04 Information & Discussion Item: Student Presentation

School for the Blind Middle School student, Joey Parra, presented regarding his experience attending the National Braille Challenge.

1.05 Information & Discussion Item: Polly Brady-Garcia Museum Presentation

Polly Brady-Garcia spoke about the history of the school and its museum. Would like better signage to promote the school to the public. Invited Board members to visit.

1.06 Call to the Public on Agendized Items:

Ms. Sherri Collins, Executive Director of ACDHH and former Board member, spoke in regards to the Board retreat. Suggested that Deaf Education be one of the discussion topics at the retreat.

Beca Bailey, parent of a PDSD student, spoke on behalf of Lisa Furr. She spoke on the same issues that Ms. Sherri Collins mentioned about Deaf Education, the status of the Superintendent search, and the Executive Director for the Deaf School position.

1.07 Discussion Item: Executive Team Reports

William Koehler, Paul Creasy, Terry Pritchard, Maria Murphy, Richard Valdivia, Michael Gordon, Angela Denning, and Dr. Mark Syms spoke on the issue.

1.08 Information & Discussion Item: Open Meeting Law Training

PowerPoint presentation by Kathryn Marquoit, Assistant Ombudsman. Dr. Mark Syms, Angela Denning, and William Gibney spoke on the issue.

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1.09 Discussion & Possible Action Item: Setting Meeting Dates & Locations for 2015

Dr. Marv Lamer, Dr. Mark Syms, William Gibney, Angela Denning, and Elaine Baldrige spoke about the proposed dates and times. Motioned by William Gibney; seconded by Angela Denning to approve the Board of Directors meeting calendar with some minor changes. Motion carried and unanimously approved.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2.01-1 Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2014

2.01-2 Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2014

2.01-3 Facility Agreements

2.01-4 District Contracts

Motioned by Angela Denning; seconded by Elaine Baldrige to approve all Consent Agenda Items. Motion carried and unanimously approved.

3. GIFTS & DONATIONS

NONE FOR THIS MEETING

4. FACILITY AGREEMENTS

4.01 *Consent Agenda Item: Approval of Berger Performance Arts Center and other Rental Agreements

Approved in the Consent Agenda.

5. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

5.01 *Consent Agenda Item: Approval of District Contracts

Approved in the Consent Agenda.

6. BOARD POLICIES

NONE FOR THIS MEETING

7. BOARD REPORT

7.01 Discussion & Decision Item: Board Retreat Date During the Last Half of January

Dr. Marv Lamer, Dr. Mark Syms, Elaine Baldrige, and William Gibney spoke on the issue. Motioned by William Gibney; seconded by Michael Gordon that the date for the retreat be on Saturday, January 31, 2015 in Phoenix (location to be determined). Motion carried and unanimously approved.

8. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

8.01 Call to the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Beca Bailey, parent of a PDS student, spoke about how extremely pleased she is with the leadership at PDS, her concerns regarding deaf board members resignations, the Executive Director for the Deaf and the Superintendent search. She suggested an introduction of new board members at the next meeting.

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Randal Kidd, Academic Bowl Coach at PDSB, spoke about his concerns regarding Trust Fund money for the next Academic Bowl.

David Bailey, parent of a PDSB student, spoke about his concerns in recruiting and retaining good teachers.

Henry Garcia, alumni, expressed his gratitude in the decision to appoint Dr. Lamer as the Interim Superintendent.

Susan Parr, Director of DVR, welcomed the new Board members and invited them to visit the various cooperative locations.

The Board discussed items they would like added to the next Board meeting agenda. Angela Denning, Dr. Mark Syms, and Elaine Baldrige spoke on the issue.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.01 Action Item: Adjournment

Motioned by Dean Howard, seconded by William Gibney to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:33 p.m.

*Minutes approved at the February 12, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting.
Submitted by Leticia Cruz for the ASDB Board of Directors.*