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MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

Board members in attendance:

Lincoln Thomasson
Susi Edgington
Carlos Ramos
Richard Hector Sr.
Renee Dial

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
3. Renee Dial made the motion to adopt the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Susi Edgington and the Agenda was adopted with a unanimous vote.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

4. Board Meeting Minutes (that may need corrections): None to Report
5. Information Only Items
 - A. Summary of Current Events:
 - a. Superintendent Update
 - i. Superintendent Wheeler gave the Good Things Happening at Beaver Creek School by reviewing the Department Highlights from February. Included in this months highlights was Yavapai County School Superintendent, Steve King joining us on campus to present our third place spelling bee winner with his award, Jr. Basketball is up and running, and Spring Sports are off to a great start, plus many more great things!
 - ii. Legislative Update – Some of the bills we as a district are watching include: HB2022 Firearms in schools, HB2164 Processed Foods, SB1227 and HB2484 Cell phones in schools, and HB2677 CTE for 6th-8th grade. Prop 123 ends on June 30th and the Governing is

proposing it return to the ballot in November with a permanent solution.

b. Governing Board Members

- i. The next meeting will be April 8, 2025 at 6:00PM. Prior to the regular session, the board will meet for an Executive Session at 5:30PM to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation.
- ii. Mrs. Wheeler will be reaching out to Barbra Uren with The Trust to discuss scheduling work study session(s) date, time, and subject to be determined at a later date.
- iii. ADE School Board School – Board Member Training April 9, 2025 or April 18, 2025 in Phoenix. Please let the District know if you are interested in attending.

B. Reports:

Presentation by Heather McCallum on Beaver Creek School's partnership with MatForce and their student mentor program.

Ms. McCallum presented on the origination of the program at Beaver Creek School in FY25 and the fantastic impact it has had on the four students participating with the four mentors this school year.

Information item for questions on this report was moved up to respect Ms. McCallum's time.

*Susi Edgington asked if there were people who work outside of the school that came in. - For the program, that is a possible option. However, at this time no. We do work with Spectrum and have an outside counselor onsite Tuesdays for students who are signed up for their services.

*Carlos Ramos asked for clarification on MatForce providing Mentoring. – MatForce has many programs, mentoring being one. They also offer parenting classes and come to the school as guest speakers to speak on vaping and character education.

*Carlos Ramos asked what the mentors do. – The mentors receive an agenda/lesson plan from MatForce each month to guide one on one support. The teachers involved in mentoring find time throughout the day (lunch and prep period) to check in with their student.

*Carlos Ramos asked about the timing of the mentoring. – The mentors find the time throughout the day; the program does not take away from classroom time or supervision. The teachers are receiving a stipend from MatForce for the additional duties they are performing.

*Renee Dial asked if the students receive any other outside help. – two students do and two students do not.

*Susi Edgington asked if the families are receiving counseling. – Two do and two do not.

*Renee Dial asked if this was just for school. – While the mentoring occurs at school, it is not just school behavior related. The support helps them learn to regulate and cope and in turn support them in their life in school and outside. MatForce along with the district will collect data at the end to see the impact on attendance, grades, and behaviors.

*Richard Hector Sr. asked how long will the mentors be with their students. – Currently, the program will go through May, and depending on the grant, it may continue into next year. Regardless our fantastic staff who are mentoring the students will continue to check in with the students even if the program is unfunded.

6. Public Comments:

None to Report.

7. Action Items:

A. Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Renee Dial. The vote to approve the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B. Specific Items of District Business which require action

a. Health Insurance Benefit with KAIROS for the 2025-2026 year.

The district has received a 6% increase for FY26. The district is requesting to increase our contribution from \$650/mo per employee to \$700/mo per employee. This will result in an estimated \$20,400.00 increase from FY25. The district is confident in this being doable within the budget and find importance in supporting our staff by balancing the ever-increasing costs of health insurance.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the health insurance benefit with KAIROS including the increase to \$700/mo per employee. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

b. Additional funding of \$6,880.00 through June 2025 for Keepers Commercial Cleaning.

The board originally approved Keepers back in July, however due to shifts in personnel the district is requesting to increase the contract and

purchase order to include the increase. The company is nationwide, but the workers that come are local to our area.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the additional \$6,880.00 for Keepers. The motion was seconded by Lincoln Thomasson and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- c. Increase in tuition for our Preschool Program, including a fee for 4 year old students.

Currently the district charges \$10/day for three year olds. We are requesting to increase the amount to \$20/day for three and four year olds starting in FY26. There has been extensive research into neighboring programs, their costs and options; with the increase the district is still significantly less than neighboring options. Preschool is not state funded and maintaining the program will require this increase, but still does not create a self-sustaining program.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the increase from \$10./day to \$20/day to include four year olds starting in FY26. The motion was seconded by Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- d. Gifted Scope and Sequence

This is a mandatory requirement; having a gifted program is required but unfunded.

Renee Dial made the motion to approve the Gifted Scope and Sequence as presented. The motion was seconded by Susi Edgington and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- e. Field Trips which are more than 50 miles from the school district:

- (a) 8th Grade Reward Trip sponsored by the PTO to Sun Splash on May 12, 2025.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the field trips as listed. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

f. First Read of the following policies from The Trust Model Policies:

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter	Notes
Policy 1-203 Equal Opportunity – Prohibited Sex Discrimination (Title IX)	34 C.F.R. Part 106	Title IX	Compliant with the 2020 regulations implementing Title IX
1-203.A Equal Opportunity – Prohibited Sex Discrimination (Title IX) Grievance Procedure	34 C.F.R. Part 106	Title IX	
3-106.A Procedure - Federal Grants and Other Funding Sources – Federal Grants	20 USC §6321	Written assurance of compatibility requirements for Title I funding	Specifics added regarding the requirement to offer comparable staffing and services to schools that do not receive Title I funding

Susi Edgington made the motion for the first read of the policies. The motion was seconded by Renee Dial and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

No further action is needed at this time.

- g. Personnel- Pending Fingerprint clearance and background checks
 - i. Hires (Pending Fingerprint Clearance and Background Checks:
 - a. Request to approve the contracts for the certified teaching staff for FY 26. Contracts will not be officially offered until March 24, 2025 due to legislative changes requiring contracts not to be issued prior to March 15, 2025. As traditional protocol, the district offers the teachers' contracts before the

legislature and Governor approve a Budget. When a budget is approved, additional salary rates will be requested to be approved by the Governing Board.

- b. Spring Sports Coaches:
 - i. Taylor Morales – Soccer
 - ii. Melisa Pincelli - Softball.
- ii. Resignations and Terminations:
 - a. Regina Christenson – Effective May 23, 2025
 - b. Heather Timmons – Effective May 23, 2025
 - c. Ember Davidson – Effective May 23, 2025
 - d. Michael Wilson – Effective February 25, 2025

Susi Edgington motioned to approve the above personnel items. The motion was seconded by Lincoln Thomasson and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

h. Information Items:

- ~~○ Responses to questions regarding the report on Beaver Creek School's Mentor program—Moved to Reports~~
- Responses to questions or comments from February 2025 Highlights
- Carlos Ramos asked questions revolving around Prop123. Mrs. Wheeler explained that Prop123 is incentive pay for certified teachers that expires at the end of the fiscal year. The governor is looking to take it back to the ballot in November with hopes of a permanent solution. Mr. Ramos asked if this was considered a bonus and what this looks like when looking at raises. The district team explained that this was separate funding from their regular pay, and the money could be considered a 'bonus' in corporate world, but these funds are in addition to regular pay due to the teachers duties and how they perform those duties. The team also said we could discuss information revolving around raises in the future.
 - Curriculum Committee Meeting of March 4, 2025 - requesting new ELA Curriculum for k-3, possibly k-6 to replace outdated curriculum after 60 day review ending June 10, 2025. The curriculum request for approval will be at the June 10, 2025 meeting.
- Notice of the intent to replace outdated curriculum after 60 day review.
 - The Auditor General's Dollars in the Classroom Annual Report for FY 24
- This information is based on the AFR from FY24, the link to the AG website containing the information was emailed to all board members.
 - School Resource Officer (SRO) Update

- Mrs. Wheeler spoke with our SSO today and there are great training opportunities coming up for SRO/SSO candidates including bullying prevention.
 - March Newsletter
 - SFB Update for ongoing projects (SFB projects are state funded and are not coming out of the district budget)
 - Water Filtration – still pending
 - Other – projects in the queue, pending funding
 - Signatures Finalized:
 - None to Report

- i. Request for future Agenda items:
 - Raise % increase history - staff

- j. Susi Edgington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Renee Dial. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM with a unanimous vote.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ori Womack

Lincoln Thomasson

Susi Edgington

Carlos Ramos

Renee Dial

Richard Hector Sr.