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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION AND
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Board members in attendance:

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:29 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. Lincoln Thomasson made the motion to move into executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 to discuss the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. 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

Susi Edgington made the motion to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous. Regular Session reconvened at 6:06 PM. No action is needed.

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

1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
3. Susi Edgington made the motion to adopt the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. 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 April. Included in this month's highlights was State Testing has been completed, Mrs. Powers had her Banana Split Party with EL students, an increase in positive office referrals from last year plus many more great things!
- ii. Legislative Update – Mrs. Wheeler spoke briefly on wireless communication, mandatory reporting, and directory information bills. These will be covered later in the first read of The Trust Model Policy Update. The bill of a three-year budget passed through twice however, the Governor vetoed it.

b. Governing Board Members

- i. The next meeting will be June 10, 2025 at 6:00PM. Prior to the regular session, the board will meet for another Executive Session at 5:30PM to discuss and finalize the Superintendent Evaluation.
- ii. Possible scheduling of work-study sessions – this will be revisited next month.
- iii. ASBA Summer Leadership Institute – *Rooted in Leadership: Grow through storytelling, lead with vision* - June 5-7, 2025 (Flagstaff)

B. Reports:

Presentation of EL and SPED Monitoring Findings by Allie Wheeler, Superintendent and Cody Kukulski, Teacher and EL Coordinator.

Mr. Kukulski began the presentation on EL Monitoring. It has been over seven years since the schools last EL Monitoring. The main findings revolved around scheduling and minutes for students. Mr. Kukulski and Mrs. Wheeler have been working together on the scheduling for next year to correct this deficiency. Mrs. Wheeler presented on the SPED Monitoring that has been recently completed. There were minimal findings, those of which we were able to correct with no additional findings present; this monitoring focused on paperwork (files/forms). Susi Edgington motioned to have information item for questions on this report moved up due to respecting the time of Mr. Kukulski. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

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

*Lincoln Thomasson wanted to thank Mr. Kukulski for his work, it is not overlooked. Is there anything the board can do to assist?

Mr. Kukulski – More minutes in the day! The team is required to provide 75min of targeted time each day; however, even with time restraints Mr. Kukulski and Mrs. Powers feel supported, and the results show it. Mrs. Wheeler chimed in that since the biggest correction revolves around scheduling they are working hard to get everything in place for next year to stay compliant.

*Susi Edgington asked how many EL students we have?

Mr. Kukulski – 44 currently with 5 exiting the program, as they are proficient in English now, so 39. Susi followed up with asking how long it takes a student to be exited. Mr. Kukulski responded that it depends on the student, two years is the goal but it is looked at on a case-by-case basis. Mrs. Wheeler stated that early targeting and placement testing help get kids started early.

*Susi Edgington asked how many special education students we have.

Mrs. Wheeler said about 65, 9 of which are self-contained. Susi followed up with asking if we risk losing students if we don't have a special education teacher in place? Mrs. Wheeler said it could but its about the quality of our program that will keep our kids here and secure.

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 Carlos Ramos. The vote to approve the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

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

B. Specific Items of District Business which require action

a. Final Budget Revision for FY25

Mrs. Womack, Business Manager, reminded the board of the previous months report on budget numbers and forms that are used for revisions. The final numbers have been calculated, and the district has chosen to move some M/O funds over to the UCO fund to continue working on the capital plan. Focusing on technology and facility upgrades. Upon approval tonight, the final revision will be uploaded to the state in time for the May 15 deadline.

Dr. Richard Hector Sr. made the motion to approve the final budget revision for FY25. The motion was seconded by Susi Edgington and the vote was unanimous.

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

b. Amplify English Language Arts Curriculum.

The district began the curriculum approval process back on March 4, 2025 with the original Curriculum Committee meeting. Sample curriculum has been in the front office with links posted on dojo and the district website since March 11, 2025. The notice of the upcoming curriculum request has been on the March 2025 and April 2025 agendas under information items.

Susi Edgington began the conversation by addressing the question she sent Mrs. Wheeler earlier in the day. She wants to make sure our students are not being exposed to something they do not need at an early age. Her question revolved around an article based on a Nebraska School Board from 2 years ago but she still felt concerned about topics being dark in nature. Mrs. Wheeler reached out to the Amplify representative and had received a response. The article focused on the second edition of the curriculum, questions and concerns had been addressed and the new third edition curriculum had been updated; our district is requesting the purchase of the third edition. Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. Kukulski, and the entire curriculum committee have reviewed the material that is being presented. Mr. Kukulski also reviewed the article in question and said that the story being referred to has been completely changed in the third edition.

Renee Dial looked around a lot and found recent blogs to which she is feeling discouraged with this curriculum. The main complaints revolve around not being factually based and over burdensome. Teachers felt

that they had to create lessons. Mrs. Wheeler responded that all curriculum is written at a national level, the classroom teacher then looks at it to meet state standards. All our teachers are creating their lesson plans based around the curriculum; teachers are provided prep time in order to create these plans. Renee was also concerned about it being tablet or technology based; Mrs. Wheeler clarified that K-5 is paper based with online components. Our current curriculum, Reading Street, was the same but is no longer being updated.

Lincoln Thomasson asked what the process would be if the curriculum was not approved tonight. Mrs. Wheeler stated that we would start the process over with a curriculum committee meeting, continued research and the 60 day review process. We would be looking at starting the school year in August with no ELA curriculum for k-6.

Mrs. Wheeler noticed the board that Cottonwood Oak-Creek district implemented the same curriculum and are seeing great success. We currently use the same curriculum for our 7th and 8th grade classes and are very happy with it. Students all learn the same curriculum at grade level and then are pulled into smaller groups for students who are at a lower level. However, all students are taught the same information as required. Currently our curriculums are already cross-curricular; utilizing the ELA curriculum while also involving social studies and science. The Amplify curriculum that we are requesting has a heavy writing component which we have been lacking.

Carlos Ramos asked when it was published. Mrs. Wheeler believed it was first introduced in 2015; Renee Dial stated she read in the 2000's.

Lincoln Thomasson stated this is the third edition, when did it come out. Mrs. Wheeler responded with the copyright and release being for 2025-2026.

Susi Edgington asked how long do we typically use a curriculum. Mrs. Wheeler stated that we usually purchase in 3 or 5 year contracts as 1 year is not enough.

Carlos Ramos said he did review the instruction video and his take away was that the material was too advanced and had technicalities of English grammar and did not inspire young readers. Mrs. Wheeler reminded him that it is the teacher's job to inspire young readers not the curriculum. The curriculum is a tool to assist teachers in their inspiration. Lincoln Thomasson noted that maybe we are overlooking the fact that it is up to the teachers to disseminate the curriculum and

help the students retain the information. This curriculum or another it is still up to the teacher to implement.

Dr. Richard Hector Sr. wanted to mention that curriculum that is kept relevant to the area is important. He shared a story about when he was young and was learning in his country of Trinidad using English books. The context was not there which made it difficult to understand the story completely.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the Amplify English Language Arts Curriculum for K-5 and 6th. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was split 3 to 2.

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

- c. Itinerate Staff for Speech, School Psychologist, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

The district recommends:

BPT Services – Physical Therapy
Jones Tele-Practice Agency – Occupational Therapy
Tina Nation (SLP), Conrad Khin (SLPA), and Brittany Baird (SLPA) – Speech Therapy
Kelly’s Educational Services and Team Educational Services and Therapy of Arizona – School Psychologist

All providers listed are returning with the exception of Jones Tele-Practice Agency. The district has verified that the services being provided will be in person and no Tele-Med.

Susi Edgington made the motion for the approval of the listed Itinerate staff. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

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

- d. Dr. Michele Wilcox Work Agreement.

Due to a shortage of special education teachers, the district is requesting contracting services with Mrs. Wilcox for 2025-2026. Mrs.

Wilcox will write all the IEPs and work with other special education and general education staff to benefit all special education students. If we were to obtain high quality certified special education teachers, there is a termination clause in the contract.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the contract with Michele Wilcox. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

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

e. Transportation IGA with Camp Verde Unified District.

This is an annual IGA. The only change was to specify this is for regular routes only, it does not include athletics, special education, or extra curricular.

Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the IGA with Camp Verde Unified District. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

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

f. First read of the following policies:

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter	Notes
Policy 3-403 Technology	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 53 (House Bill 2484)	Restrictions on Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices	
3-403.A Form Technology – Acceptable Student Use Form	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 53 (House Bill 2484)	Restrictions on Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices	
Policy 5-305 Student Code of Conduct	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 53 (House Bill 2484)	Restrictions on Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices	
Policy 4-204 Mandatory Reporting	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 40 (Senate Bill 1437)	Mandatory Reporting and Protocol for the Investigation of	

4-204.A Procedure – Mandatory Reporting – Child Abuse Reporting	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 40 (Senate Bill 1437)	Child Abuse Mandatory Reporting and Protocol for the Investigation of Child Abuse	
5-401.A Procedure – Police Interview Notification – Student Interviews	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 40 (Senate Bill 1437)	Mandatory Reporting and Protocol for the Investigation of Child Abuse	
Policy 1-401 Parents/Legal Guardians Rights in Education	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 83 (House Bill 2514)	Directory Information and Parent Rights	
Policy 5-303.B Student Records	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 83 (House Bill 2514)	Directory Information and Parent Rights	
5-303.B Procedure – Student Records – Directory Information	2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 83 (House Bill 2514)	Directory Information and Parent Rights	

No action is needed at this time. Mrs. Wheeler requested that the board present any questions, concerns, or requested changes by the end of May so we can consult with the attorneys.

g. Personnel

- i. Hires (Pending Fingerprint Clearance and Background Checks:
 - (a) Jessica Kramme – Currently at 16 hours per week, moving to 26 hours per week for the remainder of FY25.
 - (b) Amy Cameron – Certified Teacher – Renewal of contract for FY25-26 with no lapse in coverage from FY24-25.
 - (c) Classified staff as presented for 2025-2026. As with the certified staff, no raises will be included as the district awaits the state budget approval. Additional compensation will be presented at the July 2025 meeting for approval.
 - (d) Summer School Staff as presented for June 2025.
- ii. Resignations and Terminations:
 - (a) Marie Cobalt – Highly Qualified Paraprofessional effective April 28, 2025
 - (b) Marrietta Zukowski – Highly Qualified Paraprofessional effective May 22, 2025

Susi Edgington motioned to approve the above personnel items. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

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

8. Information Items:

- ~~Responses to questions regarding the report on the EL and SPED Monitoring~~ Moved to Reports
- Responses to questions or comments from April 2025 Highlights
- **Wellness Meeting update:** Teacher Micca Martinez and Food Service Director Karen DuFresne work together annually to have a meeting with the school community on the wellness policy. Ms. DuFresne will lead updates.
- School Resource Officer (SRO) Update
- FY26 Calendar – Clerical Update – Addition of Office Closures and Parent Engagement Events
- SFB Update for ongoing projects (SFB projects are state funded and are not coming out of the district budget)
 - Water Filtration
 - Other
- May Newsletter
- Congratulations to Sharon Brooks for successfully reconciling FY25 Exceptional Student Services (ESS) October 1 Data Collection!
- Signatures Finalized:
 - Structure Lease Agreement with Wi-Fiber of Arizona for approx. 64 sq ft for the placement of Beaver Creek School's Wireless Communication Facility.
 - School Facilities Division Terms and Conditions for 403 Heat Pump Replacement.
 - Annual Letter of Agency and proposal for Funding Year 2026-2027 with Nicely Done Consulting for Erate Services.
 - Annual Arizona Department of Transportation Electronic Data Service Government Application for Motor Vehicle Records (MVR) for certified and uncertified drivers. Letter of Support for Wheel Fun's Yavapai County Bicycle Training and Education Program

9. Request for future Agenda items:

- None to Report

10. Susi Edgington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM with a unanimous vote.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. 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.