

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 13, 2021

The Benedict Education Center Governing Board Room was closed to the public to protect against the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube.

A. Meeting Opening

Call to Order

Ms. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Berdetta Hodge (President), Brian Garcia (Vice President), Andres Barraza, Sarah James, and Armando Montero. Absent: None.

Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Ms. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Garcia and passed 5-0, the Governing Board approved the meeting agenda.

B. Executive Session

The Governing Board did not meet in Executive Session.

C. Study Session

Due to technical difficulties, the Governing Board was unable to hold the Study Session. Mr. Ellel will present information about the open meeting law at a later date.

D. Reconvene

Welcome—Ms. Hodge welcomed everyone.

Ceremonial Swearing In of Governing Board Members

Tempe Mayor Corey Woods administered the ceremonial oath of office to re-elected Member Berdetta Hodge and newly elected Members Sarah James and Armando Montero.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence—Ms. Hodge recited the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in recognition of the events at the U.S. Capitol and in remembrance of former Phoenix Councilmember Calvin Goode.

Election of 2021 Governing Board Officers

Ms. Hodge called for nominations for Governing Board President. Ms. Hodge nominated Mr. Garcia for Governing Board President, seconded by Mr. Barraza. There were no other nominations. The motion passed 5-0 (Mr. Barraza: aye; Mr. Garcia: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mr. Montero: aye).

Mr. Garcia called for nominations for Governing Board Vice President. Ms. Hodge nominated Mr. Barraza for Governing Board Vice President, seconded by Mr. Montero. There were no other nominations. The motion passed 5-0 (Mr. Barraza: aye; Mr. Garcia: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mr. Montero: aye).

Mr. Garcia and Mr. Barraza will serve as the 2021 Governing Board President and Vice President respectively.

E. Report from Superintendent

E-1—Budget Preparations for FY 2021-2022

The district has started to develop budget priorities for the coming year through the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). Dr. Mendivil will make his FY 22 budget recommendation to the Board after BAC presents its recommendations to him in the spring. Dr. Mendivil will update the Board during the budget development process as BAC works through the budget priorities it receives from various stakeholder groups.

E-2—Winter Intercession and Start of Second Semester

Corona, Desert Vista and Tempe Union Online students needing extra assistance in a class or needing to raise their first semester grade participated in the winter intersession during the winter break. Dr. Mendivil recognized Corona teachers Thomas Bieksha, Sean Thornton, Kori Mandelbaum, Jeff Spence, Megan Northcutt, Ben Forbes, Pablo Deleon, Andrew Lawrence, Yolanda Leon Carlon, Ken Olson, Sheryl Braun, Ed Yue, and Kellen Castillo; Desert Vista teachers Keith Casey, Brooke Barendrick, Tiffany Pace, Jennifer Summers, Amanda Cogswell, John Cook, Lorena Groeneveld, Anna Shigley, Kristine Gorovitz, Ronald Inch, Jeanne Scanlan, Susan Slavin, and Phillip Smith and Tempe Union Online teachers Avicha Levy, Bea Williams, David White, Dawn Agnew, Heather Kiser, Patricia Smith, Sonia Salazar, Sean Viola and Administrative Assistant Jayme Sanchez the teachers for their dedication to students.

At the start of the second semester schools are inviting students who need extra support and assistance back to campus to receive individualized help. Transportation and meals are provided.

E-3—Corona del Sol Robotics

There were technical issues showing the Corona Robotics team video on YouTube. The video will be shown at a future meeting.

F. Public Comment

Dr. Wilson read public comment into the record. The following individuals provided public comment:

- Leilani Peat, Corona graduate, said a shirt distributed by the football team is disgusting and she can't imagine how Hispanic or first-generation students feel about it; asked if the design is what the school and athletic program represent; she is not proud of her alma mater and can't believe it's the message Corona wants to represent; said immigrant and Latino struggles in this country are not a joke or a cute catch phrase to put on a t-shirt.
- Amy Beeman, Corona parent, said her family would be supportive of virtual learning if every facet of the community was locked down for two or three weeks, if teachers didn't travel out of state by air or car, and didn't participate in activities other families are giving up; the board wouldn't continue to hear from them if they saw educators making necessary sacrifices for essential workers who are unable to stay home; provided recommendations that people who want to remain virtual should follow.
- Amy Jamieson, Desert Vista parent, said children and families deserve a choice, teachers need to be in school teaching and not shopping on the busiest days of the year; said science supports opening schools as do the state, the federal government, the CDC, and data pulled from other districts; if teachers don't want to come to school to teach they should not be paid; demands an open call to the public and conducting school board meetings in person; said they are entitled to an in person call to the public instead of board members choosing what they want to present.
- Deborah Bigham, Corona parent, wants the board to share evidence schools are not safe; said the board is basing decisions on a political agenda and not on evidence; is disturbed most board members don't have kids or don't have kids in school; implored the board to make a decision that is best for kids and their future.
- Charlotte Winsor, THS teacher, said the phone calls and home visits she has made remind her of the contrast between her life and the lives of her students; the disproportionate effect of Covid on ethnic minorities is well documented; statistically, children of indigenous American, black, Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander descent have a higher risk of death from Covid than non-Hispanic white children; implored the board to continue the protections that have been put into place.
- Danielle Pollett, Mountain Pointe parent, welcomed new members to the governing board; said Tempe Union is in the red for all three metrics, hospitals are overloaded and Arizona has the highest Covid rate in the world; said find more equitable ways to serve kids online instead of pushing teachers and at-risk communities back into classrooms; she is counting on Tempe Union to remain virtual until it is safe.
- Jill Osborne, THS teacher, thanked the board for supporting students and staff; will make her online class a happy destination; said in every class she has taught in January a student's family member has tested positive for Covid or has died; is glad the district is taking serious measures to protect everyone.
- Monica Gellman, Desert Vista parent, thanked the board and district staff and teachers for their hard work in the face of online vitriol posted by some in the community; wonders why some parents are working so hard to open schools if they believe schools are run and staffed by lazy teachers, uncaring administrators, and corrupt board members.
- Raizel Andaya, Diversity our Narrative, is the leader of TUHSD's branch of the nationwide organization;

said its mission is to be actively anti-racist and encourage a productive dialogue on race and identity among student bodies; said the organization wants to create a more racially inclusive curriculum; members are current students and would represent the wants and needs of the study body.

G. Communications

G-1—Governing Board Members

- Ms. Hodge thanked the music department for its YouTube presentation; watched sports practices at some of the schools; welcomed Mrs. James and Mr. Montero to the board; congratulated Mr. Garcia and Mr. Barraza on being elected President and Vice President; thanked Congressman Stanton for sponsoring the event to recognize Dr. Joe McDonald; thanked Mayor Woods for conducting the swearing in of board members.
- Mr. Montero thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to serve on the board; he is excited to represent many of the students with whom he went to school; is excited to work with Dr. Mendivil and his team and the rest of the board; congratulated Mr. Garcia and Mr. Barraza on their election to President and Vice President.
- Mrs. James said she is honored to be on the board; thanked the community and looks forward to representing students, staff and the community; said it speaks highly of the district that every board member is a graduate of Tempe Union; congratulated Mr. Garcia and Mr. Barraza on their election to President and Vice President; is thrilled to be working with Dr. Mendivil; attended an event honoring Dr. Joe McDonald and heard the impact he had on people’s lives.
- Mr. Garcia welcomed everyone back; thanked those who submitted public comment for their thoughts; congratulated new members James and Montero and returning member Hodge; congratulated Mr. Barraza in his new leadership role; thanked Mayor Woods for administering the oath of office to new and returning board members; congratulated Flinn scholar semi-finalists Aislinn Conner, Carlos Quintero, Maya Steinberg, Shirley Wang, Tyler Wright, and Mitch Zakocs and wished them luck; thanked Congressman Stanton for recognizing Dr. Joe McDonald’s service to Desert Vista and the Tempe Union community and making Dr. McDonald part of the Congressional Record presentation; thanked Ms. Hodge for her service as board president and member; thanked ASBA board members from across the county for electing him to serve as Maricopa County Co-Director; congratulated Ms. Hodge for serving as the ASBA Black Alliance Vice President; congratulated the Corona robotics team for being award a grant from the Arizona Diamondbacks STEM fair.
- Mr. Barraza wished everyone a happy new year; thanked the board for electing him to serve as Vice President; said the letters show there is still division in the community; will make an effort to make sure everyone feels heard; thinks it’s important for the community to move forward.

G-2—Superintendent/Executive Team

- Mr. McDonald presented the latest Covid-19 metrics information.

H. Consent Agenda

Mr. Garcia moved approval of Consent Agenda Items H-1 through H-8. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barraza and passed 5-0 (Mr. Barraza: aye; Mr. Garcia: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mr. Montero: aye).

H-1— Minutes, Governing Board Meeting – December 16, 2020

The Governing Board approved the submitted December 16, 2020, Governing Board meeting minutes.

H-2— Ratification of \$4,046,571.00 Payroll Vouchers and \$2,006,625.78 Expense Vouchers

The Governing Board approved the following submitted payroll and expense vouchers:

PAYROLL VOUCHERS:			
Fiscal Year	Voucher #	Voucher Date	Amount
2020-2021	9	11/3/2020	4,046,571.00
Summary			4,046,571.00

EXPENSE VOUCHERS:			
Fiscal Year	Voucher #	Voucher Date	Amount
2020-2021	1260	12/10/2020	\$174,283.43
2020-2021	1261	12/10/2020	\$2,070.45

2020-2021	1262	12/10/2020	\$907,248.21
2020-2021	1264	12/17/2020	\$372,832.67
2020-2021	1265	12/17/2020	\$512,150.57
2020-2021	1277	12/17/2021	\$37,640.45
2020-2021	1279	12/17/2021	\$400.00
Summary			\$2,006,625.78

H-3—Personnel Actions

The Governing Board approved the following submitted personnel actions:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Site	Effective Date	Comments	Board Action
Walker	Jacqueline	Teacher Social Studies	MTP	1/5/2021		New Hire
Ballard	Jordan	Head Coach Varsity Boys Basketball	DVH	12/9/2020		New Hire
Harbertson	Mason	Coach Freshman Boys Basketball	DVH	12/14/2020		New Hire
Sage	Connor	Paraprofessional II	DVH	1/7/2021		New Hire
Wisdom	Ty	Head Coach Varsity Football	DVH	4/26/2021		New Hire
Larios	Robert	Coach JV Boys Soccer	MHS	12/14/2020		New Hire
Martinez	Gabriela	Paraprofessional II	MHS	1/11/2021		New Hire
Kim	Dayana	Paraprofessional II	THS	1/11/2021		Rehire
Crabtree	Jeffrey	Windows System Analyst	DO	1/11/2021		New Hire
Netterville	Eric	Bus Aide	DO	1/14/2021		New Hire
Carr	Krista	Teacher CTE Early Childhood Learning/Online CTE Business	MDN/ TUO	1/4/2021	From 1.0 Teacher CTE Early Child- hood Learning/.2 Early Learning Childhood Director	Change
Muchmore	Kelly	Teacher Spanish	MDN	1/4/2021	From 1.0 Teacher Spanish Online to .6 Teacher Spanish/.4 Special Project Coordina- tor at MDN	Transfer
Pacheco	Sabrina	Early Learning Center Aide	CDS	1/18/2021	From MDN	Transfer
St Cyr	Bryant	Coach JV Boys Basketball	DVH	12/7/2020	From Auxiliary Coach Basketball	Transfer
Lauer	Eric	Prevention Coach	DO	1/4/2021	From .6 Social Emotional Wellness District Ops/.4 Parent Liaison MTP	Change
Berrett	Sarah N	Teacher Math	CDS	12/10/2020	Writing Exams for Testing	Extra Duty
Bristol	Thomas A	Teacher Social Studies	CDS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Social Studies	Extra Duty
Castillo	Kellen	Teacher Math	CDS/ MTP	12/10/2020	Tutor CDS	Extra Duty

Malham	Ryan Z	Teacher Social Studies/Dropout Prevention Coordinator	CDS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Social Studies	Extra Duty
Thornton	Sean E	Teacher Social Studies	CDS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Social Studies	Extra Duty
Urban	Kristen S	Teacher English	CDS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class English	Extra Duty
Warren	Kiel A	Teacher English	CDS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class English	Extra Duty
Yue	Edward	Teacher Math	CDS	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Barendrick	Brooke	Teacher English	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Casey	Keith	Teacher English	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Cogswell	Amanda	Teacher Math	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Cook	John	Teacher Math	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Cook	John	Teacher Math	DVH	1/4/2021	Tutor	Extra Duty
Gorovitz	Kristine	Teacher Science	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Groeneveld	Lorena	Teacher Special Education	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Inch	Ronald	Teacher Science	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Pace	Tiffany	Teacher English	DVH	12/21/2021	Tutor	Extra Duty
Scanlan	Jeanne	Teacher Science	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Shigley	Anna	Teacher Special Education	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Slavin	Susan	Teacher Special Education	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Smith	Phillip	Teacher Science	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Summers	Jennifer	Teacher English	DVH	12/21/2020	Tutor	Extra Duty
Exline	Connor G	Teacher Social Studies	MDN	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Social Studies	Extra Duty
Matuszewski	Elizabeth	Teacher Special Education	MDN	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Special Education	Extra Duty
Muir	Jeremy J	Teacher Science	MDN	1/4/2021	.2 FTE Additional Class Science	Extra Duty
Remer	Fahlia J	Teacher Physical Education/Health	MDN	12/11/2020	Dance Production	Extra Duty
Sneed	Maureen	Teacher Social Studies	MDN	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Social Studies	Extra Duty
Wesloski	Bridget A	Teacher Social Studies	MDN	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Social Studies	Extra Duty
Felix	Elizabeth	Teacher Math	MHS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Math Online	Extra Duty
Molina	Aaron	Teacher Math	MHS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Online Math TUO	Extra Duty
Werner	Leo	Teacher Music Instrumental	MTP	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Music Instrumental	Extra Duty
Janiga-Skaggs	Christi A	Teacher Math	THS	1/4/2021	.2 Additional Class Math Online	Extra Duty
McClellan	Taylor	Safety and	CDS	12/7/2020	Coach JV	Extra Duty

		Security Officer			Girls Basketball	
Brusby	Jared	Teacher Special Education	THS	1/4/2021	Policy GCCC - FMLA	Leave of Absence
Palacio Tenorio	Rodrigo	Teacher Social Studies	THS	12/14/2020	Policy GCCC - FMLA Intermittent	Leave of Absence
Woertz	Erick	Teacher Math	MTP	1/15/2021		Retirement
Caballero	Violeta	Teacher Special Education	THS	12/4/2020		Resignation
Tobin	Lisa	Early Learning Childcare Aide	CDS	1/15/2021		Retirement
Lockhart	Stacey	Paraprofessional II	DVH	12/18/2020		Resigned
Walker	Melana	Paraprofessional I	MDN	12/10/2020		Resigned
Kelly	Brandy	Bus Driver	DO	11/20/2020		Resigned

H-4—Gifts and Donations

The Governing Board approved the following submitted gift and donation items:

- \$2,352.80 to MDN from Anonymous
- \$2,000.00 to District from Bryan Nelson State Farm Insurance
- \$1,000.00 to THS from Thunderbirds Foundation
- \$ 376.28 to MTP from Anonymous
- \$ 372.18 to CDS from Michael Harris
- \$ 150.00 to DVH from Anonymous
- \$ 69.00 to CDS from Brett Nunn
- \$ 35.17 to MTP from Coca-Cola Give
- Maricopa County Unified Command to District - 73,040 Cloth Face Masks est value \$160,688.00
- City of Tempe to District - 100 Used Bicycles est value \$25,000.00
- Read On AZ/Molina Foundation Book Buddies to District - 18 Boxes of Books est value \$2,250.00
- Lori and Gabriel Fragoso to MDN - GE Stainless Steel Refrigerator/Freezer est value \$250.00

H-5—Approval to Increase State Cooperative Contract ADSP019-213363 for Heavy Equipment Rental-Non Operated

The Governing Board approved the increase to state cooperative contract ADSP019-213363 in the amount of \$120,000.00 to United Rentals.

H-6—Approval of MOU with Homeless Youth Connection

The Governing Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Homeless Youth Connection (HYC) for referrals and services through June 2021.

H-7—Acceptance of Grant Awards from City of Tempe Arts Grant Program – Round 2

The Governing Board accepted \$2,199 in City of Tempe Arts Grant Program funds as submitted.

H-8—Acceptance of Grant Award from the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation “Virtual STEM Fair”

The Governing Board accepted the grant award to Corona del Sol Robotics in the amount of \$3,500 from the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation in partnership with Resolution Copper Mining LLC.

I. New Business

I-1—Governing Board Member Committee Assignments

Governing Board members selected their committee assignments. Committee assignments are:

1. Strategic Goal 1 Committee – Mr. Garcia, Mr. Montero
2. Strategic Goal 2 Committee – Mr. Barraza
3. Strategic Goal 3 Committee – Mrs. James, Mr. Montero
4. Strategic Goal 4 Committee – Ms. Hodge, Mrs. James
5. TUHSD Audit Committee – Mr. Garcia
6. TUHSD Benefit Trust Committee – Mr. Barraza
7. Tri-District Investment Committee – Ms. Hodge

J. Human Resources

J-1—Temporary Covid-Related Leave Plan

Mr. Barraza thanked administration for presenting this plan to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Barraza and passed 5-0 (Mr. Barraza: aye; Mr. Garcia: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mr. Montero: aye), the Governing Board approved the temporary Covid-related leave plan as submitted.

K. Information Items

K-1—Financial Report through January 6, 2021

Mr. Barraza thanked everyone for their hard work in the financial reporting process and looks forward to working with business services.

L. Meeting Closing

Next Regular Meeting – February 3, 2021

Adjournment – On motion of Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Barraza and passed 5-0 (Mr. Barraza: aye; Mr. Garcia: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mr. Montero: aye) the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Brian Garcia, President

Andres Barraza, Vice President

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