



YOUNG SCHOOL DISTRICT#5

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YOUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:00 PM - Young Public School Board Room – Red Brick

(THE GOVERNING BOARD MAY CONSIDER ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IN ANY ORDER AND AT ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING)

Roll Call: Present
Sara Bunce, President

Present
Linda Chapman, Member

Present
Dean Bell, Member

Present
Polly Hageman, Member

Present
James Bruzzi, Member

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order 6:02 pm by Sara Bunce.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda* Motioned by James Bruzzi, seconded by Polly Hageman; Carried unanimously.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance led by Sara Bunce
- 4) Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting September 11, 2023. Motioned by Linda Chapman, seconded by James Bruzzi; Carried unanimously.
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Administrator Report- Mr. O'Donnell informed the Board that he received a call from the Payson Roundup and he was interviewed by Peter Aleshire. The article focused on the corrective action plan put in place from the Arizona Auditor General Office. The article will be published on 10/3/2023. He updated the Board on the current student count. We will be losing one student and possibly gaining 3. After school sports moved to the 10/23/23. Staff is working on the Mandatory Reporting training. All staff is current on first aide, CPR and AED training. Spirit week will take place on 10/23/23, and the last day of spirit week, children will be allowed to dress in their Halloween costumes for the parade at 11am. We will participate in Veteran's program on November 9th. Student Chromebooks have arrived and we are awaiting ETC to come and get them running on our network. The new computers for teacher and staff use have been ordered. The AFR for 2023 will be being worked on Monday and Tuesday of next week and will be ready for approval by the 12th, the deadline for uploading to the state is the 15th. The Board has the self-evaluation which needs to be done by October 30th. We have some students whose needs are requiring more time than we have staffing for so he will be requesting he and the Board discuss staffing needs and ideas to meet the needs of our students.
 - b) Teacher Report – No teacher report.
 - c) PTO Board Member Report- No PTO report.

6) Call to Public – Public comments or concerns may be heard, but no Board Action may occur Jim Sanders spoke about is concerns regarding the new Social Emotional Learning program that is being done YPS. He stated that he does not like SEL and he would like the school to focus on academics and not feelings. He does not agree with group therapy, and did not want them completing assignments. He is concerned that this is a national problem. He stated clearly that he thinks that family and church should be responsible for dealing with their emotions. Mr. O'Donnell explained that is a necessary to have SEL so we can receive grant money, and to get that money it is required by the state to have SEL programs. He stated that the parents that do not agree with SEL are welcome to opt out. He explained that our SEL program will not be discussing any hot topic issues like sexuality, religion, and politics.

Stephanie Rider spoke to item 7c. She stated she would like the Board to reconsider the response to the EEOC. She stated her frustration that the superintendent and his lack of support for mediation between her and the Board was unfair. She also voiced the concern that federal investigators would now be coming to the district. Stephanie Rider also spoke to item 8b. She stated that she has formally requested curriculum and has been ignore. It was pointed out by the board that information has been in the office but there is a fee involved. She also stated that she would like the curriculum from the SEL program, and as a parent has a right to know what is being taught to her children. She also requested that communication is a part of the superintendent's evaluation and that the Board take note of the issues she has been having with Mr. O'Donnell and hold him accountable.

7) Action Items:

- a) Discussion/Action - Board approval of the Monthly Financial Report* Motioned by James Bruzzi, seconded by Polly Hageman; Carried unanimously.
 - b) Discussion/Action – Voucher Ratification: Payroll Vouchers 5 & 6 and Expense Vouchers 2404* Motioned by Linda Chapman, seconded by Polly Hageman; Carried unanimously.
 - c) Discussion/Action – The Board consideration/ratify letter of response to the EEOC* Motioned by Sara Bunce, seconded Linda Chapman; Carried unanimously.
 - d) Discussion/Action – The Board consideration/approve the Revised FY 22 Annual Financial Report* Motioned by Polly Hageman, seconded by James Bruzzi; Carried unanimously.
- Recess at 6:55pm motioned by Sara Bunce, seconded by James Bruzzi; Carried unanimously.
Reconvened at 6:58pm motioned by Sara Bunce, seconded by Polly Hageman; Carried unanimously.

8) Discussion Only Items:

- a) Discussion – The ASBA Law Conference and the Delegate Assembly will be discussed by and among the participating Board Members. Dean Bell explained what he learned at the Delegate Assembly. His largest take away was the discussion about maintaining federal roadways and how Young is one of the only one that is on a federal roadway. Sara Bunce discussed in detail many of the different classes she attended. She particularly enjoyed one called Thrives. She discussed campus safety and SEL programs. Mr. Bell also shared about a school administration he met that had been superintendent for 3 or 4 districts in Cochise County simultaneously, then moved to Show Low for a few years. This administrator now does 40 days per year in Vernon.
- b) Audit Updates- Mr. O'Donnell will share updates and discuss the various Financial Audits and Monitoring the district is currently working on, including the revised Corrective Action Plan. Mr. O'Donnell referred to the emailed corrective action plan from the AZ Auditor General. Mr. O'Donnell explained how the FY 21 Performance Audit and the FY 22 Annual Audit contained many of the same findings, so the AG's office decided to have YPS ignore the FY 21 Corrective Action Plan and focus on the new FY 22 Corrective Action Plan. The modified CAP has many points that have been repeated, like the capital assets management. Mr. O'Donnell explained that because the district had already addressed most of the original findings, the AG gave us only 45 days to respond. The administration has plans to send the response on October 18, 2023 to allow feedback and adjustment time. Moving forward things will be properly accounted for and tagged and inventoried, for example the new student and staff computers. Mr. O'Donnell stated he would

like to pay the credit card balance to \$0.00 so we can avoid late fee and finance charges, which will also help to complete findings on the CAP.

9) Adjournment* 7:34pm Motioned by James Bruzzi, seconded by Polly Hageman; Carried unanimously.

*Action Item

As authorized by ARS 38:431.03, this public body, upon majority vote, may choose to convene in an executive session for the purpose of discussing items allowed by law. Upon official notice the officer, appointee, or employee may choose to hold discussion and/or consideration in open meeting. No final action can or shall be taken in the executive session. Items of business suggested by employees and patrons of the District will notify the Superintendent of the particular item of business at least four working days before the Board meeting (Young Public School Policy Manual- Policy BEDBA).

Attendees:

James Bruzzi 7-17-24

Polly C. Hageman 7-17-24

Minutes Approval _____