

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
1801 East Fir, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING

Mingus Union High School Library
Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Governing Board:

Lori Drake
Carol Anne Teague
Anthony Lozano
Misty Cox
Austin Babcock

Also Present:

Mike Westcott, Superintendent
Lynn Leonard, Finance Director
Jennifer Reed, Admin Asst.
Shellie Phillips, Admin Asst.
Josh Fant, IT

OPENING

Call to Order

Board President Drake called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call

Board President Lori Drake, Vice President Carol Anne Teague, Board Member Anthony Lozano, Board Member Misty Cox and Board Member Austin Babcock are all present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Mike Westcott.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Board Member Babcock to adopt the agenda as presented. Second was made by Vice President Teague.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye
Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye
Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye
Board Member Misty Cox - Aye
Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Recess: 6:08 p.m.

Resume: 6:12 p.m.

Public Comments

Members of the public that spoke about library books; sexually explicit material and appropriate vs inappropriate content in current library materials include:

Chip Currie

Sandra Bueckert
Rita Minster
Pamela Costello
Ruthann Joy
Erin Whitesitt
Dawn Stockbridge and Paula Herald
Tobi Friedman
Deborah Seigland
Claudia Clark
Lisa Pracchia
Mary Thompson
Nell Faust
Jackie Tutor
Patrick Ladean
Katie Morrill
Catherine Delaney (read a letter)
Alexandra Perron
Jason Teague
Julie Fernatt
Susan Strauss
Noreen Peter
AJ Butts
Elaine Rothrock
Raymond Trujillo
Jeannine Cheek
Sarah Garrett
Llama Habern
Molly Heckman
Clover Schwimmbeck
Shauna Martin
Janet Loy
Jeff Keck
Nico Rodriguez
Ann Shaw
Matty Amato
Taylor Bell
Heather Scott
Vladimir Lee
Eleanor Kirk
Ben and Allison Russel
Sarah Orbe

Motion was made by President Drake to take a quick break. Second was made by Vice President Teague.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye
Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye
Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye
Board Member Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Recess: 7:56 p.m.

Resume: 8:12 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes Not Previously Approved

Motion was made by Vice President Teague to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2023, and the as presented. Second was made by Board Member Babcock.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Abstain

Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Misty Cox - Abstain

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 3-0.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mike Westcott gave an update on the latest English Textbook Committee Meeting.

Board Member Report

Board Member Lozano wanted to report on Board Philosophy and Membership but decided to table this due to time restraints.

Administration Report

Principal Genie Gee introduced the following speakers/presentation:

- Student Council Report from Student Council Members Rylie Smith, Jordan Smith and Charisma Benda, and Advisor Kelcy Lyons.
- National AVID Conference, speakers included Principal Genie Gee, Paige Bodam, Gretchen Wesbrock and Jason Teague.

Finance Report-Finance Director Lynn Leonard gave an update on the ADM and Budget.

ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT *Specific information on routine vouchers and personnel will be available at the District Office 24 hours prior to Board Meetings. Please see Governing Board Secretary during regular office hours. (All items listed hereunder are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be discussed separately.)*

5.1 Approval of Routine Vouchers

Expense, Payroll, and Bookstore Activity

5.2 Personnel

HR Report

5.3 Donation(s)

Hope Center Report, Girls Basketball Donations, Hope Center Donation, and Student Council Donation.

5.4 Travel Request

FFA is requesting Out of State Travel to Texas to attend the Next Gen Conference from 3/05/24 - 3/08/24.

5.5 Policy Second Readings

Second reading of ASBA Policy Advisories 748-762 as derived from enactments of the 56th Arizona Legislature.

President Drake would like to pull Item 5.3 Donations.

Motion was made by President Drake to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 5.3 Donations. Second was made by Board Member Cox.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Item 5.3- Donations

President Drake recognized the donations by reading them aloud and thanked them individually.

Motion was made by President Drake to approve Item 5.3 Donations. Second was made by Vice President Teague.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS - DISTRICT BUSINESS *(Specific items of District business as listed for consideration - may include various categorical areas as the business of the District necessitates Board discussion, deliberation, and action)*

Selection of the 2024 Governing Board President-The Board will consider and appoint a President for the 2024 Calendar Year. (Staff Resource: Mike Westcott).

Motion was made by Board Member Cox to nominate Lori Drake as Board President. Second was made by Board Member Lozano.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Selection of the 2024 Governing Board Vice President-The Board will consider and appoint a Vice President for the 2024 Calendar Year. (Staff Resource: Mike Westcott).

Motion was made by President Drake to nominate Misty Cox as Board Vice President. Second was made by Board Member Lozano.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Determination of the 2024 Regular Board Meeting schedule of the Governing Board- The Board will consider and approve a 2024 Meeting Schedule. (Staff Resource: Mike Westcott).

Superintendent Westcott read Policy BE School Board Meetings and Policy BDA Board Organizational Meeting; both pertaining to scheduling meetings.

Motion was made by President Drake to maintain the current schedule: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm in the MUHS Library. Second was made by Board Member Babcock.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Information and Discussion Items:

Information and Discussion regarding weighted grades for dual enrollment classes. (Staff Resource: Gretchen Wesbrock)

Ms. Wesbrock didn't have a presentation but is available for questions from the Board. The Board discussed AP versus Dual Enrollment Classes and how a weighted grade affects scholarships. Ms. Wesbrock stated other schools are moving away from Valedictorian and Salutatorian positions and instead possibly use Magna cum Laude, Summa cum Laude, etc. Superintendent Mike Westcott suggested putting together a pro con list for the potential change.

Information and discussion regarding student behavior guidelines and disciplinary actions found in the 2023-24 Student Handbook. (Staff Resource: Katherine Forbes)

Ms. Forbes didn't have a presentation but was available for questions from the Board. The Board discussed consequences and who decides what the consequences will be. Vice President Cox would like to see signs placed around the school. Ms. Forbes talked about how parents are involved when a student requires discipline action. Superintendent Mike Westcott gave Ms. Forbes kudos for her efforts in student discipline. The numbers show an improvement. Board Member Babcock would like to see how MUHS compares to other schools in relation to number of incidents. Principal Gee suggests inviting outside agencies to give a presentation on trends and what they are seeing in other schools.

Information Only Items:

Future Agenda Items-

- Schedule a Work Session to discuss Library Books.

Adjournment

Motion was made by President Drake to adjourn the meeting. Second was made Vice President Cox.

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: 9:28pm

Board President Lori Drake

Vice President Misty Cox