

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

**GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Mingus Union High School Library
Monday, September 23, 2024 5:00 PM

Governing Board:

Lori Drake
Misty Cox
Anthony Lozano
Carol Anne Teague
Austin Babcock

Also Present:

Melody Herne, Superintendent
Bridget Hillman, Admin. Asst.
Josh Fant, IT Director

OPENING

Call to Order

Board President Drake called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Jonathan Jauregni

Vice President Cox arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

Corrections for agenda by Superintendent Herne item 5.1.b motion will be moved out of Executive Session into Regular Session.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Board Member Babcock to adopt the agenda with item 5.1.b motion remove from the Executive Session into regular session. Second was made by Board Member Teague.

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

Public Comments

Jonathan Jauregni – Mr. Jauregni encourages all voters to do their homework regarding the candidates running for the Mingus Union High School District #4 School Board. He expressed his concern regarding Board Candidate Frank Nevarez.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Spring Data and Arizona A-F Letter Grade System

Superintendent Herne gave an indepth presentation regarding MUHS Spring Data and Arizona A-F Letter Grade. Superintendent Herne answered questions as they arised from the board. She applauded the work of the students, teachers and Leadership Team for the work that has been done.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the indepth presentation.

President Drake reminded all present that an open discussions with audience members is not aloud.

Superintendent Herne will have the Leadership Team and Guiding Coalition follow up on key instructional focuses at a later date.

Band Lesson Initiative with Cottonwood Oak Creek School District

Director Josh Stallworth presented Band Lesson Initiative with Cottonwood Oak Creek School District. Superintendent Herne commended Director Stallworth enthusiasm. Superintendent Herne informed the board regarding the overwhelming support Cottonwood Oak Creek School District has for this new initiative.

Board member questions were answered during the presentation.

Board Member Lozano stated that Director Stallworth is not presenting a new program but sharing an opportunity for us to do better for our students. This will improve the program that we currently have, he likes that. This initiative is not an expense but, an investment.

MUHS Safety Plan Mutual Link

Athletic Director Yancey DeVore presented the current security plan and communication systems; Raptor and Mutualink. Upcoming training will be October 23, 2024. Questions by board members were answered as the presentation took place. Principal Beery commented, we are using systems that other schools are using in the county for safety and security. It was stressed that all safety proudures should not be made public due to the complex nature of school campus security.

Weighted G.P.A.

Principal Beery presented information regarding Weighted G.P.A. Questions by the board were answered as the presentation took place.

Board Member Babcock would like to have administration look at adding Duel Enrollment classes to the Weighted G.P.A. calculations. Superintendent Herne asked the board for clarification, the board is asking for AP and Duel Enrollment classes to be weighted the same. Superintendent Herne states that this request will be given back to the Leadership Team for research. Once research is completed, a proposed model will be presented.

ACTION ITEMS - DISTRICT BUSINESS

Band Lesson Initiative Stipend

Superintendent Herne reviewed the Band Lesson Initiative Stipend. Current board approved stipend is \$35.00 per instructional hour. This proposal will be capped at 12 hours per week.

Board Member Babcock asked if there was a reason why Cottonwood Oak Creek School District is not contributing to this initiative.

Superintendent Herne states that would be the direction we would like to pursue in the future.

Motion was made by Board Member Teague to approve Band Lesson Initiative Stipend as presented. 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

Executive Session

Please remain seated until such time as the Board votes to convene an executive session. The Board will either move to a different location to hold the session or will ask those in attendance to leave the room and take with them all materials and belongings and ensure that no recording devices are left in the room. No action will be taken in the Executive Session if convened.

Adjourn to Executive Session: 6:47 p.m.

Resume from Executive Session: 7:08 p.m.

Superintendent Evaluation Goals

Motion was made by President Drake to approve Superintendent Evaluation Goals as presented. Second was made by 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

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Board President Drake instructed the board that future agenda items can be emailed to Superintendent Herne or taken at this time.

Board Member Cox – camera line and fencing of perimeter, training for security team

Board Member Babcock- email report of the last four years ACT Aspire and ACT numbers and a broken down report of the last 4 years of Mingus Union High School A-F letter grade.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Board Member Teague to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Board Member Cox .

Roll Call Vote:

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Absent

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment: 7:13 p.m.

Board President Lori Drake

Vice President Misty Cox