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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 3, 2025

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1. Board President Allana Essary called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:** Those in attendance were Allana Essary, Cynthia Mortenson, Daniel Boss. Video Call: Edgar Garcia, Kirk Waddle, and Elizabeth Hawkins.
- 3. Agenda Adoption:** *Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Daniel Boss seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.*
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** *Daniel Boss motioned to approve the minutes from May 6, 2025 and the May 13, 2025 special board meeting. Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.*
- 5. Superintendents Report:** Thank you for the opportunity
- 6. Governing Board:** Thank you for the time and willingness to help with the transition
- 7. Call to the Public:** N/A
- 8. Ratify Payroll Vouchers- 23 & 24 and Expenses 2524-2525:**
Daniel Boss motioned to ratify payroll vouchers 23 & 24 and expenses 2524-2525. Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.
- 9. Activity/Blue Devil Account April 2025:**
Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve the Blue Devil/Activity account for April 2025. Daniel Boss seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.
- 10. Financial Risk Overview with Auditors:** NO ACTION

- Arizona Auditor General's office explains the purpose of the Financial Risk Analysis Report and the district's January 2025 results.
- The district is identified as approaching the highest risk category based on current and potential future financial difficulties.
- The report aims to provide better decision-making data for district stakeholders.

11. Proposed Budget 2026:

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve the Proposed Budget for FY26. Daniel Boss seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

12. Daycare:

- Agreement to rent the space

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to table Daycare until more information is available. Daniel Boss seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

13. Border Patrol Campus Usage:

- Information on Border Patrol's request to use empty classrooms for training their canines.
- Inquiries about the availability of physically empty classrooms and the need to ensure no sensitive items are disturbed.
- HR offers to facilitate the request and ensure the Border Patrol uses appropriate rooms.

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve Border Patrol Campus Usage. Daniel Boss seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

14. Student Handbook:

- Changes in the Student Handbook, including higher GPA requirements for participation in extracurricular activities.
- Attendance policy and the need for students to be in school the entire day before participating in extracurricular activities.
- No cell phone policy and the need for students to follow state guidelines.
- Responsibility for updating the Student Handbook and the plan to go digital for easier access and updates.

Daniel Boss motioned to approve the student handbook with changes that need to be made. Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

15. 301 Teacher Payout Review:

- The issue with part-time teachers and counselors not receiving full compensation for their work despite doing the same tasks as full-time employees.
- The teacher bonus portion of \$3,000 is prorated for part-time teachers, but they feel it is unfair as they perform the same duties.
- Part-time teachers can complete the same menu items as full-time teachers, such as chaperoning dances and volunteering, but do not receive full pay.
- The discussion highlights the need to reevaluate the prorating system to ensure part-time teachers are fairly compensated for their efforts.

- The balance in the budget has increased due to the inclusion of class sponsors and other payments in the 301 funds.
- 301 funds are based on student count and sales tax, and the discussion revolves around the impact of these funds on the budget.
- Concern about making a permanent increase in the budget without ensuring that the outflows do not exceed inflows.
- Inquiries about the autonomy of each district in managing their 301 funds and the approval process for these plans.

Daniel Boss motioned to table 301 Teacher Payout Review. Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

16. Bus Driver Pay:

Daniel Boss motioned to approve bus driver pay increase by \$3 (\$18 hourly). Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

17. Social Studies Position:

- Need to review all options and make the best decision for students and finances.
- Urgency to fill the position immediately, suggesting a good decision should be made.
- Allow the new administration to determine whether to hire a certified teacher for the position or cover the subject internally.

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to table the Social Studies position and have the new superintendent bring their best option for approval at the next board meeting. Daniel Boss seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

18. EC Data Technologies 25-26:

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve the EC Data Technologies contract for 25–26, contingent upon receiving required logs and documentation of work from the contractor. Daniel Boss seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

19. New Superintendent Contract:

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve the new superintendent contract with the change in vacation days and pending the lawyer's approval. Daniel Boss seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

20. Summer Contracts:

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to approve all Summer Contracts. Daniel Boss seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

21. Paraprofessional Contract:

Cynthia Mortenson motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:44 PM.

Daniel Boss seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3–0.

At 8:02 PM, Daniel Boss motioned to return to Regular Session.

Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3–0.

Daniel Boss motioned to approve a \$5 increase to the paraprofessional contract for FY 2025–2026. Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3–0.

22. Future Agenda Items:

Policy Advisories, 301 Payout Review, Daycare, Budget, Staff Handbook, Social Studies Position

23. Adjournment: Daniel Boss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Cynthia Mortenson seconded the motion and motioned passed 3-0.

24. Next Regular Meeting Date: July 1st, 2025

Submitted by Zaida Coronado
Governing Board Members
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