

BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16
18008 South Fort Grant Road
Bonita, Arizona 85643

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
April 11, 2023

Date, Time & Place of meeting The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was held in the Gymnasium.

Board Members Present Kolin Kramme, President, Wende Macumber and Cyndee Smith.

Administrator Present Mr. Jonathan Truschke, Administrator

Visitors Present Student council: Aileen Olivarria, Keeley Norris, Mrs. Cheryl Childers, Stephanie Turner, Wayne and Cyndi Brewster

Call to Order Mr. Kramme called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of Agenda A MOTION was made by Mrs. Smith to approve the agenda. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs. Macumber and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

Student Council Quarterly Report Keeley Norris, Student Council Secretary talked about going to the Escape Room and how they had to work together to solve problems in order to escape. Aileen Olivarria, Student Council Historian talked about how they painted the yellow safety lines around the library and bell tower. The Student Council will be holding elections for next year's officers next week. Students will need to start getting signatures and posters completed for their campaign. In May the Jr High students will vote for their candidates.

Call to the Public

NONE

Approval Consent
Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mr.Kramme to move item D. a. hiring of Joan Olsen to new business. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs.Smith and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

A MOTION was made by Mrs Macumber to approve the remaining consent agenda. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs.Smith and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

The approved Consent Agenda consisted of:
Minutes of the public regular meeting of March 6,2023; the expense and payroll vouchers, activity accounts for March 2023.

ESI Employee staff agreement.

Hiring/ Extra duty/ Rate increase.

Hiring: Leann Thygerson, and Stephanie Turner,

Rate increase: Casey Warner

Extra duty contract: Ellisa Carrasco, Stipend

Item D. a./Hiring

Mr. Kramme informed Mr. Truschke that he wanted to let him know where he stood as a Board Member. He said his first priority is not the school, but was to the

citizens of this community and how they felt. Over the years the community has basically elected Mr. Kramme to do what they wish how the school should be run. At one time I voted to raise taxes so that everyone could have a good living raise. Mr. Kramme thought that if he had a chance to reciprocate this kindness and hire a local person, but we turned them down. He thought the priority should go to the citizens of the Bonita community first. So, with that being said I would like for us to hire Dejah Whetten. He said that Dejah may not be the best candidate for the job, but she lives here. The Whetten's have contributed to the school and it's only pertinent to pay back the community when you get a chance. Mr. Kramme asked Mrs. Macumber if she felt that the Board should give back to the community after all they have given to this school.

Mrs. Macumber replied that she thought Boards should give back to the community, but she also thought that the reason this school is as great as it is, was because of the cohesive group of people that they put in the positions. The teachers have worked well together. Mrs. Macumber stated that she didn't know the candidates that applied for the position in question, because she was not in the interview process. She said that she didn't know which one would work well with the staff. We have teachers that have been here for a long time, so you have to factor that in when you bring in someone new. Maybe the committee was looking more at experience, education, also personality wise as far as what's going to work as a whole. I think yes, you give back to the community, but you have to think about the school. You have to find the middle of the road, and find a happy medium.

Mr. Kramme restated that his commitment was to the community first. Mrs. Smith agreed with commitment to the community Mr. Kramme ended by stating once again my priority is to hire in district and to pay back when we can and it's not very often we get to do that. I know some cases it may not be the best but that's just the way I feel about it.

Consent agenda item D. a./ Joan Olsen, Middle School Language Arts teacher position was discussed and recommended to be tabled by the Board.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Kramme to TABLE item D a. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs. Smith and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

IGA Graham County special services consortium

Mr. Truschke stated that this item was tabled at the last meeting, because our Attorney hadn't gotten the contract back to us. Mr Thygerson stated he would match St. David's proposal. Dan Hinton IGA is significantly lower than last year's amount.

A MOTION to approve the IGA Graham County Special Services agreement was made by Mrs. Macumber, SECONDED by Mrs. Smith and CARRIED Unanimously.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

Acceptance of District Audit

Mr. Truschke said that based on A.R.S. §15-914, as amended by Laws 2021, CH 7, §3, school district governing boards must publicly accept all audits and compliance questionnaires by roll call vote. District management should provide board members access to audit reports and the USFR compliance questionnaire as part of submitting the district's audit for board acceptance. Board members may find the videos included in FAQ #6 below or the information included in our Financial Report Users Guide - State and Local Governments and Internal Control and Compliance Reports User Guide helpful in understanding the

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important and useful information presented in district financial reports. Mr. Truschke said that Bonita had no major findings. He gave our business manager praise for her hard work.

A MOTION to accept the District Audit was made by Mrs. Smith. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs. Macumber and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

School Calendars for FY 2023/2024

Mr. Truschke informed the board that the calendar was aligned with the Willcox School Calendar. Staff had two weeks to review and comment on the calendar. No complaints were received from staff regarding the calendar.

Minutes prepared and made available to the public

Board and Administrative Reports Testing

Mr. Truschke informed the Board that the student began AASA Testing last week. Testing will continue next week. All AASA Testing will be taken online. Free breakfast is being provided on testing days.

Making the grade

Mr. Truschke distributed Making the Grade 2022 information sheet. Arizona ranked 51 out of 51 on funding level with \$10,244 in cost -adjusted revenue per pupil-\$ 5,202 below the national average (\$ 15,446). Arizona went from 49 to 51 from last year. Arizona makes a lower than average effort to fund its schools. Its fiscal capacity (GDP) Gross domestic product is a monetary measure of the market value of all the final goods and services that is lower than average.

Budget Revision

Mr. Truschke and Mrs. Childers will be working on the budget revision for the May board meeting.

Bonita had the opportunity to receive smart boards from Safford. Mr. Truschke and Mr. Brewster will be picking them up tomorrow.

Track meet Mr. Brewster reported about the track meet taking place in Safford on 4/11/23.

Adjournment Mr. Kramme adjourned 8:25 AM.

Minutes prepared and made available to the public on 4/12/23 Stephanie Turner

Dated this day of _____, 20____

Bonita Governing Board by _____

