



***MOTION:** Jared Hammon motioned and Charlette Chatwin seconded the motion that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Session, February 16, 2009. Roger Knudson abstained from vote. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.*

**B. Ratification of Vouchers Signed Between Meetings**

Vouchers 9032, 9033, 9034, 9035, 9036

***MOTION:** Sam Zitting motioned and Daniel Dutson seconded the motion to ratify vouchers 9032, 9033, 9034, 9035, 9036. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.*

**4. Call to Public**

Lori Chatwin addressed the Governing Board and asked that they consider allowing another foreign exchange student tuition free for the 2009-10 school year. She had requested permission to host a student last year, but had to cancel for personal reasons. She would like to host one next year and is asking to Board to allow this student to attend El Capitan. Jared Hammon asked the Board members if they would consider moving this item next on the agenda. All agreed.

**9.C. Consideration and Action Regarding Waiving Fee for Foreign Exchange Students in the 2009-2010 School Year**

Jared Hammon asked Carol Timpson to explain the approval process of foreign exchange students. Carol Timpson stated that the policy which covers this was included in the binder. Jared Hammon asked if the host family was something the board members approve. Carol Timpson stated that the Board does not approve the host family but rather the student. The question is whether the student can be admitted without the payment of tuition. The policy states that the District can admit a foreign exchange student without tuition if the district chooses, but should limit it to one for each 250 students, unless more are authorized by the superintendent.

Jared Hammon stated that it was his recommendation that the governing board decide to waive or not waive the tuition based on a case by case basis. Charlette Chatwin replied that she has a foreign exchange student from China coming the first day of school. Jared Hammon asked what would be the standard tuition charged for a foreign exchange student,

Carol Timpson replied it would be the same as a Utah student which is around thirty three hundred dollars per student per year.

Jared Hammon asked Charlette Chatwin the student's ages. Charlette Chatwin replied that they were both high school age.

***MOTION:** Jared Hammon made the motion and Daniel Dutson seconded the motion that the Governing Board admit two foreign exchange students to El Capitan school for*

*the 09-10 year without charging tuition. Charlette Chatwin abstained from vote. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.*

**5. New Board Member Welcome and Administration of the Oath of Office**

Item moved to beginning of meeting.

**6. Tour of Preschool Center & New Vehicles**

Board members and audience toured the preschool center and new vehicles.

***MOTION:** Jared Hammon motioned and Sam Zitting seconded the motion to close the regular session and go to executive session for expulsion hearing for student #981120 per the ARS §38-431.03(A)(2) at 7:12 P.M. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.*

**7. Executive Session for Expulsion Hearing for Student #981120 per the ARS §38-431.03(A)(2)**

Confidentiality requirement

**8. Consideration and Action Regarding Expulsion of Student #981120**

Jared Hammon re-opened the regular session at 8:23 P.M.

Due to conflict of interest, Jared Hammon abstained from the vote and turned the discussion over to the board clerk, Sam Zitting. Sam Zitting asked if the board members had the ability to discuss remedies that could be as far as follow up if there was an expulsion. Jared Hammon replied that he thought they could.

Sam Zitting stated that in his opinion, the Governing Board needed to be consistent with their past actions regarding this same type of offense. He asked if the District could provide work for this student that could be completed at home then turned in to the teachers. That would allow the student to stay up on the school work for the rest of the year. He recommended that the Board revisit this student at the beginning of next school year and review how that went for the two months remaining, to make a further determination. Sam Zitting asked if that was something the school could accommodate.

Carol Timpson replied that she is working with the last student and it's not working well. The teachers are already overloaded and asking them to do more is a problem. Next year the district hopes to have an intervention paraprofessional in place for out-of-class work.

Sam Zitting asked if the district has the ability as a school to keep up on all of it right now. Carol Timpson replied that she didn't think they could handle it right now.

Roger Knudson stated that because of his personal involvement and conflict of interest, he would abstain from the vote and any further discussion on the matter.

Carol Timpson asked Fawneta if the student could use an online remediation software purchased through the grant that self-corrected for this student. Fawneta replied that she felt it was acceptable.

Sam Zitting asked if that was something the board members could put into the consideration. Carol Timpson stated they could make any conditions on the motion that they chose.

***MOTION:** Sam Zitting made the motion and Daniel Dutson seconded the motion that the Governing Board impose a long-term suspension on student #982110. During this suspension, the District will provide the software necessary for this student to enable him to do his coursework online throughout the rest of this year. The student can then return to the Governing Board prior to the start of the next school year for further action. Jared Hammon and Roger Knudson abstained from vote. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.*

## **9. Business Items**

### **A. Consideration and Action Regarding District's Use of and Participation in the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust Hearing Officer Program**

Carol Timpson explained that the Arizona Risk Retention Trust has a program to train hearing officers to make recommendations for disciplining students. The District administration would benefit by getting this training to better understand the legal protocols relating to these hearings. Once trained, they would be able to serve as hearing officers for Fredonia and Littlefield. This would eliminate the local conflicts of interest.

Jared Hammon expressed his concerns in allowing another school to make decisions regarding the District's standards when dealing with discipline students. He liked the personal perspective that a local hearing officer brings to the case.

Carol pointed out that a hearing officer only makes recommendations to the District Board and the Board makes the final decision. Roger Knudson stated that this training is needed to insure the District is protected against lawsuits that could possibly come out of discipline issues.

***MOTION:** Jared Hammon made the motion and Charlette Chatwin seconded to participate in the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust Hearing Officer Program by sending Carol Timpson and/or Craig Chatwin for said training. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.*

### **B. Consideration and Action Regarding Asbestos Survey Results on Colvin Street Campus**

Carol stated that the report regarding the Asbestos Survey did not arrive in time for this meeting. She has spoken with the gentleman who did the survey and he told her that there was extensive asbestos in the Colvin Street Campus.

There was no consideration or action regarding this item.

### **C. Foreign Exchange Students moved to front of agenda**

**D. Consideration and Action Regarding District's Outreach to Colorado City for Educational Services**

Carol Timpson explained that Susan Hammon at the Mohave Community College is proposing creating a summit to meet with community leaders to see what can be done to support education in the community. Fawneta Carroll and Carol Timpson have written documents outlining services that can be provided to the private schools in the community. They have also listed some concerns the District would need to address if the students were to be re-enrolled in the public school.

Discussion ensued regarding accountability of private schools wanting to take advantage of District resources. Title I monies allow District support of private schools. All finances would be handled by the Districts. Private schools would have to account to the District regarding their use of the funds.

***MOTION:** Jared Hammon made the motion to designate Sam Zitting as a liaison between the Governing Board and the Private Schools within our District. And also give him the discretion to modify the document (re-entry of Colorado City students into the District) as he sees fit. Daniel Dutson seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.*

**E. Consideration and Action Regarding the Approval of the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 School Calendars with Authorization for Modifications as Needed to Meet School Demands**

Carol presented a two-year calendar with notification that the District would like to eventually present a five-year calendar. She would like Governing Board approval of the calendar, allowing the administration leeway to make changes as necessary to accommodate the needs of the school and community.

***MOTION:** Charlette Chatwin motioned to approve the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 School Calendar with authorization for modifications as needed to meet school demands. Daniel Dutson seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.*

**F. Consideration and Action Regarding Proposed School District Budget Cuts from Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

Carol Timpson presented a document from the March 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Legislative Budget Committee showing the items they are looking to cut next year from education. The items directly impacting the District were presented. Some of the items were Full-Day Kindergarten, Teacher Experience Index, soft capital, and a 10% reduction in state aid. The District did not receive any budget cuts this year because they fell under the "less than 600 students" exemption. The state is also considering additional cuts for Districts that have over 9.5% of their budget spent on administrative costs.

No action needed.

**G. Consideration and Action Regarding Adopting the ProjectAlert Drug Prevention Curriculum**

Carol Timpson presented a Project Alert Drug Prevention Program and recommends that the Governing Board begin the approval process to start this program at the sixth grade level.

No action needed.

#### **H. Consideration and Action Regarding Re-Classification of Staff Member Due to Departmental Needs and Budget Cuts**

Carol Timpson suggested to the Governing Board that the District consider not replacing retiring teachers in the elementary program in consideration of the budget cuts. She also recommends that an existing staff member, Elizabeth Hammon, be transferred into the Title I program to fill the position of Reading/Math Specialist. This position would allow Fawneta Caroll to adequately cover her multiple responsibilities. The position would train and supervise all Title I paraprofessionals. It would be responsible for the DIBELS testing and benchmark testing and data collection. This position would take an active part in the elementary and secondary student support teams.

Jared Hammon asked if the teacher would receive the same pay. Carol Timpson replied that she would.

***MOTION:** Jared Hammon made the motion to re-classify Elizabeth Hammon to Reading/ Math Specialist within the Title I Program. Sam Zitting seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.*

#### **I. Consideration and Action Regarding Authorization for School to Sell Novelty Items and Sponsor Gym Nights for Athletics Fundraising**

In order to help cover the cost of the Sports Program, Carol Timpson would like each team to take responsibility of raising funds for a certain amount of the fees. She suggested “gym nights” where an entrance fee could be charged to help facilitate the program. She also suggested selling recipe books, calendars, cookie dough, and other novelty items as fundraisers.

***MOTION:** Charlette Chatwin motioned that the Board authorize the school to sell novelty items and sponsor gym nights for athletics fundraising. Daniel Dutson seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.*

#### **J. Consideration and Action Regarding New Employees**

Carol Timpson informed Board Members that employee Leann Denman has given her two week notices and she recommends that the Board hire Holly Berry to replace her as a Para-Professional in the ESS Department in the Elementary.

***MOTION:** Daniel Dutson made the motion that the Governing Board authorize Holly Berry to fill the vacant Elementary ESS position. Charlette Chatwin seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried.*

#### **K. Consideration and Action Regarding Digital Board Packets at Meetings**

Carol Timpson made the proposal to have the Board Members use Laptops and put the minutes on a flash drive to eliminate the paper packets. Roger Knudson pointed out that they would be able to access Board Policies online when the need arose. All board members agreed to support the new format.

No action necessary.

## **10. Consideration of Policy Changes**

### **A. A-0000 (A) District Mission and Belief Statement - change to District Mission, Vision, & Values –Add Exhibit for School Compact**

Carol recommended the Board allowing the teacher-created Mission, Vision, & Values replace the “boiler plate” Mission, Vision, & Values put in by ASBA.

Jared expressed support to the District writing our own values statement.

### **B. G-8450 (GDL) Support Staff Workload**

Recommendation: Replace “shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday and conclude at 12:00 midnight the following Wednesday” with “shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday and conclude at 12:00 midnight the following Saturday.”

Carol Timpson pointed out that policy G-8450 does not apply to our District and needs to be changed.

## **11. Consideration and Action on Policy Advisory 323 - GCCC Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay**

Carol Timpson stated that Policy Advisory 323-GCCC is an Arizona School Boards Association recommendation. She recommended that the Board adopt it as the District Policy.

***MOTION:** Jared Hammon motioned to adopt Policy Advisory 323 as written and amended by the Arizona School Board Association. Sam Zitting seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion Carried*

12. Financial Reports
  - A. Cash Flow Analysis
  - B. Expenditure Budget
  - C. Grants Status
  - D. Student Activities Report

Next meeting: April 20, 2009

## 13. Adjournment

Jared Hammon adjourned the meeting at 9:23 P.M.