

Red Rock Elementary School District No. 5
June 21, 2023
Board Meeting - Meeting Minutes
20854 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

1) **Call to Order:** *This meeting was called to order at 1:59pm by Luis Vargas, 2nd Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*

2) **Roll Call:** Board Members – Luis Vargas (President) – Present,
Jace Finman (Member) – Present
Kayti Kahn (Member) – Present

District Members – Peter Dwyer, Cathy Shull – Present
School Members – None

3) **Adoption of Agenda:** *Motion to adopt meeting agenda as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*

4) **Superintendents Report:**

Construction Update: The purchase orders were approved for construction change orders, hoping to be back to work next week. Still hoping to finalize construction by end of the summer, but date of completion is not finalized.

School attorney working with Mr. Dwyer to transition school board policy advisor from ASBA to The Trust. In the past our attorney would advise on board policies provided by ASBA, now after policies are reviewed, it will be an easier process when revising or adding new policies. Currently in the process of changing over all policies to ensure they match the state statutes and are in line with the procedures and practices here at the school.

The Superintendent's evaluation will be discussed at the July meeting. We will also be adopting The Trust as our policy advisors. We plan to present revised policies to the board at that meeting.

Summer school is ending Thursday of next week. Our enrollment is up from last year's summer school classes. We will continue to offer summer school as long as there's a need and a staff to facilitate it. Mrs. Kahn noted that a 2nd grade parent told her she called to enroll her students in summer school, but was told her students didn't qualify. Mr. Dwyer to look into this. Mrs. Kahn also noted that the summer school is such a short period of time in the day, with no after class child care available, it's hard for parents to work that around their schedules.

5) **Public Comments** – One call to the audience.

Mrs. Wendy Pennington addressed the board with a business plan to start an after school day care program. (Business plan attached to these minutes).

6) **New Business:**

Discussion and possible action to approve 2024 Proposed Expenditure Budget. Mrs. Shull reviewed the budget, not estimating an increase in ADM, keep 100th day 2023 ADM. A couple reasons for increase in budget: legislature increased the per-pupil amount again this year and a 1-time state aid supplement of \$150,000. Mrs. Kahn asked if there is room in the budget if we get additional SPED students enrolled. Yes, and we also have grants that reimburse us to cover high need students. *Motion to approve the 2024 Proposed Expenditure Budget as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*

Discussion and possible action to increase the teacher stipend for hard to fill positions. With teacher shortage, the stipend is an incentive to fill these positions. Mrs. Kahn asked if our stipends compare to Marana, our competing school for teachers. Stipends are not generally listed on school websites where the teacher salary schedules are posted, but we are more in line with Pinal county schools for stipends. *Motion to approve increase in stipends for hard to fill positions by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*

Discussion and possible action New FTE position of 6th grade self contained class (removed from middle school rotation schedule). Both 6th grade classes may rotate into middle school for electives next year. We should be opening with all positions filled with certified full time teachers. *Motion to approve new FTE teacher by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman. Approved 3-0.*

- 7) **Consent Agenda** – Signatures and Approvals: *Motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*
- a. Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2023. *Motion to approve by Luis Vargas 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0.*
 - b. Student Activities Account Statement/Register May 2023
 - c. Expense Vouchers: **#2326** \$250,165.21.
 - d. Payroll Vouchers: **#23** \$120,550.10, **#24** \$100,329.15, **#23.1** (Balance of Contracts-Teachers) \$96,475.11, **#303** (ESSER Stipends) \$113,284.63, **#404** (301 Performance Pay-Teachers) \$162,491.97.
- 8) **Next Meeting:** Friday July 14, 2023 4:00PM
- 9) **Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 3:11 by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Jace Finman, Approved 3-0*

Names, dates and documents relevant to the agenda items are available at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

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