

Red Rock Elementary School District No. 5
May 17, 2023
Board Meeting - Meeting Minutes

20854 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

- 1) **Call to Order:** *This meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
Mr. Finman: “Governing Board President, Luis Vargas is not in attendance tonight. I, Jace Finman, have been appointed, as the Senior Governing Board member, to act on President Vargas’ behalf as Governing Board President for this meeting only or until President Vargas is able to return”.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Board Members – 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 Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*

4) **Superintendents Report:**

Current open teaching positions are not filled, no qualified applicants have applied so far. We are currently looking for a middle school writing teacher, a middle school math teacher and two 6th grade teachers. Concerns that there are no prospects yet. There isn’t a teacher shortage, there’s a shortage of teachers that want to work. Mr. Finman asked what the deadline was to hire a teacher. Mr. Dwyer explained we can hire up to the start of school and beyond, if needed. There was one applicant for a counseling position, but has teaching credentials – the district may offer her a teaching position to start, with the possibility of moving her to a counselor position at a later date.

Construction update: Frustrated with delays, specifically with pouring cement. Ground is being tamped and prepped for the pour. Hopeful the concrete will be poured and ready to walk on for the Kindergarten promotion on Tuesday. Assessment will be done next week, and if necessary, the entrance will be shifted for guests.

Change orders continue to delay work. Discussion continue regarding the downspouts off the 400 building that drain into the field. Baseball season starts in the middle of monsoon season, so the runoff water could interfere with that, more discussions will happen regarding solutions for this. Change orders could have approvals soon, then workers will be back onsite to complete this phase, hopefully by July.

Promotions – Preschool Wednesday 5/17, Kinder Tuesday 5/23, 8th Grade Wednesday 5/24. Good news, 11 of the 16 preschool students are registered for Kindergarten with us, they also scored high on their kinder assessments. This was our goal with opening the paid preschool program, to ensure students begin kindergarten with us.

- 5) **Public Comments** – No public in attendance.

- 6) *Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:20pm by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 5:28pm by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.

7) **New Business:**

Discussion and possible action to approve “Sole Source” vendor of AZOT4Kids. Vendor has provided service to Red Rock School for several years. Many OT/PT providers have solicited business with our school but cannot provide service in our area based on our rural location. Other businesses have higher rates, and charges for calls/meetings/etc that AZOT4Kids does not charge for. *Motion to approve the Sole Source vendor AZOT4Kids by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0 .*

Discussion and possible action to close checking accounts with Chase Bank. Service with the bank has been unsatisfactory. New banking institutions are being reviewed, they must have knowledge of government banking policies. Will switch banking provider if a suitable substitution is found. Board will be updated on the progress of this at the next board meeting. *Motion to approve the closure of the Chase Bank accounts and open new accounts with new bank by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0 .*

Discussion and possible action to approve travel stipend of \$18,000/yr for superintendent. Currently, school vehicle is being used by the superintendent, with the replacement of the stipend, Mr. Dwyer will use his personal vehicle for all school travel, with no reimbursements for fuel, repairs, maintenance, etc. The school vehicle will then remain at the school for use on school business (Pickups at DP, trips to county school office, trainings, conferences, etc.) This will take effect for the 2024 school year. *Motion to approve the vehicle stipend for the superintendent by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0 .*

Discussion and possible action to change the 12 month vacation policy. Mr. Dwyer explained the proposed policy changes, reducing total vacation days from 20 to 10, changing the cycle from calendar year to fiscal year (July – June). Mr. Finman asked if affected employees have been notified of this possible change. Mr. Dwyer has notified the employees. This does not effect teachers or support staff. *Motion to approve the GCD Professional Staff Vacations & Holidays policy by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*

- 8) **Consent Agenda** – Signatures and Approvals: *Motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
- a. Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2023. *Motion to approve by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
 - b. Student Activities Account Statement/Register April 2023
 - c. Pinal County Treasurer – Combined Resolution – 2024 School Year
 - d. Pinal County Schools Data Processing Service – 2024 Service Agreement
 - e. Expense Vouchers: #2323 \$302,809.21 #2324 \$10,980.46 #2325 \$250,165.21
 - f. Payroll Vouchers: #21 \$141,773.46, #22 \$141,697.46

9) **Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 21, 2023 5:00PM

10) **Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 6:07 by Jace Finman, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0*

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

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