

Public notice of a Joint Governing Board meeting, including

Congress Elementary School District # 17

Hillside Elementary School District # 35

Kirkland Elementary School District # 23

Skull Valley Elementary School District # 15

Walnut Grove Elementary School District # 7

Yarnell Elementary School District # 52

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 5:30 PM

(Social time, including dinner, at 5:00 pm)

Model Creek Elementary School, 18912 Hays Ranch Road, Yarnell, AZ., 86332

Agenda

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Tim Carter called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Welcome and Purpose of the Meeting. (Tim Carter, Yavapai County Superintendent, Presiding)

Mr. Carter welcomed the boards, stating that the purpose of the meeting is for board members to meet and future advancements between the boards such as the maintenance agreements.

3. Pledge of Allegiance. (Tim Carter)

4. Information: Introduction of Governing Boards (Tim Carter)

Governing Boards introduced themselves.

a. Ceremonial Swearing In of Newly Appointed or Elected Board Members (Tim Carter)

Mr. Carter swore in new board members from Kirkland and Yarnell.

5. Action: Call Respective Meetings to Order and Approval of Agenda(Board Presidents)

Those boards who had a quorum called their meetings to order at 5:43 pm.

6. Information and Discussion: Community Organizing Process (Rosemary Agneessens, YCESA, FFMA)

7. Rosemary introduced herself to the board as the new community organizer. She discussed the voices of the community to the legislature are missing and need to be present during a legislative session. Her purpose is to assist those in the community who want to participate in the legislative session by finding community members who want to build a non-partisan community and parental advocacy effort around the issue of education. Rosemary explains her process is to first educate community members on issues, teach them to advocate and build a civic infrastructure for a parent and citizen led response to bring a voice to the legislature. She discussed that the teachers and superintendents who are advocating now are often brushed off as their job is necessary for educational resources, however members of the community have a strong voice to be heard for the education of their kids. Board members discussed that Rosemary is an advocate for the community to get concerns directly to the Legislators. Information from Gretchen is helpful to understand the stance of various legislators and how a particular bill moving or not moving forward. Board members expressed concern that rural

schools and smaller communities can make as big of an impact as a larger city. Rosemary explained she needs the board members to open the doors for her to reach out to community members.

8. Information and Discussion: New Tax Calculations Renee Raskin, YCESA, Chief Deputy)

Renee explained that due to the amount of information she suggests it best that boards directly contact her and set a date for her to attend a board meeting and she will then further discuss New Tax Calculations one on one with boards.

9. Information and Discussion: Joint Maintenance Agreement Update (Stan Goligoski)

Stan explained that out of about 5 options the boards agreed to join a maintenance agreement with PUSD. The new plan assists as a preventative maintenance plan. There has been discussion around a transportation agreement as well. Board members agreed the joint agreement is working and will continue working with each other. Michelle Perey discussed that she is working with PUSD regarding sub teaching positions that they can share as well. Stan advised the board YCESA is in the works of consolidating Substitute Teaching contracts to allow the subs to work at multiple districts within the county for Chino Valley, Humboldt and Prescott. He will now include the 6 boards who attended.

10. Information and Discussion: The following items have been proposed for consideration. Each Governing Board will pick one topic they wish to have discussed. If time allows (assuming an 8:00 pm adjournment), the Boards may be able to discuss additional topics. (Tim Carter)

- **Demographic Changes** – *Mr. Carter discussed the presentation by John Morgan who works with Yavapai College. According to demographics, Morgan thought the largest economy drive was going to be Marijuana. The demographics in the presentation showed the number of students (under 18) is decreasing, transitions within the county such as education, many students jump from school to school (up to 4 an academic year), split enrollment within schools creates financial difficulties for districts, ages 21-49 are decreasing, over age 50 increasing. Jenn Nelson advised board members if they would like to view the presentation it is available on the YCESA website home page “administrative presentations”.*
- **Legislative update**
- **Proposition 123** – *Mr. Carter advised there is still a lot of talk around 123. There are 2 issues pending with the proposition. There are arguments that the Governor is saying this is the first step of 2 steps, but will not explain the 2nd step. Prop 301 is dying and prop 123 may continue through those funds. If both 123 and 301 are lost then there are dramatic financial decreases. ABEC executive director has proposed that our surplus of energy be charged to out of state users. Electricity is being send to California and Nevada with no fees and if funds are charged then that money can be used for state education.*
- **Current year funding**
- **Budget**
- **Yavapai County Support Services**
- **Transportation**
- **Facilities**
- **Technology and Erate**
- **Yavapai Accommodation-Kirkland Night School** – *Michelle Perey explained they were not able to get enough students for night school so it is a day school, but it is going great. If other students in other districts are interested they should contact her or Kellie Burns. Mr. Carter also discussed that elementary schools could offer high school credits as long as they meet requirements. The boards agreed it is a good option for those who do not wish to travel to PUSD and forgo high school because of transportation.*
- **Inter-district cooperation**
- **Operational efficiency and accountability**

- **Hiring and salary schedules and norms** – Board members discussed having a pay scale or set salary. Mr. Carter explained that many schools have a salary structure and others do not. Teachers who have years of experience can start lower at a new district. It is the board's discretion as to either have a schedule or not, they need to specify it in their policy. Even with a salary schedule, boards are flexible to negotiate pay.
- **Academic standards**
- **AZMERIT and menu of assessments**
- **A-F Accountability System** – Mr. Carter explained the Ad Hoc Committee for A-F is tasked with taking a conceptual design with specific indicators and create detail for each indicator or rating. Most indicators are complete, however, there are still some that will be take some time. The timeframe is that labels must be issued by the end of the year. By April or May districts should have a letter grade. Mr. Carter discussed the grading system allows parents to evaluate each school, but it is statewide and they are trying to get the system to only relate and compare to schools that are relatable as a peer group.
- **Other, from the floor** – Forest Fees allocated 50% of the total cost up to \$5,000 for teachers to earn certificates in a teacher intern program, and advanced degrees. Forest Fees will reimburse spelling bee costs to districts.

11. Action: Adjournment (Board Presidents)

Board presidents adjourned the meeting at 7:42