

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting, February 22, 2016
Room 122, 1535 W. Jefferson St.,
Phoenix, AZ 85027
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION

<p>MEMBERS PRESENT: President Miller Vice President Ballantyne Ms. Hamilton (arrived 9:15 after roll call) Mr. Jacks Mr. Carter Mr. Taylor Superintendent Douglas Mr. Schmidt</p>	<p>MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Crow Dr. Rottweiler</p>
<p>CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL ANTHEM, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND ROLL CALL</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. Guests, Vincent De La Cruz, Christopher Joseph, Makayla Roman, and Angelica Willis-Smith from Fairfax High School, sang the National Anthem and a second song. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call; quorum confirmed.</p>
<p>1. BUSINESS REPORTS A. President’s Report</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:08:07)</p> <p>President Miller would like to pursue the opportunity of performing a Superintendents Policy Advisory Committee. He would like the Committee to be 7 members, including School Leadership members. The committee will be utilized to provide additional information and conversation between the Board, Executive Committee and the Field.</p>
<p>B. Superintendent’s report 1. Updates on Department of Education activities</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:10:17)</p> <p>Superintendent Douglas reports she gave a notice to each of the Board Members. The Department was advised by GED that they have changed the score on the tests and they wanted the Board to be aware that the change has come forward and how it may impact the State of Arizona.</p>
<p>C. Board Member Reports 1. Member Jared Taylor – AZ Standards Development Committee update 2. Vice President Ballantyne</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:11:32)</p> <p>Member Jared Taylor provided an update on the AZ Standards Development Committee and suggested the Board members who sit on the Committee meet with key people to formulate a way to expedite the process and pick up the pace.</p> <p>Vice President Ballantyne reported on “Good things going on in Education in Arizona”.</p>

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<p>D. Executive Director's Report</p> <p>1. Investigative Unit update</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/00:16:27)</p> <p>Executive Director Schmidt provided a monthly update to Board directives from the 12-09-15 Special Board meeting, an update on the Investigative unit and the status of the corrections of disciplinary actions in the reporting systems and reviewed the ongoing efforts to address issues.</p>
<p>2. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>A. Approval of the following contracts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Migrant Education Grant – Willcox Unified School District 2. Math and Science Partnership Grants 3. Adult Education Refugee Pilot <p>B. Approval of additional monies for Teacher Compensation for the fiscal year 2015-2016</p> <p>C. Approval of Maria Smalling as an Individual Trainer to deliver required structured English immersion training 45-hour completion course.</p> <p>D. Approval of Career Ladder funding for Window Rock Unified School District for fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015.</p> <p>E. Approval of the permanent revocation of any and all educator certificates, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, held by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nina Walaya Bryan 2. Jaime Miguel Campos 3. Randy John Escobedo 4. Kathleen Renee Gross 5. Otis Magee, Jr. 6. Martin Zazueta-Suarez <p>F. Approval of the voluntary surrender of the educator certificates held by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark A. Biagi 2. Brandon L. Caramellino 3. Sylvia Foulkes-Marshall 4. Nicole R. Minter 5. Juan F. Urias 6. Timothy Verdick 	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/00:26:40)</p> <p>Member Carter requested that Item B be removed from the Consent Agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item B.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Member Carter reported that Yavapai County School Districts are among school districts requesting consideration under this item and he recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Taylor to approve Item B.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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<p>G. Approval of the Move on When Reading (MOWR) LEA literacy plans which have been reviewed for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds.</p>	
<p>3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:29:37)</p> <p>John Kain submitted a Call to the Public, Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.</p> <p>Ed Sanchez submitted a Call to the Public, Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.</p> <p>Mark Del Maestro submitted a Call to the Public, Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.</p> <p>Itasca Small submitted a Call to the Public, Request to Speak Form for Item 4A.</p>
<p>4. GENERAL SESSION</p> <p>A. Presentation and discussion regarding legislative affairs. The Board may take action to support, oppose or remain neutral on specific legislative proposals.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:40:30)</p> <p>Brooke White from Axiom presented information and responded to questions regarding legislative matters affecting the State Board of Education.</p> <p>Itasca Small submitted a Call to the Public, Request to Speak Form and addressed the Board.</p>
<p>B. Presentation of literature review and state policies regarding third grade proficiency levels.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/01:10:50)</p> <p>Dr. Leila Williams presented information to the Board.</p>
<p>C. Presentation regarding updates on the K-6 technology-based language development and literacy intervention software for English language learners.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/01:32:48)</p> <p>Ashley Damon, ADE Director of Policy, presented information to the Board.</p> <p>Kelly Koenig from ADE presented information to the Board.</p>

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<p>D. Approval of the Arizona Charter School Program, project year 2017-2019 sub-grantees.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/01:38:20)</p> <p>Member Taylor reported that he represents a school that was a part of the application process and recused himself from the vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Carter to approve the Arizona Charter School Program project year 2017-2019 sub-grantees.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>E. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certification of Nicholas Ashby.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/01:38:32)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations of the PPAC to revoke any and all certificates held by Nicholas Ashby and that all states and territories be so notified.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>F. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to suspend the certification of the following individuals:</p> <p>1. Lynn Hannah aka Lynn Ruhge</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/01:46:40)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and a portion of the recommendations of the PPAC to suspend any and all certificates held by Lynn Hannah aka Lynn Ruhge for a period of one year as of the date approved and adopted by the Board and that all states and territories be so notified.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed 7-1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Member Schmidt explains his no vote.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">2. Wallace Kellett</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/02:16:47)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and a portion of the recommendations of the PPAC to suspend any and all certificates held by Wallace Kellett for a period of one year as of the date approved and adopted by the Board and that all states and territories be so notified.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed 7-1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Member Schmidt entered a no vote.</p>
<p>G. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the settlement agreement for Alison M. Smith-Rodriguez.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/02:21:26)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, to approve the proposed settlement agreement to issue a one-year suspension of any and all certificates held by Alison M Smith-Rodriguez with the following conditions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Smith-Rodriguez shall participate in counseling, therapy, or a treatment program which addresses substance abuse issues. Any such counseling, therapy, or treatment program must first be approved by the Board's staff.</i> • <i>Ms. Smith-Rodriguez shall furnish a letter of proof of successful completion to the Board certifying that she has successfully completed sufficient counseling, therapy, or treatment addressing the issues that led to the conduct.</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed 6-2.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Member Taylor voted no. Superintendent Douglas explains her nay vote.</p>

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<p>H. Presentation, discussion and possible action to adopt amendments to the Investigative Unit Policy Handbook.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/02:31:00)</p> <p><i>Dr. Karol Schmidt, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Carter to adopt amendments to the Investigative Unit Policy Handbook.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed 7-1.</p> <p>Superintendent Douglas explains her nay vote.</p>
<p>I. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding motivational assessments pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-704(A).</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/02:36:16)</p> <p><i>Dr. Karol Schmidt, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MOTION</u></p> <p><i>Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne to adopt a definition of a reading motivational assessment to be: a motivational assessment measures motivation or attitudes toward reading and produces information to monitor student progress.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed unanimously.</p>
<p>J. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Board's duties as chief educational authority for administration and supervision of grants.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/02:46:45)</p> <p>Member Schmidt provided information to the Board.</p> <p>Superintendent Douglas presented information/an update to the Board.</p> <p>Mary Szafranski, Associate Superintendent with the Department of Education, presented information to the Board.</p>

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<p>K. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rules R7-2-603 regarding Professional Administrative Standards.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/02:59:24)</p> <p>4K was withdrawn, for the time being.</p>
<p>5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, FUTURE MEETING DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS. The executive director, presiding officer or a member of the Board may present a brief summary of current events pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K), and may discuss future meeting dates and direct staff to place matters on a future agenda. The Board will not discuss or take action on any current event summary.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part I/03:15:11)</p> <p>Member Hamilton would like more information about online AZ Merit.</p> <p>Member Taylor talked about the Legislative process and Board priorities and requests information on preparing schools for AZ Merit.</p> <p>Member Schmidt asked that the Board meet with Axiom and requested an update on pending litigation from Ms. O’Grady.</p> <p>Member Carter requested a summer Board retreat to review/discuss legislation.</p> <p>President Miller reminds everyone that the March 21, 2016 meeting and CTE major presentation is on the third Monday, not the fourth Monday of the month and will be at West-MEC, not the Board room at ADE. The address for West-MEC is: 1617 W Williams Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85027</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.</p>