

**Minutes
State Board of Education
Monday, October 27, 2008**

The Arizona State Board of Education held a regular meeting at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson, Room 417, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM.

Members Present:

Dr. Vicki Balentine, President
Superintendent Tom Horne
Ms. Bonnie Kasey
Mr. Jesse Ary
Dr. John Haeger
Mr. Larry Lucero (arrived at 9:08)
Mr. Jaime Molera
Dr. Karen Nicodemus (arrived at 9:05)
Ms. Cecilia Owen

Members Absent:

Mr. Jacob Moore, Vice President
Ms. Anita Mendoza

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Balentine

ROLL CALL

Mr. Yanez

1. BUSINESS REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Balentine stated that over the past two months she and Mr. Yanez have spent a considerable amount of time planning for the AIMS Task Force. She stated that Mr. Yanez would provide additional information during his business report.

B. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Horne recognized the success of the Middle and High School Renewal Conference, Health and Nutrition Annual Conference, Annual Skills USA Fall Conference, Reading First Conferences, Fall Process Trainings, Migrant Education Program Trainings, AZ Counts Trainings, Fall Pre-Test Workshops and the Item Writing Workshops.

C. Board Member Reports

Mr. Lucero stated that West Ed held their October meeting in Arizona and gave an overview of the topics covered.

Ms. Owen commented that one of her responsibilities as county school superintendent is to appoint local governing board members when there are vacancies. Ms. Owen shared that in Coconino County school board elections were canceled due to having only one candidate.

D. Director's Report

1. Update regarding the AIMS Task Force

Mr. Yanez shared that on October 22, 2008 the first AIMS Task Force Meeting was held and logistics of future meetings were discussed.

Mr. Yanez reviewed the schedule of dates and topics for the upcoming meetings. A copy of this draft schedule was provided to the Board Members. Mr. Yanez said that Mr. Zaharis, Chairman of the Task Force has planned to have a final report by March 2009.

Dr. Balentine shared that the February meeting is tentative and the information will be posted on the AIMS Task Force website. Dr. Balentine also encouraged the Board Members to attend the AIMS Task Force Meetings as their schedules allowed.

Dr. Balentine stated that Dr. David Garcia from ASU and his doctoral students have agreed to work with the Task Force and facilitate the process in collaboration with the Department and the legislative support.

Mr. Molera stated that he would like to see the Task Force follow an agenda and have deadlines that are reasonable. Mr. Molera also asked for the Board to be kept informed of the process.

Supt. Horne reminded the members that the Task Force's recommendations are not binding on the Board or the Legislature. Each entity can exercise its own independent judgment.

2. Other items as necessary

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to approve minutes
 - 1. September 22, 2008
 - 2. April 28, 2008
- B. Consideration to Approve Contract Abstracts
 - 1. Migrant Education – Portable Assisted Study Sequence Program
 - 2. Migrant Education Program – Supplemental Allocations
 - 3. Learn & Serve America Youth Volunteer Grant
 - 4. Learn & Serve America Adult Volunteer Grant
- C. Consideration to approve trainers for the Structured English Immersion Provisional and Full Endorsements
- D. Consideration to approve funding for the USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant.
- E. Consideration to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee and approve the applications for teacher certification for the following

individuals:

1. John B. Dugan
2. Dorothy Shaw
3. Sandra Mae G. Bode
4. Bria A. McDonald

- F. Consideration to approve additional funding for Teacher Compensation for FY 2008-2009 relating to A.R.S. § 15-952 and 15-537
- G. Consideration to grant professional preparation program approval in Cross Categorical Special Education for the University of Arizona
- H. Consideration to grant professional preparation program approval in Elementary Education / Special Education for Grand Canyon University

*Dr. Nicodemus moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented.
Second by Mr. Lucero.*

Motion passes

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Board received no requests to speak.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

Mr. Jim Pitofsky from the Arizona Community Foundation presented *Assessing Our Education System (Birth – Grade 12)*.

Mr. Pitofsky gave a brief introduction and provided the members with a history of the study and summarized its major findings. This included a discussion regarding students' performance on the various assessments used in Arizona's K-12 system (AIMS, Terra Nova and NAEP).

Recommendations from the study include:

- Arizona should implement internationally competitive standards and realign its curricula.
- Arizona should improve teacher preparation and elevate the status and compensation of teachers.
- Arizona should enhance the quality of training and increase compensation for school administrators.
- Arizona should improve the quality of our state's charter schools through greater accountability and transparency.
- Arizona should strengthen the school finance system by addressing demonstrated needs and insisting on measurable results.
- Arizona should create a needs-based tuition assistance program to dramatically increase the number of college students.

- Arizona should develop common performance metrics for the P-20 continuum to ensure clarity of expectations and greater accountability.

5. GENERAL SESSION

A. Program overview of the Arizona Department of Education's School Safety and Prevention Unit

Ms. Jean Ajamie provided an overview of the School Safety and Prevention Unit.

Ms. Ajamie made reference to the packet of information that was provided to the Board members, which included a list of professional development available for schools. As of this year there have been over 1200 participants at the various workshops offered by the SS&P Unit.

Mr. Ary asked if the SS&P collaborates with the School Discipline program and Ms. Ajamie stated that they do work with Dr. Hart.

Mr. Ary asked if more funds could be provided to the Discipline program and Supt. Horne stated that currently funds are being provided by SS&P. Mr. Ary said they would like see more staff in the School Discipline section.

Dr. Nicodemus asked for clarification on the funding for school resource officers.

Mr. Ajamie stated that legislature had passed a new bill that changed the way schools would be funded for resource officers.

Ms. Ajamie explained the selection process and stated that due to the rising cost funding did not cover the expense for all schools to have resource officers.

The Power Point for this presentation is available at the State Board office.

B. Presentation and discussion regarding the State Board of Education's 2009 legislative priorities.

Dr. Balentine stated that Board input was provided in the discussion of the priorities presented.

Mr. Yanez indicated that he would present only a draft of the Board's legislative priorities for the upcoming session. He stated that the Board should provide any guidance and feedback necessary as this item will come back before the Board in December for final action.

Mr. Yanez and Ms. Cannata gave a brief overview of the list of the legislative priorities. This included priorities consistent to last year. Special attention was given to two issues: AIMS and school intervention.

Mr. Molera asked to review the process followed in a situation of a district takeover. Mr. Yanez explained the process.

Mr. Ary asked if there are other districts that would qualify for intervention given the recent release of school profiles. Supt. Horne stated that the only district that

would meet the qualifications is the Creighton School District but the ADE does not plan to refer this district for takeover.

Board members asked for clarification regarding the Board's responsibilities in this matter. Mr. Yanez indicated that the Board cannot make a finding of "systemic educational mismanagement" if a petition for academic receivership is not filed, and if no evidence is presented by the ADE.

Dr. Nicodemus asked if the ELL Task Force was still meeting regularly and Mr. Yanez informed that it is.

The final report will be brought to the Board in December.

- C. Presentation, discussion and consideration to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter for Enterprise Academy for failure to provide a program of instruction during the 2008 – 2009 school year. Alternatively, the Board may take action to accept the surrender of the charter for Enterprise Academy.

Mr. Yanez gave an overview of the surrender.

Mr. Jean Blue, representing Enterprise Academy, addressed the Board and asked to correct the record regarding the notice provided to the school. Mr. Blue stated that they had been responsive to all correspondence that was received from the charter school board.

Mr. Molera was not present to vote for this item.

Mr. Ary motioned to accept the voluntary surrender of the charter for Enterprise Academy, Inc. Ms. Owen second.

Motion passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Haeger to adjourn.

Second by Dr. Nicodemus.

Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.