

Franklin Phonetic School-Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Meeting at: Franklin Phonetic Primary School, 6116 E. Hwy 69, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Call to order:

3:36

Present: Becky Fitch, Cindy Franklin

Phone Participation: Audrey Wright, Tom Franklin, Melanie Arcuri, Neil Wright, Alison Alva,

Not Present: Kelly Hawley, Christina Gabaldon, Traci Lira,

Approval of the prior minutes:

Motion to approve prior minutes made by Alison Alva, seconded by Becky Fitch, and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Financial Report for Prescott Valley and Sunnyslope

The IDEA Basic and other Grants have been coming in and there was one more that came in today for \$20,000. The balance is only \$3200 due to paying bills in advance. Lisa Vega and Clancy Rathe both resigned and got their balance of contract. A lot of supplies were ordered this month due to the preschool grant ordering deadline of 12/31/2019. We will get reimbursed in January. Title 4 is negative at this moment due to the ordering of chrome books. Sunnyslope was awarded a counselor through a grant.

Addition to teacher contracts:

“ARS 15-545 A certificated teacher shall not resign after signing and returning his contract, unless the resignation is first approved by the governing board. A teacher who resigns contrary to this section shall be deemed to commit an unprofessional act and, upon request of the governing board, shall be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of certificate, as the state board of education deems appropriate.” It is also suggested that we require signatures and dates on each page of the contracts.

Motion to make the changes to teacher contracts made by Audrey Wright, seconded by Melanie Arcuri, and passed unanimously.

Resignation Letters

Betsy Kelley – Evidence was found showing that Mrs. Kelley had started looking for a new position as early as September. She then accepted a new position at Washington School before her resignation had been approved by the board. It was discussed whether we should take action against Washington concerning them hiring her before her resignation had been accepted. Mr. Condos will write a letter and we will discuss the possibility of sending it at our next meeting. It was presented that we put a note on Mrs. Kelley’s teaching certificate stating, “She broke her contract, accepted a new position, and started training for that position before board approval of her resignation and release from her contract.” A motion to put this note on Mrs. Kelley’s teaching certificate was made by Alison Alva, seconded by Neil Wright, and passed unanimously.

Kelly Hawley

There is one inaccurate sentence in Mrs. Hawley’s resignation letter. Because of this, the board went into executive session. It was decided to table Mrs. Hawley’s resignation letter until we can talk to our lawyer and see how to proceed.

Old Business:

Sunnyslope update

There will be 2 more students starting in January. The Holiday Musical had great attendance and went very well. The choir was the first to perform at John C. Lincoln Hospital and they have been invited back.

Prescott Valley update

We just had a very successful band concert and today was the performance of the elementary after school theater. We have a huge number of students out sick with Influenza B.

Prescott Valley Construction update

We have been given an estimate for the building of \$1,000,000 but we only have \$600,000 available. It was suggested that plant a garden on our property to show we are using our lots for the school. Mrs. Goeke received a grant for building a greenhouse so we will discuss possibly putting it on the lots.

Next meeting:

January 16, 2020 @3:30

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 4:35 made by Becky Fitch, seconded by Neil Wright, and passed unanimously.