

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
1801 East Fir, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
Mingus Union High School Library
Monday, October 14, 2019 5:00 PM

Governing Board:

Lori Drake
Anthony Lozano
Carol Anne Teague
Chip Currie (absent)
John McTurk (Via phone)

Also Present:

Mike Westcott, Superintendent
Jennifer Reed, Board Secretary

OPENING

Call to Order

Board President Drake called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Roll Call

Board President Lori Drake and Board Members Carol Anne Teague, John McTurk and Anthony Lozano are present.
Board Member Chip Currie is absent.

Information and discussion Items-Work Session

Superintendent Mike Westcott welcomed everyone to the Work Session.

1. Goals- Board and Superintendent- Information and discussion regarding revising the current Board Goals and a discussion of the Superintendent's Goals.

Board President Lori Drake reviewed the previous goals and stated that we have achieved #1 goal. Ms. Drake wants to support continuous improvement all the time and doesn't want to become stagnant and not growing.

After reviewing the Board Goals, Superintendent Mike Westcott pointed out some initiatives that we have implemented to help support Board Goal #2 School Improvement:

- Curriculum Audit
- Beyond Textbooks
- Power Hour

He said most goals are ongoing and the Board Self-Evaluation data could be used to create goals.

President Drake stated Board Members since Mr. Currie isn't in attendance, Board Members think about if there is any area they would like to hone in on.

Superintendent Mike Westcott suggested a goal he listed in his PowerPoint Presentation. It reads, "To focus on curriculum development and instructional improvement and move our District to at least a "B" letter grade." He added the Board doesn't necessarily need to adopt the same set of goals, but something in the set of Board Goals in respect to moving that A-F letter grade.

The Board would like to replace Board Goal #1 with: "To focus on curriculum development and instructional improvement and move our District to at least a "B" letter grade", leave the #2 & #3, and potentially establishing another goal or two after having additional data analysis from the ASBA Board Self-Evaluation.

2. Board Norms- Information and discussion about creating Board norms.

Board Members were able to review a copy of Paradise Valley Unified School District Governing Board list of Board Norms and a list that Board Member Carol Anne suggested. Both copies line up with MUHS Board Ethics.

It was suggested that Board Norms be built into the January Board Meeting, when the Officers are elected, go through Board Norms at the same time.

President Drake would like to add the final version of Board Norms to the November Board Agenda for approval.

3. ASBA Board Self Evaluation Results- Information and discussion regarding ASBA Board self-evaluation results.

Board Members reviewed the ASBA Board Self Evaluation Results. President Drake thinks we should move to the next step to get more information and get additional analysis done. This might be helpful with setting another board goal.

The Board would like to go into the second half to get a little more structure on what we will be looking at for some of our goals.

Superintendent Mike Westcott pointed out the page behind the graph, midway down, it states there will be a small fee to dig deeper. They then will provide one of the following:

1. A Data Review which is a 1 to 2 hour in-service, provide the school board with a full report which provides in depth, individualized data designed to identify opportunities for the Board's ongoing improvement. Or
2. A Data Review and Strategy Discussion. During this 3 or 4 hour in-service.

Mr. Westcott stated he thought Julie Bacon told him of a 2nd level report that provided the information but didn't include an in-service. He will get that clarified.

The Board is ok if we have to move forward and the only way to move forward is with the shorter in-service. President Drake thinks this will help to create goals and being a cohesive unit.

ADJOURNMENT 5:45pm

Motion was made by Board Member Teague to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Board Member McTurk.

Motion passed unanimously with President Lori Drake, Board Members Teague, McTurk, and Lozano approving.

Board President, Lori Drake

Board Clerk, Carol Anne Teague