

# Minutes of the Special and Executive Session of March 8, 2010

## Prescott Unified School District Governing Board

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A Special Session of the Governing Board of Prescott Unified School District was held Monday, March 8, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room located at the District Office, 146 South Granite Street, Prescott, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

President Joan Fleming  
Dee Navarro  
Steve Campbell  
Andy Newton  
Tina Seeley (arrived at 9:09 a.m.)

Others Present:

Kevin Kapp, Superintendent  
Chris Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent  
Andrea Mayer, Adm. Asst. to the Governing Board  
Taylor Robbins, Student Representative

District Personnel and/or Members of the Public Present:

None

CALL TO ORDER

President Joan Fleming called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Taylor Robbins led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Fleming asked Mr. Kapp if the agenda was in order. Mr. Kapp responded that it was in order.

Mrs. Dee Navarro moved that the Governing Board approve the agenda as presented.  
Mr. Steve Campbell seconded the motion.

Dr. Andy Newton voted aye, Mrs. Dee Navarro voted aye, Mr. Steve Campbell voted aye, and President Fleming voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

**OPEN SESSION:**

THE BOARD WILL REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY CERTIFICATED TEACHER JULIE ROCKWELL, AS WELL AS THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT PROFFERED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND MS. ROCKWELL, AND MAY VOTE TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING THESE ITEMS

Mr. Steve Campbell moved that the Governing Board approve both the resignation submitted by certificated teacher Julie Rockwell, as well as the settlement agreement proffered by the Superintendent and Ms. Rockwell. Dr. Andy Newton seconded the motion.

Dr. Andy Newton voted aye, Mrs. Dee Navarro voted aye, Mr. Steve Campbell voted aye, and President Fleming voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Newton stated that he thought this was a reasonable way to settle this situation.

Mrs. Navarro stated that her only concern was that it would not preclude her from getting another teaching job elsewhere.

Dr. Chris Reynolds noted that we have nothing to report to the state department of education.

President Fleming noted that if someone hires her without checking, that will be their problem.

CONSIDER MOVING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Andy Newton moved that the Governing Board move into executive session. Mr. Steve Campbell seconded the motion.

Dr. Andy Newton voted aye, Mrs. Dee Navarro voted aye, Mr. Steve Campbell voted aye, and President Fleming voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

The Governing Board moved into executive session at 9:08 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Mrs. Tina Seeley arrived at 9:09 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Governing Board reconvened to open session at 10:11 a.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF THE FINL CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OR ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

Mrs. Dee Navarro moved that the Governing Board offer a contract to Mr. David Smucker for the position of superintendent of Prescott Unified School District. Dr. Andy Newton seconded the motion.

Dr. Newton asked, are we going to stipulate how that contract will be negotiated?

Mr. Kapp responded, not unless you're going to delegate someone to do it for you.

Dr. Andy Newton voted aye, Mrs. Tina Seeley voted aye, Mrs. Dee Navarro voted aye, Mr. Steve Campbell voted aye, and President Fleming voted aye. The motion carried 5-0.

President Fleming stated that she would call Mr. Smucker and inform him and that the board could negotiate with him telephonically if he is no longer in town.

Mr. Kapp reviewed items that could be negotiated with the new superintendent.

Dr. Newton left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Mr. Campbell stated that he would feel comfortable if President Fleming called him and sent him a contract with a salary amount entered and then negotiate from there at tomorrow's executive session.

Mr. Steve Campbell moved that the Governing Board direct the Board President to contact Mr. David Smucker to inform him that we have chosen him for the position, to offer the job to him and then go ahead and send him a copy of a contract with the salary to be approximately \$118,000. Mrs. Dee Navarro seconded the motion.

Mrs. Tina Seeley voted aye, Mrs. Dee Navarro voted aye, Mr. Steve Campbell voted aye, and President Fleming voted aye. The motion carried 4-0.

President Fleming then called Mr. Smucker to offer him the position of superintendent. Mr. Smucker accepted the position and noted that he would be available around 4:00 p.m. tomorrow for a conference call during the scheduled executive session. He added that he was both honored and excited about coming to Prescott.

Mr. Kapp asked, how do you want to publicize this? President Fleming noted that Paula Rhoden from *The Prescott Courier* had requested that Joan call her once a decision was made. Mr. Kapp stated that he would do an all accounts email regarding Mr. Smucker's acceptance of the position and that it would be contingent upon the final contract.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, President Fleming adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.