

Kingman Unified School District #20
Regular Governing Board Meeting
3033 MacDonald Avenue, Kingman, AZ
September 24, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board Members Present; Mrs. Laurie Voss Barthlow, Dr. Jeri Brock, and Mr. Bruce Ricca were present. Dr. Charles Lucero and Mrs. Carole Young were absent and excused.

Administration Present: KUSD Administrators present were Mr. Roger Jacks, Superintendent; Mrs. Jeri Wolsey, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Chris Nutt, Director of Human Resource; Mrs. Mollie Casson, Director of Exceptional Student Services; and Mrs. Wendy Kufleitner, Governing Board Secretary.

Call to the Audience: None

Item 5 - Possible action to approve a proposed amendment to the District's Agreement for Services with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB): Mr. Jacks - we would like to turn the meeting over to Jeri Wolsey who has been working with ASDB. Mrs. Wolsey - for years we have been with ASDB for hearing impaired and blind students. The really are ASDB students, but we provide a place for them to go to school. A line in ASDB's contract states if ASDB is not able to cover all of the services, they will be provided by the school. The ADM is an estimated \$15,000 for each hearing impaired student. They get everything money wise for the student, but not meeting all of their services. A parent brought the statement about it being our responsibility to cover the services ASDB doesn't in the contract to our attention. ASDB told one student they could not go to school at Kingman High School until 1:00 PM each day because ASDB did not have an interpreter for them. We did not know those kinds of things were going on because they would contact ASDB. We decided after going through all of this to cut our ties with them. Flagstaff and Humboldt School Districts have already.

Since we started this endeavor we have had many people tell us they would work for us. For the best interest of our students we decided it would be best to sever our ties with ASDB.

There are 19 hearing impaired students currently in Kingman Unified schools. The expenses for the teacher and interpreters will be covered by the ADM money thus costing the district nothing. There are five students that have equipment from ASDB. All of the equipment is antiquated. The cost of replacing the equipment is a onetime fee of \$9,750.

Ms. Voss Barthlow – I did not realize that we had dealings with Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind. So these students are not ours?

Mrs. Casson – in a sense, but the bottom line is they are our students. So if they are not receiving all of their services from ASDB, it is our responsibility to provide the rest of the services indicated in their Individual Education Plan which is what we are currently doing.

Ms. Voss Barthlow – are they all coming from Phoenix to work with our students?

Mrs. Casson – no, they live here. All but one will be coming to work for us. ASDB is going through a reorganization. They will continue to provide services for our visually impaired students at least through this school year. They have given us a warning that we may need to take over the VI students next year. We will be ready if that is the way it goes.

Dr. Brock – I move to approve the proposed amendment to the Agreement for Services between the District and the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB); to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate any additional changes to the Amendment with ASDB and to execute the Amendment on behalf of the District. Mr. Ricca seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor 3-0.

Item 6 – Approval of one full time Teacher and three full time Interpreter positions due to transfer of educational duties for the deaf and/or hard of hearing students from Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) to Kingman Unified School District; Mrs. Wolsey stated these are the positions to move forward with taking over the full responsibility of the hearing impaired students.

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Dr. Brock made a motion to approve the four full time positions. Mr. Ricca seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor 3-0.

Item 7 - Request Motion to adjourn regular meeting into Executive Session to Discuss Student Expulsion Meetings; Dr. Brock made the motion to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session. Mr. Ricca seconded the motion. The motion passed in favor 3-0.

Adjourn 10:35 AM.

Dr. Charles Lucero, President

Ms. Laurie Voss Barthlow, Vice President