

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING – GILA INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT #2

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Safford Middle School

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. B.K. Merriman, President
Mrs. Christie Brown, Member
Mrs. Mark Claridge, Member
Mrs. Tamara Melton, Member
Mrs. Kim Waters, Member

Mr. Clay Emery, Superintendent
Mrs. Brenda Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Mrs. Sherry Carbajal, Member
Mr. Eddie Bowman, Member

Public:

Yadira Fierro, MHS Teacher
Anthony Heathman, MHS Student
Lance Fite, SHS Teacher
Mikayla Cope, SMS Teacher,
Mike Green, SMS Teacher
Mike Finch, SMS Principal
Cristi Swan, GIFT Auditor

Celeis Bejarano, MHS Student
Christian Montano, MHS Student
Ed Taylor, SHS Teacher
Mickey Hawkins, SMS Teacher,
Melissa Dodge, SMS Asst. Principal
Kent Baldwin, Director of Instructional Services

1. Adoption of the Agenda -The Governing Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or arrange items on the agenda, to efficiently conduct its business. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Brown to adopt the agenda as presented by the administration with the exception of moving item #5 and item #6 after item #10. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 5/0.**

Item #1				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS

- 2. Superintendent’s Summary- **Mr. Emery gave a brief summary of Safford Middle School programs and introduced teachers to speak about their programs at Safford Middle School. Cristi Swan introduced herself as GIFT auditor.**

CONSENT AGENDA – Action

Approval of routine payroll and expense vouchers/routine matters.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting, 6:00 pm.
Recommendation to approve/ratify financial matters.
 - A. Payroll and expense vouchers.
 - B. Cash balance reports.

Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 5/0.

Item #3				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

LEGAL/FINANCIAL

New Business

- 4. Morenci High School Business Program Presentation. Discussion and approval of start-up funding for MHS student store. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Melton to discuss and approve \$3,000.00 start-up fund for MHS student store. Motion seconded by Mrs. Waters. Motion carried 5/0.**

Item #4				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

- 7. Discussion and approval of funding for Thatcher Unified Schools White Fleet purchase. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Brown to discuss and approve funding**

for Thatcher Unified Schools White Fleet purchase. Motion seconded by Mr. Claridge. Motion carried 5/0. See Board Packet.

Item #7				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

8. Discussion and approval of funding for 8 passenger SUV for Thatcher Unified School. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Claridge to discuss and approve funding for an 8 passenger SUV for Thatcher Unified School. Motion seconded by Mrs. Melton. Motion carried 5/0. See Board Packet.**

Item #8				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				x
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

9. Discussion and approval of funding for 7-8 passenger SUV for Safford Unified Schools. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Melton to discuss and approve up to \$60,000 max for 7-8 passenger SUV for Safford Unified Schools. Motion seconded by Mrs. Waters. Motion carried 5/0.**

Item #9				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

10. Discussion and approval of funding for training modules for Safford High School Autos. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Claridge to discuss and approve \$20,000 for training modules for Safford High School Autos. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 5/0.**

Item #10				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

5. Second reading/approval of Policy, Regulations and Exhibits. **(Action) Motion made by Mr. Claridge to approve all Policy, Regulations and Exhibits. Motion seconded by Mrs. Waters. Motion carried 5/0.**

Item #5				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

- Policy BCB — Board Member Conflict of Interest
- Policy BDA — Board Organizational Meeting
- Policy BE — School Board Meetings
- Policy BEDA — Notification of Board Meetings
- Policy BEDB — Agenda
- Policy CBI — Evaluation of Superintendent
(NEW)
- Exhibit CBI-EB — Evaluation of Superintendent
- Policy EBC — Emergencies
- Policy GCG — Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
- Policy IHA — Basic Instructional Program
- Exhibit IHA-E — Basic Instructional Program
- Policy JFABDA — Admission of Students in Foster Care

- Policy JK — Student Discipline
- Policy JKD — Student Suspension
- Policy JKE — Expulsion of Students
- Policy JLH — Missing Students
- Regulation JRCA-R — Request for Transfer of Records

6. Discussion and approval of Superintendent evaluation instrument. **(Action) Motion made by Mrs. Melton to discuss and approve Superintendent evaluation instrument. Motion seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion carried 5/0.**

Item #6				
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eddie Bowman				X
Christie Brown	X			
Sherry Carbajal				X
Mark Claridge	X			
Tamara Melton	X			
B.K. Merriman	X			
Kim Waters	X			

BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

New Business

11. Review/confirm board meeting schedule.
 Regular/Special Meetings for 2023-2024 School Year

- Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6 pm at GIFT Office
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6 pm at GIFT Office

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Chairman Signature

Date