

MINUTES SUPERIOR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

1500 W. Panther Drive, Superior, AZ 85173

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: 1500 W. Panther Drive, Suite 101, Superior, AZ 85173, Room 106

AGENDA

Call to Order 6:00pm

a. In Attendance:

Nick Cruz	Present
Monica Denogean	Present
Henry Gutierrez	Present
Augie Hing	Present
Martin Navarrette	Present

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Approval of Agenda

Board member Navarrette motioned to approve Agenda as presented. Board member Denogean seconded. All in Favor 5-0, motion carried.

d. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Call to the Public

e. Presentation: JFK January Students of the Month

Kindergarten: Ashton Doran, Melody Madrigal; 1st Grade: Delana Pino-Orozco & David Barreras; 2nd Grade: Evelyn Casillas & Alan Fox; 3rd Grade: Rylie Burdette & Oliver Doran; 4th Grade: Aleeyah Gomez & Amara Milton; 5th Grade: Kristian Velducea & Ariel Aparicio; 6th Grade: Agnel Casias & Mariah Nunez

Consent Agenda

1. Approved prior Governing Board Minutes – January 8, 2025.
2. Ratified Expense Vouchers #2524 - #2526 = \$190,296.70.
and Payroll Vouchers #18- #20 = \$357,028.16.
3. Approved Auxiliary accounts for December 2024.
4. Approved Student Activity accounts for December 2024.
5. Approved Disposals and Acceptance of Donations for January 2025.
6. Approved of out of state travel to Washington, DC for Youth Council to attend Congressional National League of Cities Conference on March 7 – 13, 2025.
7. Approved overnight travel for FCCLA to attend competition in Tucson, AZ on March 4 – 6, 2025.

Board member Navarrette asked if we could announce what donations were received. Madeline Bennett \$400 Tax Credit to 1st grade class. R.M. Cisneros Tax Credit \$200.00 to FCCLA.

Board member Cruz motioned to approve consent agenda items 1 – 7 as presented. Board member Navarrette seconded. All in favor 4-1 (Gutierrez), motion carried.

8. COPPERBOTS ROBOTICS PRESENTATION

Cathy Sommer presented along with the Copperbots students on the team. The students design and code their own robot.

9. **Reports:** Superintendent/JFK Principal Stephen Estatico
Enrollment – Total enrollment 322 PK – 12th grade.
Projects – JFK HVAC waiting on the funding to come in for the School Facilities board. Fields are ongoing.

JFK – We had a response from Kids Closet. She stated they worked with 3rd & 4th grades and their teachers and staff. They were great well behaved, respected kids. Our 5th & 6th grades will be attending Kids Closet on February 13th and 1st Grade going on February 27th.

Superintendent Events – Mr. Duarte and I attended the Copper Corridor meeting on January 27th. Webinar on student and mental health on January 28th. Attended an online workshop on January 29th and 30th for Homeless liaisons. Attended Students Missing too Much School webinar on January 31st. Arizona School Administrators monthly meeting on January 31st. On February 3rd attended Hiring International Employees webinar. February 4th Executive Orders on Schools webinar by the Trust.

Celebrations & Recognitions – Would like to recognize Michael Diaz Gonzales he will be retiring at the end of the year. Mike goes beyond the call of duty. Would like to thank Mrs. Angela Olmos and Mrs. Elizabeth Magallanez along with our secretaries who helped with our Annual Audit.

Board Member Navarrette asked if the findings are usually fixed or if they will take some time. Superintendent Estatico stated they are minor findings and will be fixed.

SJSHS Principal William Duarte

Academics – Senior Class check-ins 18 out of 19 students are on tract to graduate.

Superioris a leader in the Copper Corridor for FASFA completion. We have 63% of the Senior class that has completed the FASFA application. The state of AZ average is 18%, so we have blown that out of the water again. Seniors are still currently applying for scholarships at this time. Juniors or Seniors that want to take the ACT are busy prepping for that test. We reached out to UofA to help implement partnership between the University and the school. NAU Occupational Therapy department will be promoting to our students this month to promote the program. CAC is going to be here in the coming days to help the students with their Summer and Fall classes that they are interested in taking for the current and future. The welding program currently has 9 students participating. College Knowing and Growing is another partnership that continues to help with FASFA completion and college admissions.

Board member Navarrette asked if all the Seniors have taken the ACT. Principal Duarte stated that they have. Board member Denogean asked if the school offers practice testing for ACT's. Principal Duarte stated they are working on that.

10. **DISTRICT PROPERTIES**

1. 40 Acres
2. Harding School

Board member Denogean motioned to table item 10. Board member Navarrette seconded. All in favor 5-0, motion carried.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

- a. JH Softball Asst. Coach – Chaidez, Carmen
- b. JH Baseball Head Coach – Denogean, Gabriel
- c. School Bus Certified Trainer – DeVall, Julie
- d. Retirement – Diaz-Gonzalez, Michael
- e. HS Varsity Softball Asst. Coach – Estatico, Sonia
- f. HS Varsity Baseball Volunteer Asst. Coach – Lloyd, Donald
- g. HS Softball Head Coach – Lopez, Alfonso
- h. JH Baseball Asst. Coach – Lopez, Joseph
- i. HS Softball Asst. Volunteer Coach – Lopez, Steve
- j. HS Baseball Asst. Volunteer Coach – Major, Kale
- k. HS Varsity Baseball Asst. Coach – Olmos, Elias

- l. HS Afterschool Weights – Olmos, Elias*
- m. HS Baseball Head Coach – Ortega, Manuel*
- n. JH Softball Head Coach – Ramirez, Michael Ray*
- o. HS Softball Asst. Volunteer Coach – Toner, Richard*
- p. Volunteer – Zavala, Carmen*

No motion was made to enter executive session.

12. **Personnel**

Board member Navarrette motioned to approve item 11 a – p. Board member Denogean seconded. All in favor 5-0, motion carried.

13. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Board Member Cruz – Would like to thank the NCCC team for coming out. They do amazing work for our community; they are an awesome bunch of kids.

Board member Denogean – Reminder on board training in February.

Board President Hing – Thank the Robotics sponsors for coming out and speaking with us. I did meet with the auditor regarding the financial budget. Thank you to the District Office for all the work on the audit.

14. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

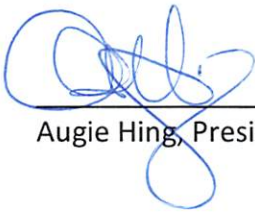
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15. **ADJOURNMENT**

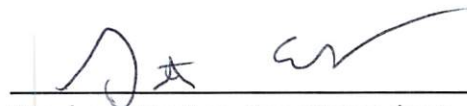
Board member Denogean motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Cruz seconded. All in favor 5-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:21pm.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES:

I, by signing below, certify that these are the Official Minutes of the Superior USD #15 Governing Board Meeting held February 5, 2025, as approved at a legally noticed Superior USD #15 Governing Board Meeting held on March 5, 2025.



Augie Hing, President



Stephen Estatico, Superintendent