

SUPERIOR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
1500 W. Panther Drive, Superior, AZ 85173

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 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 Denogean motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Board member Cruz seconded. All in favor 5-0, motion carried.

d. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No call to the public was made.

1. **Election of Board Officers**

Board member Denogean nominated Augie Hing for board President. Board member Navarrette seconded. All in favor 3-2 (Cruz, Gutierrez), motion carried. Board member Denogean nominated Martin Navarrette for Clerk. Board member Hing seconded. All in favor 5-0

Consent Agenda

2. Approved prior Governing Board Minutes – December 4, 2024.

3. Ratified Expense Vouchers #2521 - #2523 = \$95,950.68.
and Payroll Vouchers #15- #17 = \$300,971.02.

4. Approved Auxiliary accounts for November 2024.

5. Approved Student Activity accounts for November 2024.

6. Approved Disposals and Acceptance of Donations for December 2024.

Board member Navarrette motioned to approve consent agenda items 2-6. Board member Denogean seconded. All in favor 5-0

7. **PRESENTATION FIRST THINGS FIRST**

First Things First Coordinator Annette Lopez explained the purpose why Early Childhood matters and what happens in the first 5 years. She gave a thorough explanation regarding Kinder readiness, HS graduation rates, and the health and well being of children.

8. Reports: Superintendent/JFK Principal Stephen Estatico
Enrollment – Total enrollment for the district is 325, we are down 15 students from last year at this time.

Projects – regular maintenance workers working on the fields and grounds

JFK - Kids Closet for 3rd and 4th grade coming up at the end of the month. Back to business as usual after our Winter break

Superintendent Events – Attended Rotary yesterday. AZ School Administrators meeting yesterday morning as well. Next week I will be attending the Pinal County School Administrators Association. Based off of the legislative meeting I went ahead and emailed our districts 7 representatives and legislators. I have phone conference with Representative Marshall next week, I will be sure to mention First Things First and funding for early childhood as well. We have a Copper Corridor Attainment meeting on the 27th.

Celebrations & Recognitions – Our payroll specialists Elizabeth Magallanez provided our county data processing her notes on how to run and process payroll and they will be using it as guideline.

Upcoming Events – A roll off will be at the back of the Softball field for Natural Restorations will be on site for clean up and it will be removed next week.

Board member Navarrette asked about the 15 students that we are down from last year, what are the indicators that we are losing students. Superintendent Estatico stated it is students up at the high school that do not have the credits and are dropping out. Board member Gutierrez asked if we were receiving funding for tutoring. Superintendent Estatico stated no, we conduct our own tutoring during after school. Board member Cruz asked what Natural Restorations. Superintendent Estatico stated they partner with Az Parks and they go around and clean Tonto National Forests.

SJSHS Principal William Duarte
Academics
Athletics
Celebrations & Recognitions
Upcoming Events

9. Discussion/Action: **EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

- a. *New Hire – Blythe, Brandon*
- b. *Resignation – Gutierrez, Veronica*
- c. *New Hire – Moreno, Denisse*

No motion was made to enter executive session.

10. **Personnel**

Board member Navarrette motioned to approve personnel items a-c. Board member Denogean seconded, All in favor 5-0, motion carried.

11. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Board member Navarrette stated he would like to thank the community for electing him to the position. I am doing to do the best I can to make sure the school is always moving in the right direction.

Board member Denogean – There will be a new board member orientation in Florence the end of February.

Board member Cruz – Like to echo pretty much everything Marin said. I think our community wants things done and looked at. I am going to try and do my best. I plan on putting my best effort forward.

Board member Gutierrez – I just want to tell everybody Happy New Year! I want to welcome new board members.

Board President Hing – I conducted the interviews at the high school. I met with the Sophomore class. I just want to highlight a couple of things. A lot of students are dealing with home issues, their lack of focus in school. And them having to focus back in school. I think meeting with the student gave me a great insight on what's going on, what the teachers are working with and the work they are putting in. I would like to welcome new board members.

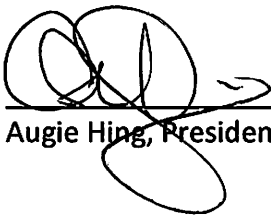
12. **NEXT MEETING DATE** February 5, 2025

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Gutierrez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Cruz seconded. All in favor 5-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:02pm.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES:

I, by signing below, certify that these are the Official Minutes of the Superior USD #15 Governing Board Meeting held January 8, 2025, as approved at a legally noticed Superior USD #15 Governing Board Meeting held on February 5, 2025.



Augie Hing, President



Stephen Estatico, Superintendent