

**BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16  
18008 SOUTH FORT GRANT ROAD  
BONITA, ARIZONA 85643**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
November 12, 2024**

Date, Time & Place of Meeting      The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was held November 12, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Gymnasium.

Board Members Present      President, Mr. Kolin Kramme and Members Mrs. Wende Macumber and Mrs. Cyndee Smith.

Administrators Present      Superintendent, Mr. Jonathan Truschke

Visitors Present      Marsha Webster, Frank Webster, Craig Bull, Jalen James, Joe Chapin, Brandi Webster, Russ Webster, Makenzie McClaine, Shelley Michaels, John McClaine, Joan Olsen, Leann Thygerson, Kassandra Ramirez, and Merlyn Smith

Call to Order      The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Mr. Kramme who led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of Agenda      A MOTION to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Smith. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs. Macumber and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

Student Council Report      Kassandra Ramirez, Student Council Vice President, reported on the annual Halloween carnival. They were able to share the workload and the income with the 8th grade class. There was a lot of attendance and both clubs were able to add a little more than \$500 dollars into our budgets. Last week was the annual Veterans day breakfast in which

We participated in a patriotic assembly and recognized members of the community that served our country. We are learning about leadership and I'm enjoying being on Student council.

Makenzie McClaine 6th grade representative reported that the volleyball season ended with a pep assembly and Everyone had a good time. The teams were introduced, played games and had the school cheer contest.

Mrs Macumber asked who won?

Makenzie replied with 3rd,4th,and 5th grade won. Student council is continuing spirit days every thursday. Students that wear school shirts get candy. We will be painting a fall scene with the instructor being Mrs.Diane Truschke.

#### Comments from Public

Mr. Kramme asked Mr. Truschke if he had anyone sign in to speak. Mr. Truschke replied he had 1 from Russ Webster. Mr. Kramme turned the floor over to Mr. Webster. Russ. Webster: I don't have anything specific to say other than I hope you guys do the right thing. The public wants to have this meeting moved to this time. 6:00 it makes sense for more people to attend I know tonight wasn't the night where everyone needed to show up you need to understand that if there is something coming up you need to hear from the public and talk to us, you need to know what we think about these things, you need to educate us because we don't know what's going on in this school, and you don't know what's going on in this school, all you know about what's going on in this school is what Jonathan Truschke tells you that's it. If your not talking to the teachers, if your not talking to the public, if the public doesn't know what's going on they can't tell you What their thinking. I'm not here because i want to cause trouble for anybody, but what i want is for you to do your jobs and Jonathan to do his job, that's all i want and i'll Leave that with you.

With no more comments from the public Mr. Kramme proceeded with the meeting.

#### Consent Agenda

A MOTION to approve the Consent agenda was made by Mrs.Smith. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs.

Macumber and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

Determination of  
Regular Meeting  
Time

Mr.Kramme turned the floor over to Mrs. Mucumber

Mrs. Macumber: : I would first like to say I do talk to teachers. I don't just take what I know from Jonathan. I am Speaking for myself, I don't like being lumped into situations like that, and after the public came to our October meeting it was stated that all staff and community would like the board meeting switched from the morning time to the evening time. Well I don't like people being lumped in without being here to represent themselves, so I called all 18 employees from the Bonita school district, and I had lots of really good conversations with people regarding board meeting times and other situations. And this is the results I got, 5 of them would like them to stay the same, 4 of them would like to change to evening ,7 of them honestly didn't care what time board meeting was, but if there was an important issue that they wanted to speak about or to be here to listen to hear about the discussion on the issue they would make sure that they could be here no matter what time the meeting was. One of them stated they would support whatever the board decision was. The last one is the last hire I was calling during the time period where everything was political and there were spam calls so they dont answer so I left her a message and I did not get a returned call back. So I want everyone to know we as a board allowed me to take the time to call everybody and look at the whole picture. As board members we are supposed to do what is best for the school staff and kids first and then go to the community. I want that into record and noted. There were a couple other little things. Some of the comments once staff left the school they didn't want to drive back out here for the meeting they wanted the school agenda emailed to them before the board meeting so if there was an issue they wanted to come speak about they knew ahead of time before it was

posted. So I did ask probably about 50 % of the phone calls I asked if this was ever brought up in a staff meeting or SDC days. The answer was no, it has never been brought up. I personally don't care what time the meeting is. I can do whatever is needed to happen one day a month. I wanted it noted I do care a whole bunch what the staff thinks about every issue we discuss in the meetings. Because I felt like that was not portrayed at the last meeting this board really truly does care and we try to make the best decision for the school the staff and kids and the whole community out here because it is truly a special school. That's all I got.

Mr. Kramme asked Mrs. Smith for her thoughts.

Cindy: I still think the teachers need to have a voice, I looked at the state law and the teachers can talk to the school board. There is no law against that. Who else can they talk to that don't have anything to do with the school? So I had parents call me in the past also grandparents and I don't believe teachers can. I think they should be able to call and talk to us if there is an issue.

Mrs. Mucumber: I have had teachers call me and show up to my house to talk to me. .

Cindy: I think it's really important that the teachers have a voice. One thing that really concerns me is that teachers have not received supplies this year and I don't understand why there is no funding for that in the classrooms and that is one of my questions.

Mr. Kramme went around the table asking for their thoughts.

Mrs. Childers: I prefer 8 o'clock in the morning. Mostly because it has to do with my state reports. It's so helpful to have meetings at 8 then I go submit them to the state so it's helpful. Whatever the board decides I am okay with.

Mrs. Turner: To me it doesn't really matter. Either way, mornings are better so we don't have to be here late at night and then have to turn around and be here early in the morning.

Mr. Kramme: If you were to stay here for a 6 o'clock meeting what time would that put you home?

If it's a 30 minute meeting I would be home at 7. But like I said, 8 o'clock works better for me. I have a morning route. I can come in, get my kids and be back for the meeting and work on the minutes afterwards.

Mrs. Macumber reminded the board that Steph and Cheryl would have to be compensated for an evening meeting and yes it's only once a month but it's something to take into consideration.

Mr. Truschke: I'm not gonna insult anybody's intelligence by saying 6 o'clock is better for us because we are already here at 8 o'clock it's easier for us but we work for the board so whatever the board decides, that's what we will do.

Mr. Kramme: Well as far as the staff 6 o'clock isn't too advantageous because everyone has to stay over 2 hour to me 7 o'clock in the morning would be better because everyone shows up about that time so that would be more advantageous

Mrs. Smith: I've been a teacher and when you get to school you are setting up your classroom and getting ready you don't have time for school board meetings. That's what happened to me when I was teaching. That's your only free time before class starts.

Mr. Kramme: Well that was just my thinking, for me it's way better in the morning and we don't get compensated.

Mrs. Smith: Can we do it after school at 4:30? So it doesn't really go into to much of people's time

Mrs. Macumber said it would be better for teachers but are we not discussing the community of people working..

Mrs. Smith: majority of our community are retirees

Mr. Kramme stated that up until last month nobody had reached out or voiced concerns about the time. January is the month that We determine place, date and time in which the Board meetings are held. With that being said Mr. Kramme stated he would like The December meeting to remain at 8:00 am.

Changes to regular Meeting time.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Kramme to TABLE item A. under new business until The January meeting when Time, Date and Place are decided. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs.Macumber and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Kramme	X		
Macumber	X		
Smith	X		

Hiring

Mr. Trushke stated he would like to add Kitchen aide to Tapanga's job duties.Kitchen Aide has to be coded under a different code. Tapanga will be helping in the classroom, kitchen as well as driving.

Mr. Rhinehart was recommended by Mr. McClaine. He has been coaching here for the last 2 weeks. He coached in Willcox and was the Jr. High Coach in Safford.

A MOTION to approve the hiring of Tapanga Alexander and Richard Rhinehart was made by Mrs.Smith. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mrs. Macumber and CARRIED.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
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Board and Administrative Reports

Mr. Truschke reported on the Halloween Carnival. Stated It we had a really good turn out. Toothbudds a non profit Organization came last week and was able to clean students Teeth.

Volleyball hosted the girls tournament, the girls went into the tournament in last place and knocked out the #1 team.

Bonita played in the championship game but lost to Cochise.

Veterans Day breakfast was great. That's one of the favorites here at Bonita. We love recognizing the local veterans.

Basketball season starts this Friday with the first game at Cochise.

On Monday the 18 we are hosting the Knowledge Bowl. Our Thanksgiving feast will be on the 26th.

Dan Hinton Special Services: Previously determined that if either of the 3 big schools left the consortium would close. Pima left; it didn't close. Thatcher and Ft. Thomas wants to keep it open. I spoke with the 2 superintendents and told them Bonita couldn't remain in the consortium without knowing the cost. If our cost didn't increase more than 2.5% we could stay. After the billing is determined and a budget is made we could then determine our future membership based on that data

School letter grade: The State Board of Education met a few weeks ago to determine cut scores for letter grades. They decided they would remain the same from the previous year. This year I'm excited to say we are an "A" school.

Superintendent Evaluation, Last November we adopted the new ASBA policy advisory for Superintendent Evaluations. They now need to be completed prior to March 30. Mr. Truschke handed each board member a copy and let them know we would meet prior to March 30th to go over them.

Vision / Hearing Screening: Dan Hinton usually does vision and hearing through the consortium. With the uncertainty they were not able to do it this year. Their nurse only works 1 to 2 hours the rest of the time she is at Pima school. We were lucky enough to have a nurse from Thatcher provide those services today. Mr. Truschke completed the coursework for vision and hearing so we can complete those services ourselves. He is just needing to complete the hands on portion.

We do not have to do a Budget revision in December...

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kramme adjourned the meeting at 6:34

Minutes prepared and made available to the public on 11/11/24 by  
Stephanie Turner

Dated this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Bonita Governing Board by \_\_\_\_\_