

**Coconino County Accommodation School District**  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2024**

DATE: July 25, 2024  
TIME: 9:30 am  
PLACE: Office of the Coconino County Superintendent of Schools  
2384 N Steves Blvd. Flagstaff, AZ 86004

The Governing Board of the Coconino County Accommodation School District held a special meeting in person and virtually, July 25, 2024, at the office of the Coconino County Superintendent of Schools which resides at 2384 N Steves Blvd., Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Attendees: Dave Dirksen, Chief Education Officer; Erin Tutay, Director of Business Services; John Phelps Director of Exceptional Student Services; Les Hauer, Ponderosa High School Principal; Stacy Fobar, Board Secretary

VIRTUAL Attendees: Cheryl Mango-Paget, Board President; Traci Parker, Tse'Yaato' High School Principal

**I. OPENING ITEMS**

A. Call to Order

Superintendent Cheryl Mango-Paget called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*Please note that public questions/comments are reserved to agenda items only and each speaker will receive up to 3 minutes.*

No one from the public attended the meeting.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were made.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Discuss the recommendation to approve the Ponderosa High Student and Family Handbook.

Mr. Hauer stated that academic dates were updated, but the handbook remained the same otherwise. Mr. Dirksen stated that the handbook was almost identical to Tse'Yaato' High's handbook and that handbook was reviewed by the attorney previously, so he did not want to spend the money to have it reviewed. He added that it was

almost a mirror overlay of the previous handbook and much of it was copied out of policy.

- B. Discuss the recommendation to approve the hiring of John Taylor as a Ponderosa High School math teacher.

Mr. Hauer stated that John Taylor, who has a close relationship with the high school, was interested in being the new math teacher and that the school would be happy to bring him on board.

Ms. Parker stated that when Mr. Taylor was at her campus, she was able to pass along various curriculum materials.

President Mango-Paget asked when Mr. Taylor's emergency certification would expire, and Mr. Hauer stated it would expire at the end of June 2025 and that there was a plan in place to get him a permanent certification. President Mango- stated that she was excited to add him to the Ponderosa staff and have his knowledge to share with the district.

- C. Discuss the recommendation to approve the Ponderosa High School-Flagstaff Unified School District Food Services Catering Agreement.

Mr. Hauer stated that the catering agreement was a gap measure until FUSD food service was able to include Ponderosa High School and T-school under the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) umbrella, so that the schools would be able to take access federal programs to lower the cost of food. He added that he FUSD agreement would be taken to the FUSD Governing Board for approval on August 13, 2024, and after the FUSD contract is approved, it would supersede this current catering agreement. Mr. Hauer stated that the FUSD contract would not only lower costs, but it would also provide meals for T-school out of Coconino High School. He added that there would be an update to the catering agreement to have food pickup at Coconino High School rather than Sinagua Middle School.

President Mango-Paget asked if the agreement with FUSD would allow for the students to qualify for federal free and reduced lunch plans and Mr. Hauer stated that it would. President Mango-Padet asked if students would fill out the application upon enrollment and Mr. Hauer stated that it was the plan.

Mr. Dirksen stated that the cost of meals during the interim year increased by \$0.25 but once the interim year is done, then they would be functioning like Tse'Yaato' High School.

- D. Discuss the recommendation to approve the time change for the August 7, 2024, regular board meeting to 5:15 p.m.

President Mango-Paget stated that she had an opportunity to participate in the Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN<sup>2</sup>) cohort to potentially create a model carbon free campus and she would be attending that meeting, which is an all-day event in Golden, CO. Therefore. She requested that the meeting time be adjusted. She added that there would also be a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. that day.

- E. Discuss holding a Public Hearing on the proposed *Instructional Time Model (ITM)* for the 2024-2025 school year for August 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Dirksen stated that the Arizona Department of Education requires two public hearings for the ITM before a board decision, and that the ITM will be the only item on the public hearing.

- F. Discuss the District's Indian Policies and Procedures.

Mr. Dirksen stated that he did not have anything to add other than that he was in the process of receiving input from the Chapter House partners. He reiterated that this was on the agenda so that anyone from the public would be able to speak on the district's Indian policies and procedures.

## V. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approve the Ponderosa High Student and Family Handbook.

President Mango-Paget approved the Ponderosa High Student and Family Handbook.

- B. Approve the hiring of John Taylor as a Ponderosa High School math teacher.

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- C. Approve the Ponderosa High School-Flagstaff Unified School District Food Services Catering Agreement.

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- E. Approve holding a Public Hearing on the proposed *Instructional Time Model (ITM)* for the 2024-2025 school year for 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2024.

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VI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Hauer asked for a review of the food agreement after the FUSD Governing Board had approved the contract.

Mr. Dirksen stated that there would be a discussion at the September meeting on Indian Policies and Procedures.

President Mango-Paget asked for a future agenda item to discuss the BYRS grant spend down.

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Hauer, Ms. Tutay, and President Mango-Paget acknowledged the new staff and thanked them for their hard work.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Mango-Paget adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

**Next Meeting date: Board Meeting – August 7, 2024**

Dated this 5 day of August, 2024.

By: Cheryl Mango-Paget  
President Cheryl Mango-Paget