

CAMP VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
Taken Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Actionable Work Session
5:45 PM

BOARD VISION STATEMENT

Inspiring today's students to become tomorrow's leaders.

MISSION STATEMENT

Camp Verde Unified School District will provide opportunities to cultivate academic achievement and service to others within a community of respect.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Board President Freeman called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mrs. Gilbert led the pledge of allegiance. There was a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Board Members present were: Helen Freeman, Judy Gilbert and Trent Hackett. Board Member Christine Schneider entered the meeting at 5:47 pm.

Board Member Bob Simbric was absent.

Administrators present were: Dr. Amber Marchant-Lee, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Hicks, Director of Business Services, Mr. Robert Weir, High School Principal; Mr. Danny Howe, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Debi Pottorff, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Steve King, South Verde Principal and Mr. Stacey Barker, Support Services Director.

Participating Teachers and other educators present were: Lori Showers, Kindergarten Teacher; Robin Tankesley, Middle School English Teacher; Rhonda Keoppe, Middle School Science Teacher; Abigail Monroe, Middle School Math Teacher; and Susan Collier, District Nurse.

4. AGENDA REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Mrs. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Hackett pulled Item A. iv.f. from the consent agenda.

Motion: Mr. Hackett moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item A. iv.f. Mrs. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion: Mrs. Gilbert moved to approve Item A.v. f. Mrs. Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Hackett abstaining.

A. PERSONNEL MATTERS

i. Acceptance of Resignations/Retirements:

ii. Transfers:

iii. Terminations:

iv. Employment Offers:

a. Certified:

b. Classified: Temporary, High School Campus Monitor, Grant Barker

- c. Transportation:
- d. Substitutes:
- e. Coaches:
- f. Volunteers: High School Softball Coaches: Aaron Church; Bethany Haines (pending clearance) and Trent Hackett

B. OTHER

- i. Potential approval of out of state travel for Camp Verde Middle and High School Wrestling Team and coaches to Denver Colorado, March 13-March 16, 2014 for tournament

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board, Superintendent Dr. Lee, the Administrative Team and others present discussed the four-day school week proposal. Information provided included financial considerations regarding the potential four-day school week. The administrators recommended that the four-day school week be adopted by the District K-12, with the exception of South Verde Technology Magnet School.

There was extensive discussion on the option of adopting the four-day academic schedule and providing enrichment options to students on Fridays.

Kindergarten teacher Lori Showers spoke in favor of the four-day week saying that five year olds need time to play; extending the school day would help to build in some playtime, allowing the kindergarteners to be kids. Alan Hicks from Yavapai Apache Nation's Behavioral Health Services spoke with concern regarding the four-day week and potential regression for Tribal students. Educators who spoke in favor of the four-day week were: Robin Tankesley, Rhonda Keoppe, Abigail Monroe and Susan Collier. Mrs. Collier, from a nurse's standpoint, felt there could be health benefits for students on a four-day week especially at the elementary level; healthy kids are good learners.

Motion: After discussion, Mrs. Schneider moved that the District implement a four-day school week didactic with five-days of academics with the exception of South Verde Magnet School. Mrs. Schneider rescinded her motion.

There was discussion on the motion.

Motion: Mrs. Schneider moved to have the District implement a four-day academic school week with a fifth day including student enrichment activities as a supplement to their academic week with credit recovery and tutoring required for all students.

There was discussion on the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: Mrs. Schneider moved to have CVUSD go to a four-day school week, providing optional educational programs and activities on the fifth school academic day. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: After discussion and Board Member input, Mr. Hackett moved to go to a four-day school week K-12 and provide class offerings on the fifth day which may include but not be limited to: enrichment, credit recovery and tutoring on the fifth day. Mrs. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion: Mrs. Schneider moved that the four-day schedule be reviewed at the end of two years to determine whether to continue or not. Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Hackett asked to have a discussion on funding the extra programs on Fridays at a future meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hudson
Board/Administrative Assistant

Helen Freeman
Board President

Judy Gilbert
Member

Trent Hackett
Member

Christine Schneider
Member