

**STEP UP SCHOOLS, Inc.**

**Board Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2015**

Board Members in attendance: Fred Pinkney, JoAnna Curtis, Cliff Moon, Ann Peschka

Members Absent: None

Non-Members in attendance: Lynn Robershotte, Staci Fletcher, Sheri Drew

The meeting was held per posted agenda at 44 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Mesa, AZ 85201 and per web page.

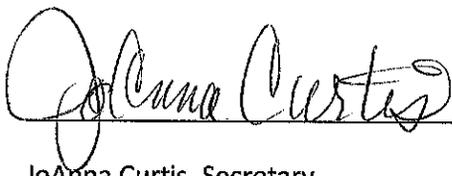
1. President Fred Pinkney called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: JoAnna Curtis moved to accept the minutes as presented and Ann Pesschka seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.
3. Consideration of Expenditures and Disbursements: Expenditures were reviewed, approved and initialed as presented. Specifics on decreasing expenditures, plus discussion on the opportunity for grant monies was held at length. The Board realizes and takes seriously the financial challenges that we are experiencing.
4. Review of financial reports: The financial statements were reviewed and discussed.
5. Considerations of Resignations: Barbara Duncan as a Board Member submitted a resignation letter which was read by Lynn Robershotte and JoAnna Curtis moved to accept it and Cliff Moon seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.
6. Consideration of Summer Field Trips- Tabled
7. Consideration of Contracts and Evaluations: The Board discussed the need to freeze salaries for current salaried employees for the following year. JoAnna Curtis moved and Ann Peschka seconded the motion to this effect. The Board approved unanimously.
8. Consideration of Letters to the Board: None
9. Consideration of the 2015-2016 Calendar- Ann Peschka motioned that we consider modifying our school days from 200 to 180 since the state does not fund at a proportionate rate and the Board needs to be fiscally conservative as we move ahead. JoAnna Curtis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Lynn will create a 180 day calendar to submit for Board approval at the next meeting.
10. Consideration of Audit Company: Tabled
11. Consideration of the PMP: Ann Peschka moved to approve the PMP and JoAnaa Curtis seconded with a unanimous approval by the Board.
12. Consideration of Adopted Curriculum: Lynn Robershotte reported on the progress of the Eureka pilot. She stated that more information will be forthcoming.

13. Consideration of Grants: Staci is working with outside sources to see what is available. She may be approaching the Board to request an agreement to retain services of a very qualified provider of such assistance.
14. Consideration of Health Insurance: Aetna Gold was recommended by Sheri Drew and Lynn Robershotte for the Board's consideration. Ann Peschka made a motion to so approve and JoAnna Curtis seconded with a unanimous board approval.
15. Consideration of IT Support Contract: Tabled
16. Consideration of Internet Bids: Sheri continues to work with Lynn and is finding some great options which will likely be available the first of the new year. Therefore, this item was tabled until next meeting.
17. Dean's Report: Staci Fletcher shared with the Board the events and field experiences planned for the year.
18. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Robershotte presented possibilities of facility options and an agreement with WMCDC (West Mesa CDC)

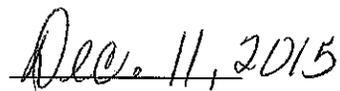
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Staci Fletcher shared that she felt an improved Vision statement to become the center of the community and that it be the hope for the future of the children in preparation through education, develop character and in becoming career and college ready be added. She further discussed the need for emotional/ behavioral support and training from ASU with intervention in the school be allowed. This did not require Board action and the information was happily received by the Board.

Fred Pinkney adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.



JoAnna Curtis, Secretary



Date