

**Wenden Elementary School  
Board of Trustees and the Public  
Monday, November 14, 2022  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
Wenden Elementary District Office  
In Person, Via Video Conference & Telephonic**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

Chris Haines  
Gary Saiter-Telephonic  
Brianna Davis-Telephonic  
Kelly Stacy

**Board Members Absent:**

Ashley Hunt

**Employees Present:**

Gloria Dean  
Marsha Harold  
Sandra Cruz

**Audience:**

Fred Viste  
Lauren Miller  
Asset Balin

**Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda:**

1. Call Regular Meeting to order - Mr. Saiter called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Saiter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approve Agenda of Regular Meeting of November 14, 2022. Mr. Haines motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of November 14, 2022. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Gary Saiter</i>	X		
<i>Kelly Stacy</i>	X		
<i>Chris Haines</i>	X		
<i>Brianna Davis</i>	X		
<i>Ashley Hunt</i>			X

**4. Consent Agenda**

*All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the vote on the motion to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion and action. Such discussion and action shall take place on items removed from the Consent Agenda immediately following the vote on the Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda items may include any non-controversial subjects.*

- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2022.
- B. Resolution for Salary and Other Expenses
- C. Ratify Payroll and Other Expense Vouchers
- D. Year to Date Expenditure Report – Student Activities - Revenue Report
- E. Teacherage (School Housing) Report

Mr. Haines motioned to approve pulling off Item #E for later discussion from the consent agenda.  
Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Gary Saiter</i>	X		
<i>Kelly Stacy</i>	X		
<i>Chris Haines</i>	X		
<i>Brianna Davis</i>	X		
<i>Ashley Hunt</i>			X

Teacherage Report: Mr. Saiter asked if the items paid on this report were purchased before or after the last board meeting. Ms. Harold informed Mr. Saiter they were purchased before the last board meeting and were paid out of the revolving account. Mr. Saiter updated the other board members that were absent at the last board meeting of the

ARS statue that prohibits the comingling of funds. The teacherage has to be self-sufficient. He informed the board that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 the tenants will be responsible for their water, electricity, gas, dumpster and exterminator services.

Mr. Haines motioned to approve Item A through D of the consent agenda.

Mr. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Gary Saiter</i>	X		
<i>Kelly Stacy</i>	X		
<i>Chris Haines</i>	X		
<i>Brianna Davis</i>	X		
<i>Ashley Hunt</i>			X

**5. Information Items**

- A. Cafeteria Report - None
- B. Student Activities – None
  - 8th Grade
  - Student Council

**6. Summary of Current Events**

*(Items to be heard only; the Board will not propose, discuss, or take legal action during the meeting unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.)*

- A. Gloria Dean, Superintendent – Ms. Dean informed the board that we had the Arizona Department of Health Services come out bring and brought a program called Healthy Smiles Healthy Bodies for Kindergarten and Third Grade students. They did a dental check for sealants and cavities.

Ms. Dean informed the board that our school received a Letter Grade of a B+ for school year 2021-2022.

Ms. Dean informed the board that Mr. Viste is in charge of the evacuation plan for the school and bringing it up to date with the La Paz County Sheriff’s Office.

- B. Board Member – Mr. Saiter informed the board that our town will be on CNN National Press in regards to the water levels in our area this will get us additional exposure. He also commented that the CNN online article was picked up by UK on daily news.

- 7. **Call to the Public** - Mr. Fred Viste commented that the current rental fees are inexpensive, that is why they are here. People are drawn to that because he was working as a Park Ranger in Wisconsin and took a cut in pay to come here. His wife is currently a teacher here. If he would have known the issues with teacherages he would not have come here. He stated that his wife and he have done a lot for the school. We are not the only school in the state with teacher housing. Mr. Viste commented that \$360.00 per month is the highest rate in the State of Arizona. In Phoenix they give a \$500.00 rental allowance for teachers, Vail rents tiny houses for \$125.00, Bagdad rents for \$360.00 for a 4 bedroom and \$185.00 for a 2 bedroom duplex. Seems like we are being punished for the housing having asbestos. In regards to the utilities he had to pay for that in Wisconsin.

Mr. Saiter commented that they had no intention to raise rates for those with a current rent lease. He recognizes that teacher housing is a perk. He would like to establish market rates. Mr. Saiter commented that they have no intention of being unfair. Mr. Saiter commented that as a board they need to figure out how to get out of this dilemma. We do not want to be unfair. We just need to get ahead of it. Mr. Saiter commented that anything that is needed for the teacherage is to be submitted to Mrs. Dean and then she will present it to the board for approval before any work or purchases are made.

*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.*

**8. New Business**

- A.** Discussion and possible action to approve the FY2022 Annual Financial Report.  
Mr. Stacy motioned to approve the FY2022 Annual Financial Report as presented.  
Mr. Haines seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Gary Saiter</i>	X		
<i>Kelly Stacy</i>	X		
<i>Chris Haines</i>	X		
<i>Brianna Davis</i>	X		
<i>Ashley Hunt</i>			X

- B.** Discussion and possible action to approve the cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting for the month of December 2022. Ms. Davis motioned to approve the cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting for the month of December. Mr. Haines seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Gary Saiter</i>	X		
<i>Kelly Stacy</i>	X		
<i>Chris Haines</i>	X		
<i>Brianna Davis</i>	X		
<i>Ashley Hunt</i>			X

- C.** Discussion and possible action regarding finances for the teacherages.  
Discussion was started on how can we afford to get out of the deficit from teacher housing? Ms. Dean commented we will look into grants ESSER? She also commented on vacant school property not being used and it has electricity, water and sewage. If we had too, can we sell it?

Mr. Stacy would like to gather more information on how we can purchase mobile homes (tiny homes) instead of selling the school property.

Mr. Saiter commented he will be further research rental rates and bring them back to the board.

Ms. Dean will further research funding for teacher housing.

Mr. Saiter also commented that water will eventually become an issue in our area if we are not diligent on water conservation. He would like to eventually change the teacher housing landscape to an Arizona Landscape which would require less water usage.

Mr. Haines motioned to table this item. Mr. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Gary Saiter</i>	X		
<i>Kelly Stacy</i>	X		
<i>Chris Haines</i>	X		
<i>Brianna Davis</i>	X		
<i>Ashley Hunt</i>			X

- D.** Request for future Agenda items. – None

**E. Meeting Dates:**

Set Date and Time for next Governing Board Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**8.** Adjourn Regular Meeting: Mr. Saiter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Signature of Approval of Minutes

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