

**MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**1801 East Fir, Cottonwood, AZ 86326**

**GOVERNING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
Mingus Union High School Library  
Thursday, August 8, 2024, 6:00 PM

**Governing Board:**

Lori Drake  
Misty Cox  
Anthony Lozano  
Carol Anne Teague  
Austin Babcock

**Also Present:**

Melody Herne, Superintendent  
Lynn Leonard, Finance Director  
Bridget Hillman, Admin Asst.  
Josh Fant, IT Director

**OPENING**

**Call to Order**

Board President Drake called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call**

Board President Lori Drake, Vice President Misty Cox, Board Member Anthony Lozano, Board Member Carol Anne Teague, and Board Member Austin Babcock are all present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was led by Board Member Teague.

**Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion** was made by Board Member Babcock to adopt the agenda as presented. Second was made by Board Member Teague.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye  
Vice President Misty Cox - Aye  
Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye  
Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye  
Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**Public Comments**

Joe Wegwert- Mr. Wegwert comments regarded the use of literature. A piece of literature or historical source is not to teach the moralities of the source but to teach from it. He also asked the board to listen to

teachers and students, try to develop an understanding of what teachers do and respect the knowledge that teachers bring to their profession for the betterment of their students.

Dawn Stockbridge – Mrs. Stockbridge thank the board for their hard work and dedication. She also asked that the board to consider moving forward with the Four Day School Week discussion.

Lacey Edwards – Ms. Edwards expressed the need for more academic ceremonies and student recognition.

Jason Teague – Mr. Teague teacher at Mingus Union High School reported on the positive atmosphere and sentiment of hope in the first week of school. He also reminded the board of the great work and accomplishments of previous Administration and staff. Mr. Teague would like for the board to keep in mind that the staff at Mingus High School and the board are part of the same team and that policial agendas need to stay out of the board. Teachers and staff at Mingus Union High School care deeply about the job that they do.

Paula Herald – Mrs. Herald would like to have more information regarding Weighted G.P.A. and what classes count toward Weighted G.P.A.and what classes do not. She also voiced concerns that Mingus Union High School may be moving away from Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognition.

### **Board Meeting Minutes Not Previously Approved**

**Motion** was made by President Drake to approve the July 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Second was made by Vice President Cox.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Abstain

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 4-0-1.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Herne gave a presentation regarding Registration, Freshman Day, Pre-Service, first days of school and upcoming events. She also thanked Board Member Teague for her attendance at the District welcome.

### **Board Member Report(s)**

Board Member Teague reported on her attendance at the District Welcome Back Pre-Service. Board Member Teague was happy to be able to attend. The teachers and staff are enthusiatic, optomistic, caring, and showing up. She hopes the board does not ruin that.

## **Administration Report**

Interim Principal Beery reported on first days of school. Students and staff are engaged and excited.

## **Student Recognition**

Interim Principal Beery and Superintendent Herne presented student recognition recipients; Xavier Ayala for outstanding school spirit and Savannah Tobias member of the USA Women's Basketball Team at the 2024 United World Games.

## **ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT**

*Specific information on routine vouchers and personnel will be available at the District Office 24 hours prior to Board Meetings. Please see the Governing Board Secretary during regular office hours. All items listed hereunder are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be discussed separately.*

### **5.1 Approval of Routine Vouchers**

Expense, Payroll, and Bookstore Activity

### **5.2 Personnel - HR Report**

HR Report, Classified and Certified

**Motion** was made by Board Member Teague to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second was made by Board Member Babcock.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS - DISTRICT BUSINESS**

*Specific items of District business as listed for consideration - may include various categorical areas as the business of the District necessitates Board discussion, deliberation, and action*

### **SETTA Contract CTR072615 Mingus Union High School District - Consideration and possible approval of the ADE/Mingus Contract for BA program. (Staff Resource: Exceptional Student Services Director Chad Scott)**

Exceptional Student Services Director Mr. Scott explained the application process and requirements for the SETTA (Special Education Teacher Tuitin Assistance) program. Emmely Hernandez-Zapata has been awarded this competitive assistance program. Emmely Hernandez-Zapata thanked Mr. and Mrs. Scott for their support and assured the board that she is ready to pursue her career as a Special Education Teacher.

**Motion** was made by Vice President Cox to approve the ADE/Mingus Contract for BA program. Second was made by Board Member Teague.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**Classroom Site Fund Performance Plan Approval (Exceptional Student Services) - Consideration and possible approval of the 2024-2025 Classroom Site Fund Performance Plan and Funding Structure for Exceptional Student Services required by A.R.S. 15-977. (Staff Resource: Exceptional Student Services Director Chad Scott)**

Exceptional Student Services Director Mr. Scott reviewed the 2024-2025 Classroom Site Fund Performance Plan and Funding Structure for Exceptional Student Services.

**Motion** was made by President Drake to approve the 2024-2025 Classroom Site Fund Performance Plan and Funding Structure for Exceptional Student Services required by A.R.S. 15-977. Second was made by Vice President Cox.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**Intergovernmental Agreement - Yavapai College Dual Enrollment - The Board will consider renewal of the IGA with Yavapai College for dual enrollment courses for 2024-2025 school year. (Staff Resource: Interim Principal Dave Beery and Director of Student Support Gretchen Wesbrock)**

Interim Principal Beery and Director of Student Support Gretchen Wesbrock reviewed the IGA with Yavapai College for dual enrollment courses for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Motion** was made by Board Member Teague to approve the renewal of the IGA with Yavapai College for dual enrollment courses for 2024-2025 school year. Second was made by Board Member Lozano.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock – Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**Certified Evaluators - The board will consider and possibly approve the certified evaluators for the 2024-2025 school year as required by Policy GCO. (Staff Resource: Interim Principal Dave Beery)**  
Interim Principal Dave Beery reviewed the certified evaluators for the 2024-2025 with the board. Superintendent Herne is on the list of evaluators if an appeal would be needed.

**Motion** was made by Vice President Cox to approve the certified evaluators for the 2024-2025 school year as required by Policy GCO. Second was made by Board Member Babcock.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Board President Lori Drake - Aye
- Vice President Misty Cox - Aye
- Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye
- Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye
- Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**The Trust Student Hearing Officers - Consideration and possible approval of The Trust's approved list of trained Student Hearing Officers. (Staff Resource: Superintendent Melody Herne and Dean of Students Katherine Forbes)**

Superintendent Herne and Dean of Students Katherine Forbes reviewed the Trust's list of trained Student Hearing Officers. Dean of Students Katherine Forbes stated that Mingus is allowed to select Hearing Officers when needed.

**Motion** was made by Board Member Babcock to approve The Trust's approved list of trained Student Hearing Officers Second was made by Board Member Teague.

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Board President Lori Drake - Aye
- Vice President Misty Cox - Aye
- Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye
- Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye
- Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**Animal Disaster Services MOU - Discussion and possible approval of the MOU between Mingus Union High School and Animal Disaster Services. (Staff Resources: Athletic Director & Title IX Coordinator Yancey DeVore)**

Athletic Director & Title IX Coordinator Mr. DeVore reviewed the MOU between Mingus Union High School and Animal Disaster Services with the board. A certificate of Workmans Compinsation Laibility Insurance has been obtained from Yavapai County. Questions regarding who determines the emergency, clean up, when would animals be on the campus, and if pet owners would be allowed to stay on campus with their animals was addressed. Mr. DeVore stated that the Red Cross would determine the emergency, clean up would be done by the Animal Disaster Services, access to the campus would only be during non-school hours, and owners would not be able to stay on the campus with their animals only come take care of animals then leave campus. Board Member Babcock also asked if the fair grounds had been considered for animal disaster location. Mr. DeVore was uncertain but could look into it.

**Motion** was made by President Drake to approve MOU Between Mingus Union High School and Animal Disaster Services. Second was made by Board Member Teague.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**New Position 10-month Security Guard - Discussion and possible approval of new position for a 10-month Security Guard. This is not a new job description, only a new position. (Staff**

**Resource: Superintendent Herne and Interim Principal Dave Beery)**

Superintendent Herne and Interim Principal Beery reviewed the need for a new position for a 10-month Security Guard. There is no additional financial burden due to movement of other employees. Vice President Cox asked for confirmation that this is a security guard position. Superintendent Herne confirmed that it is a security guard position. Board Member Teague asked if we could afford an additional security guard to have a total of four security guards for the campus. Finance Director Leonard stated that would need to be looked into.

**Motion** was made by President Drake to approve the new position for a 10-month Security Guard.

Second was made by Vice President Cox.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ASBA Proposed 2025 Political Agenda - Information and discussion regarding the ASBA Proposed 2025 Political Agenda. (Staff Resource: Superintendent Melody Herne)**

Superintendent Herne reviewed the ASBA 2025 Political Agenda with the board. We will also have a delegate to represent Migus. Superintendent Herne instructed the board that they can send feedback to ASBA at this time. Items will be put to a vote on September 7, 2024.

**Future Agenda Items**

Board President Drake asked for future agenda items from members.

Board Member Teague asked for the 4 Day School Week be placed on the next agenda and USTA Serve Tennis proposal if a resolution is not obtained during the August Work Session.

Board Member Lozano did not have any future agenda items at this time.

Board Member Babcock ask for Weighted G.P.A. to be placed on a work session agenda.

Superintendent Herne asked the board for a vote or agreement to place the Weighted G.P.A. on the September Work Session.

**Motion** was made by President Drake to place the Weighted G.P.A. on the September Work Session. Second was made by Vice President Cox.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

Board President Drake asked if the board should vote on the 4-Day School Week and USTA Serve Tennis as agenda items.

Superintendent Herne asked to hold on the 4-Day School Week discussion until after the review of previous components and survey. Once one to one meeting with Board Member Teague is complete we will then bring this item back and decide what agenda this item can be placed on. The USTA Serve Tennis is on the August Work Session and we are hoping for resolution.

Vice President Cox did not have any future agenda items at this time.

Board President Drake did not have any future agenda items at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** was made Board President Drake by to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Vice President Cox.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board President Lori Drake - Aye

Vice President Misty Cox - Aye

Board Member Anthony Lozano - Aye

Board Member Carol Anne Teague - Aye

Board Member Austin Babcock - Aye

**Motion** passed 5-0.

**Adjournment: 7:11 pm**

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Board President Lori Drake

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Vice President Misty Cox

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