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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD OF CLARKDALE-JEROME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Library – 1615 MAIN STREET

GIVEN THE CONDITIONS WITHIN YAVAPAI COUNTY WITH A HIGH RATE OF CONFIRMED COVID CASES AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY WE WILL HAVE LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY. THE MEETING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN PERSON. PLEASE ATTEND VIA THE ZOOM LINK BELOW.

**Topic: CJSD Governing Board Work Study Session and Regular Meetings
Time: Feb 9, 2021 05:30 PM Arizona**

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WORK STUDY SESSION

I. Call to order

The special meeting/work study session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present: Angie Smith, President; Laurie Lozano, Clerk; Dale Williams, Member; Janet Regner, Member; David Gordon, Member; Danny Brown, Superintendent; Steve Doerksen, Principal; Kristy Aston, Business Manager.

II. Discussion to consider removing Consent Agenda from Board meetings

The Governing Board entered into discussion on whether or not to remove the Consent Agenda from Board meetings. President Smith stated she attended the Board Presidents' Roundtable meeting where she was informed that many Districts use Consent Agenda. If they need to, they pull and item out, discuss it and then vote on that item separately. President Smith asked Board members to present their thoughts on this matter.

Janet Regner stated she would like to keep the Consent Agenda as it is now unless there is a compelling reason not to.

Laurie Lozano stated that the District did not have a Consent Agenda until this Administration and found it very easy to ask questions about items, especially as a new board member. Now she finds it very difficult. She states she has asked for items to be pulled for discussion and was told that she can not ask any questions. At the January meeting she did not feel comfortable asking to have an item pulled. Mrs. Lozano asked that if the Governing Board decides to leave the Consent Agenda as it is now, she would like to know when it is appropriate for her to pull an item for discussion.

Angie Smith stated she was informed at the Presidents' Roundtable, that if a Board member wants to pull an item for discussion, it needs to be done before the Consent Agenda is voted on as a whole.

David Gordon asked when during the meeting, before the Consent Agenda is voted on, if a Board member can have an item pulled for questions or discussion if time allows or just have an item pulled before the vote on the whole Consent Agenda.

Angie Smith stated 'Yes' an item can be pulled before the vote or if a board member has any concerns or questions, they can contact her or the superintendent prior to the board meeting.

Laurie Lozano also is not sure that Personnel Recommendations should be part of the Consent Agenda. She has reviewed other District's Consent Agendas and they include the name, effective date and reason for the recommendation on their agendas. Our Consent Agenda only lists a name with no other information. She would also like to see employee letters such as retirement or resignation letters. She wasn't aware they have been removed from the packet.

Dale Williams agrees that she would like to see the letters. She assumed that no letters were submitted and would have liked to see the letter from the last board meeting recommendation.

Superintendent Brown addressed the Board. He looked at the process from prior agendas and meetings and noticed that they did contain a Consent Agenda but it wasn't used properly. Previously items on the Consent Agenda were listed and voted on separately. When used properly, all items in Consent Agenda are under one blanket motion, second and approval. Mr. Brown also stated, with clarification from ASBA, that it is not necessary to have a motion and second to pull an item off of Consent Agenda. Any board member can request the Governing Board President to remove an item and approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda and then have a separate discussion and vote on the pulled item. Mr. Brown would like the Governing Board to review ASBA Policy BEDB regarding Agenda Structure at a future board meeting, to discuss if they would like to keep the current policy or make any changes to fit their needs. He spoke with other Superintendents and they shared that they have two board packets: one for the public and newspaper, and one for the Governing Board, which includes letters from employees.

David Gordon asked if the items to be approved every month in Consent Agenda were the same.

Mr. Brown replied that they were.

Mr. Gordon stated that he feels more comfortable now that he knows he can have an item pulled for further discussion.

Janet Regner likes the idea of reviewing board policies.

Angie Smith would like to hold work sessions and a board retreat over the summer to review board policies.

III. Discussion related to Principal position and future potential options

The Governing Board entered into discussion regarding options for the future Principal position. President Smith asked board members to share their thoughts. Possible options are Superintendent/Principal, Principal, and/or Dean of Students. She asked for input from Superintendent Brown, Mr. Doerksen and Kristy Aston.

Mr. Brown reviewed prior administration positions with the board.

Janet Regner asked why the two positions were divided. Mr. Brown and Kristy Aston were unsure why the Superintendent/Principal position was split. Mrs. Aston did state the reason the district went from a Dean of Students to an Assistant Principal was due to needing someone qualified to conduct teacher evaluations. Dale Williams stated the Superintendent/Principal position was split because the State was demanding more and more from Mrs. Fleenor, the Superintendent, and they wanted to hire a Principal to help take on some those duties.

Superintendent Brown would like to start advertising as soon a possible and try to bring a candidate to the Governing Board for approval at the April board meeting.

IV. Announcements

None

V. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the work study session.