

HACKBERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

CEDAR HILLS SCHOOL 9501 NELLIE DRIVE KINGMAN, AZ 86401

“STUDY SESSION” FOR THE COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

Governing Board Conference Room

June 30, 2020, at 4:30 P.M.

Our Superintendent Dr. Rob Varner would like to acknowledge the work that our Board President Ellen Kelley has been able to achieve just in the past few months. With her guidance, our school has been able to put together a team of amazing people who have taken on the task of turning our school around. Thanks to the diligent work of our school board, superintendent, business manager, and new members of the Cedar Hills staff, half a million dollars has been recovered for the district’s budget and all of the certified positions have been filled. We will return in the fall, fully prepared for a safe, healthy, successful school year.

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

I. OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order: **4:30 P.M.**
2. Roll Call: **Dr. Rob Varner, Ellen Kelley, Alyssa Prince, Taryn Strong, Patricia Henry, Danicia Rohler**
3. Pledge of Allegiance: **recited**
4. **REPORTS**
 - A. Administrator: **None.**
 - B. Business Manager: **None.**

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update of the Superintendent: **Opening of the school will be on July 22nd for students. Letters will go out and phone calls will be made. Registration will be open on July 13th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Face-to-Face will begin on campus on August 17th unless another directive is issued by the Governor Ducey. Curriculum will be paired with Google Classroom, and families can use our new Facebook Page to keep in touch.**
2. Update on Staffing: **The following positions have been filled: Teachers, Director of Finance, Paraprofessionals, Secretary, Maintenance/Custodial, and Food Service**

3. Update on the Budget:
 - A. **Recaptured \$289K from the 2016-2017 school year**
 - B. **Recaptured \$165K from the 2017-2018 school year**
 - C. **\$50K from the CARES Act**
 - D. **Food Reimbursement of \$5500 this year, can claim \$58K**
 - E. **55% of budget is tied to staffing and benefits- Auditor General Report- 75%**
 - F. **2012- Evidence of capital assets going to auction, District received no funds- Self-report to the Auditor General**
 - G. **Transportation- Reimbursement Mileage was not claimed FY 2019-2020**
 - H. **Entitlement Budget Rollover- \$30K**
 - I. **Title 1 will offset Paraprofessional**
 - J. **REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) Grant- \$40K**
 - K. **IDEA- \$5K rollover**
 - L. **Title 4- still working on it**
 - M. **MOE**
 - N. **Results-Based Funding- \$15K**

4. Update on Technology: **NAU ETC (Education Technology Consortium)**
 - A. **We rollover \$27K in E-Rate, plus additional \$13K**
 - B. **Phase One- Replace network switches, upgrade wireless network (\$13K E-Rate eligible)**
 - C. **Phase Two- Purchase Chromebooks, PCs have another year of life. Upgrade to Windows 10.**
 - D. **Suspicious Software found in system, unsure of what, NAU is investigating.**

5. Update on the Preschool: **We are almost a licensed preschool. Still require Health Department approval. Once licensed, we will apply for First Things First and Quality First Grants. Grants will off-set salaries.**

6. Update on Possible Grants:
 - A. **Early Literacy- \$6100**
 - B. **\$50K Grant for COVID-19**
 - C. **\$15K for Instructional Improvement (can be used as teacher compensation)**
7. Update of Special Education: **Three out of our four teachers are special education certified.**
8. Update on the Teacher Handbook and the Student Handbook: **Mrs. Henry**
9. Adjourn: **5:30 PM**

A Letter From Our Active Superintendent:

Hello Families and Guardians,

My name is Rob Varner, and I am the Acting Superintendent for Hackberry School District. I have been married for 30 wonderful years and have 4 children from ages 16 to 24. My ultimate goal is to build a positive environment for all children.

I taught at the Cartwright School District for 9 years and was a school administrator there for 6. We moved to Payson, AZ, where I was a principal for 9 years. I am finishing my 5th year as superintendent of the Page Unified School District, and I will be retiring at the end of June.

I've enjoyed my time at Cedar Hills already. There is so much potential at this beautiful school. My belief has always been centered around "What's best for children?" I'll make every decision with that in mind. We are excited to have your children back to school this fall. We are implementing many precautions in order to protect both students and staff members from Covid-19. Health and safety will be a top priority, after quality education.

I always enjoy conversations with family and community members and will always return your phone calls or emails. You can call me at the school, or send me an email to rvarner@hesd.net. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

**Sincerely,
Rob Varner, ED.S.**

We are grateful that Dr. Rob Varner will be staying with our school throughout the 2020-2021 School Year. His expertise and guidance are going to help prepare our staff for success in the school years to come.