

# HACKBERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

CEDAR HILLS SCHOOL 9501 NELLIE DRIVE KINGMAN, AZ 86401

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Governing Board Conference Room  
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HACKBERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

BY:   
Robert Varner Ed.S., Acting Superintendent

The Governing Board may consider any item on this agenda in any order and at any time during the meeting.

The Governing Board of the Hackberry Elementary School District #3 may, by motion, enter into executive session for discussion or evaluation of personnel, pursuant to A. R. S. § 38-431 (A)(3) or A. R. S. 38-4231.03(A)(4) for any items designated with an asterisk (\*).

**NOTICE:** There was a malfunction with the tape recorder during the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order: Ellen Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Ellen Kelley, Scherrie Whitten, Deb Warren, Jeff Dollins

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

4. Community Communications (Call to the Public)

The board will listen to the comments from the public but will not respond except as permitted by A. R. S. 38-431.01(G). The Board may refer to the administration or request to have it plead on a future agenda. *If members of the public wish to address the Board, they must fill out the Request to Speak Form located in the back of the Board Room. The form should then be given to the Clerk of the Board prior to the meeting. The time limit rule, noted on the form, will be enforced.*

1. Karen Van Steen made a personal statement regarding an encounter with a board member, where the board member allegedly made a derogatory statement about Ms. Warren.
2. Leanne Donason made a plea wanting to know what alleged crimes the administrative staff had committed to be placed on administrative leave.
3. Tammy Herrera expressed concerns to the Board regarding her children who have special needs, due to the fact that the school does not currently have a special needs teacher on staff.
4. Rocky Hamodey reiterated the recall on Ellen Kelley, and stated his own plans as board president.
5. Gabby Hamodey made personal statements regarding the current board members, and made additional reference to the recall on Ellen Kelley.

5. REPORTS

A. Administrator: None

B. School Board Report: **None**

C. Business Manager: **None**

6. Approval of Routine Orders of Business. Documentation concerning the matters on the Consent Agenda may be reviewed at the Hackberry Unified District Office, 9501 Nellie Dr. Any Board Member may request an item be pulled off the agenda for further discussion.
7. Approval Minutes: **None**
8. Approve Vouchers
  - A. Ratify Hackberry Payroll Voucher: **None**
  - B. Ratify Hackberry Expense Voucher: **None**

## II. NEW BUSINESS

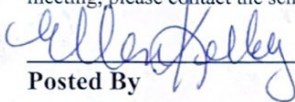
1. Discussion and possible action re: Placing the Superintendent on administrative leave with pay. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. **Ellen Kelley made the motion to place the superintendent on administrative leave. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Informative letter to follow.**
2. Discussion and possible action re: Placing the Business Manager on administrative leave with pay. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. **Ellen Kelley made the motion to place the superintendent on administrative leave. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Informative letter to follow.**
3. Discussion and possible action re: Placing the Receptionist on administrative leave with pay. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. **Ellen Kelley made the motion to place the superintendent on administrative leave. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Informative letter to follow.**
4. Discussion and possible action re: Appointing an Acting Superintendent. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. The Board may also vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 38-431.03(A)(1) for personal matters. **Ellen Kelley made the motion to enter into executive session. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**  
**Ellen Kelley made the motion to return to regular session. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Ellen Kelley made a motion to hire Patricia Henry as the acting superintendent. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**
5. Discussion and possible action re: Directing District legal counsel to assist the District with the search for a long term interim superintendent and business manager. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. **Ellen Kelley made the motion to request legal**

counsel to conduct search for a long term interim superintendent and business manager. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

6. Discussion and possible action re: Directing District legal counsel to assist the District with securing an outside investigator to look into possible employee misconduct. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. **Ellen Kelley made the motion for legal counsel to obtain an outside investigator to look into possible misconduct carried out by employees and prior members of the board. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**
7. Discussion and possible action re: Directing District legal counsel to assist the District with securing the services of an IT provider. The Board may vote to discuss this item in executive session pursuant to A. R. S. Sec. 380-431.03(A)(3) so that it may get legal advice from its attorney. **Ellen Kelley made the motion for legal counsel to secure the services of an IT provider. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**
8. **Adjourn (Discussion/Action): Ellen Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Scherrie Whitten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Hackberry Elementary School District #3 endeavors to ensure the accessibility of all of its programs, facilities, and services to all persons with disabilities. If you need accommodation for this meeting, please contact the school at 928-692-0013

Posted By



Time



Date

