

Red Rock Elementary School District No. 5
September 25, 2024
Board Meeting - Meeting Minutes
20854 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

1) **Call to Order:** *This meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Luis Vargas, 2nd Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*

2) **Roll Call:** Board Members – Luis Vargas (President) – Present,
Kayti Kahn (Member) – Present

District Members – Peter Dwyer, Cathy Shull – Present

School Members – Garrett Thorne

3) **Adoption of Agenda:** *Motion to adopt meeting agenda as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
Motion to move item 4 to 5 and move item 5 to 4.

4) **Superintendents Report:**

Rockstar awards presented to students (student list attached to meeting minutes). Mr. Dwyer congratulated the students and their families and explained to the public in attendance what the award represents. Nineteen students received the award, 17 in attendance. Students were brought up to receive their award and a photo was taken with the School Board Members.

*Mr. Thorne presented and explained the athletics presentation (power point attached). Athletics fees are supplemented by student payments, tax credits and fundraising.

*Coaches have received a \$1000 per sport stipend, this is often split if there are assistant coaches. Our stipend is lower than most other schools in our league. Average is \$1200 for head coach and \$500 for assistant coach. Requesting an increase in stipends to \$10,000 for head coaches (currently \$8,000) and adding assistant coach stipends of \$4,500 (currently split with coaches stipend).

*Student fees for the 2025 school year were raised from \$60 to \$70 per sport. Swimming and Cross Country were new sports this year. Legacy may take swimming next year. Swimming costs were higher based on the meets and number of students participating/qualifying. Mrs Kahn asked if there were scholarships for students that couldn't pay – Our PTO offers scholarships.

*Uniforms are an expense, football and soccer use the same, but others are specific to the sport. Uniforms can last from 1-5 years depending on the sport.

*Fundraising request – holding a free throw a thon. Mrs. Kahn asked if this will be a community wide fundraising event? Most likely be held during practices. There is also a possibility of a “parents vs student” game as a fundraiser. Other opportunities for fundraising, a “fun run” and/or candy bar sales, both have been done in the past. Mr. Vargas asked for a fund balance for athletics to be brought to the October board meeting.

Mr Dwyer reviewed the “COPS DOJ” federal grant, what it is and what it’s used for. This grant is a “School Violence Prevention Program”. Many rural school were awarded this grant. Intended for upgrading entry doors and gates, automatic locks during lockdown. We are brainstorming on technology for safe entry into classrooms from hallways. We used a grant writer to help us get this grant awarded to our school.

Mr. Dwyer reviewed 2025 budget. Discussed the need to replace aging a/c units. Each classroom has it’s own unit. We have a consultant working with us to apply to the School Facilities Department to fund new a/c units throughout the school as replacements are needed.

Both kindergarten teachers are leaving at the end of this school year, one retiring, and one moving out of state. This is a concern for next year. Uof A is struggling with their education program, so we plan to look in Phoenix or surrounding cities to recruit. We could hire now and train them this year to take over the classroom. Looking into all possible scenarios.

Champions afterschool program is going well. Staying same at 9 students, but the program director is planning to attend our school events to reach out to families and advertise their program. They are hoping to enroll more students.

5) **Public Comments** – No Public in Attendance.

- 6) **New Business:**
- a. Student Council 2024-25 fundraisers. Additional Fund Raiser Penny Wars – April 2025. *Motion to approve Penny Wars fundraiser by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0*
 - b. Athletics Fundraisers. (for future reference, fundraisers can be approved through the superintendent if the board delegates that duty.) *Motion to approve Athletics fundraisers throw-a-thon, hit-a thon, jog-a-thon, etc. by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0*
 - c. FY2024 Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Shull and Mr. Dwyer summarized the report. *Motion to approve FY2024 AFR by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
 - d. Additional employee stipends. *Motion to approve additional stipends by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0*
 - e. Additional 2 paraprofessionals. *Motion to approve 2 new paraprofessional employees by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
 - f. District credit card. *Motion to approve the opening of a \$10,000 limit district credit card by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
- 7) **Consent Agenda** – Signatures and Approvals: *Motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented by Luis Vargas, 2nd Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0.*
Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2024
Annual Financial Report
Staff Stipends – Signature Required
Student Activities Account Statement/Register - August 2024
Expense Vouchers: #2429 \$1,674.61 (**FY2024 Final**), #2503 \$82,538.67 #2504 \$50,241, #2505 \$32,234.14
Payroll Vouchers: #4 \$158,074.36, #5 \$148,585.35
- 8) **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024 5:00PM
- 9) **Adjournment:** *Motion to adjourn at 6:23 by Luis Vargas, 2nd by Kayti Kahn, Approved 2-0*

Names, dates and documents relevant to the agenda items are available at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

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