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## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 at 3:30 pm

Bouse Elementary School

Please see [www.bouseschool.org](http://www.bouseschool.org) for more info

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-432.01, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the GOVERNING BOARD and the general public that the GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 will hold a meeting open to the public. The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorney, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(A) (3). Additional documentation relating to the public meeting agenda may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting the business office at (928)851-2213.

## **\*\*MINUTES\*\***

### **1. Call the meeting to order at 3:30 PM**

**Roll Call:** Pamela Finkbeiner, Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Paul Martin, Cassandra Calderon, Alexis Goodson, Heather Huhtala, Kari Ann Noeltner, Hailey Noeltner and Cynthia Larimore

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **3. Discussion/Action to approve the agenda:**

*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve the agenda. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

### **4. Call to the public- *This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §***

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**38- 431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.**

*Heather Huhtala presented a flier for an Early Childhood Education Awareness Resource event taking place at the Ehrenberg Elementary School (49509 Ehrenberg Poston Hwy) on January 13, 2024 from 9am to 11am. There will be parent-child activities, developmental activities, free books, local resources, immunizations, dental screenings, well-child checks, clothing exchange and toy exchange. If you are interested in a flier, please see the front office at Bouse Elementary School.*

## **5. Superintendent's Report-**

- **Students**

Our school's current enrollment is 54 students, with an overall mid-second quarter attendance rate of 94%. Ms. Stephanie's 4/5 grade class is once again leading the way with 98% attendance rate. Galileo Assessment #2 has been completed with a positive increase for the majority of our students. We are in the initial talks with the organization ChildHelp- Speak up be safe through state provided grant monies, with an emphasis on an anti-bullying campaign and keeping children safe with a voice.

- **Events and Community**

We had over 100 people/students in attendance for our annual Veterans Day Luncheon, a huge success and a great time for all. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of those community members who continue to donate items such as turkeys, art supplies, jewelry for kids to give as presents and many monetary awards to our school to assist with enhancing our library and future field trips to the AZ Science Museum. In addition, a shout out to community members Dean, Harley and Carl for continued assistance with our swings and our almost completed outdoor sand volleyball area. We are currently assisting the Bouse Museum with handmade Christmas tree decorations, via 1940's theme

- **Maintenance**

Our fire drill was completed for the month of November. Bus and school vehicle maintenance is up to date, with a follow up appointment in Phoenix on December 22nd for our bus. Representatives from The Trust and our insurance carrier have now both completed onsite visits with me and Cassandra. David, our Safety Consultant from the Trust, was onsite today with me walking the property. I will share a completed report when we meet next month.

- **Improvements**

We have been awarded a grant from APS for the cost of purchasing 25 trees for our school property!! Our 2 new roof A/C units have now been installed with 100% reimbursement coming via the Arizona Schools Facilities Department. The classrooms are now equipped with new full size copiers/printers, to match the upgraded computers installed earlier in the year.

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- 6. Discussion/Action to approve regular board minutes for November 1st, 2023.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve regular board minutes for November 1st, 2023. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- 7. Discussion/Action to approve Financial Report.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- 8. Discussion/Action to approve revised December Budget.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve the revised December Budget. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- 9. Discussion/Action to approve all gifts and Donations from the public as per attachment.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve all gifts and donations from the public as per attachment. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- 10. Discussion/Action to allow the Bouse VFW to use the gym for the Christmas Event on Saturday, December 9th, 2023.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to allow the Bouse VFW to use the gym for the Christmas Event on Saturday, December 9th, 2023. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- 11. Discussion/Action to approve the Student Council fundraiser “Snackin’ in the USA” by JustFundraising.com to raise money for the End-of-the-Year Field Trip.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve the Student Council fundraiser “Snackin’ in the USA” by JustFundraising.com to raise money for the End-of-the-Year Field Trip. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*
- 12. Discussion/Action to approve APS Tree Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00.**  
*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve APS Tree Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

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**13. Discussion/Action to approve the School Spelling Bee being held on Thursday, December 14, 2023.**

*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve the School Spelling Bee being held on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**14. Discussion/Action to offer Margaret Nelson the position of part time Intervention Specialist.**

*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to offer Margaret Nelson the position of part time Intervention Specialist. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**15. Discussion/Action to approve moving forward in getting bids for installing new carpet.**

*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to approve moving forward getting bids for installing new carpet. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**16. Next regular board meeting will be held on January 10th, 2024.**

**17. Adjourn regular board meeting:**

*Ann LeMaster-Wilson made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Pamela Finkbeiner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.*

**Meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM**

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Bouse Elementary School District does not exclude members of the public from participation in school board meetings and does not deny the benefit of services, programs, activities, or in any way discriminates against individuals with a disability. If an individual can contact (928)851-2213 at the Bouse District Office via phone number or email between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday- Thursday, at least two business days before the meeting.

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**Pamela Finkbeiner, President**

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**Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Clerk**

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**Jody Wilson, Member**

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NOVEMBER GIFTS AND DONATION	
GIFT	DONATOR
3 Turkeys	Robert Chaves
3 Boxes of Art Supplies	Robert Chaves
\$3,000.00	George Nault
\$100.00	
\$180.00	AZ Kids
Box of Jewlery	
Bags of Cotton Candy	Family Dollar
Christmas Tree	Darin Cribbs
Box of Chrsitmas Orniments	Darin Cribbs
\$83.75	Donation Jars from Halloween Carnival