

BALSZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #31
4825 East Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008
Governing Board Approved Agenda Item on August 13, 2013
for Public Notice

Agenda Item #20:

Approval of Governing Board Members to Serve as Delegate, President Vic Grace, and Alternate Delegate, Derrence B. White, at the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly. Vote 5-0.

Agenda Item #21:

Approval of the 2014 Legislative Agenda with amended Item #4 as to not to include arming school staff or criminalize behavior. Vote 5-0.

Each year the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) develops a list of priorities for our state legislators to consider. The following is an amended list that was developed by ASBA for discussion at the ASBA Delegate Assembly where President Grace and Mr. White will represent the Balsz School District.

Amended 2014 Legislative Agenda as Approved by Balsz District Governing Board:

1. Advocate for an Administrative Reduction Omnibus to lessen unfunded mandates and administrative burdens.
2. Restore Building Renewal funding to ensure school facilities are adequately maintained.
3. Change "override" language to "local support" to better reflect what voters are being asked to support.
4. Advocate for school safety funds to create a safe learning environment without arming school staff or criminalizing misbehavior that is in the strictest sense, may be illegal. ****amended***
5. Allow JTEDs to lease buildings and allow school districts greater flexibility in the divestiture of property to address population and course needs.
6. Expand bonding capacity to allow local districts to address school facility needs.
7. Maximize trust land income for teacher's salaries and student classroom opportunities.
8. Allow schools to operate a 200-day school year and include funding from 5% to 8% to increase student achievement.

9. Restore 9th grade funding for CTE/JTEDs so that students have the opportunity to be exposed to career fields and/or certification completion.
10. Protect the right of districts to charter schools for innovation.

Long-Term Focus Items

1. Revise the school finance formula to adequately fund schools.
 - a. Structurally change the tax structure to assure a more stable and reliable source.
 - b. Maximize local school district flexibility in managing these funds.
 - c. Require the same accountability measures of all schools and individuals that receive public funds.
 - d. Repeal any program that gives public monies to private schools.
 - e. Include dedicated funding to education.
2. Uphold preservation of local control to reinforce the connection between the community and its elected governing board members.
3. Meet the unique educational needs of every student so that every student has the opportunity to reach his/her full potential.

Short-Term Focus Items

1. Fund voluntary, full-day kindergarten and include kindergarten students in the override calculation.
2. Fund the implementation costs of Arizona's new standards, assessments, and technology.
3. Restore capital funding to funding formula allocations.
4. Fund inflation fully in the baseline to uphold the voters' mandate.
5. Allow public school tax credits to be used as determined by local districts.
6. Create greater flexibility with mandated graduation requirements.