

# Minutes of Work Session & Regular Meeting, Monday, October 23, 2023

## The Governing Board Payson Unified School District

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A Work Session & Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Payson Unified School District was held Monday, October 23, 2023, beginning at 3:00 PM in the Join by phone: (484)841-4075 PIN: 349 550 860# Boardroom Doors Open at 2:45pm, 902 W Main Street, Payson, Arizona 85541.

Audrey Hogue: Present  
Michell Marinelli: Present  
Katy Taylor: Present  
Barbara Underwood: Present  
Susan Ward: Present

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06pm.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### IV. WORK SESSION

#### A. Information and Discussion on the Open Meeting Law

Susan Segal from Gust Rosenfeld, PLC presented in person regarding the open meeting law. She went over her presentation and answered the Board's questions.

### V. MOVE INTO REGULAR SESSION

VI. BOARD PLEDGE: We pledge that our decisions will cultivate the unique skills and abilities of all learners to reach their greatest potential in order to develop well-rounded learners inspired to EXCEL.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Members of the Governing Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Be advised that by policy the Governing Board will not consider or act on complaints that have not been submitted to the campus and/or district administration, as appropriate.

### VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Information and Discussion on Social Media Lawsuit

There were two presenters via Google Meet for this agenda item. Attorney Joseph Tann had a family emergency and was not able to attend. In attendance on his behalf were Attorneys Dean Kawamoto and Felicia Craick from Keller Rohrback, LLP. The second presenter was Attorney William Shinoff from Frantz Law Group. Both presenters provided information on the social media lawsuit that the District could join. School districts across the country are

suing social media companies over claims that their applications are addicting and harmful to student's mental health and well-being. The claim is that these platforms use algorithms to keep students scrolling. The use of these platforms is believed to cause increased anxiety, depression, eating disorders and self harm in teens. Some districts have also seen an increase in vandalism and school threats. These suits allege that the companies knew that their practices were harmful to teens, and hopes to force changes in practices to protect them. There is no cost to the District if they join the litigation since law firms are working on a contingency basis.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Payson Unified School District Joining the Social Media Lawsuit

X. INFORMATION ONLY

A. Future Agenda Items

XI. LAUNCH - Audrey Hogue

XII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.

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Joanne Conlin President

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Barbara Underwood

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