

Letter of Resignation and Retirement

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President AnnaMarie Knorr

MUSD Governing Board

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Dear President Knorr,

It is with great excitement for my retirement, and some sadness for leaving such a great organization with many friends, that I provide notice I will not be seeking renewal of my current contract and tendering my Letter of Resignation and Retirement.

I am resigning and retiring December 19th, 2018.

Having a career starting out as a Federal and State Auditor of 9 years with the State of Washington auditing schools, 16 plus years as a Chief Finance Officer for School Districts in the State of Washington and 10 plus years here as the Director of Business Services at MUSD, all that I have enjoyed, I find it time to retire and move on to the next exciting chapters in my life. These include catering to the 5 women in my life, my wife Becky, daughters Ashley, Kylie and Kiara and of course my ever energetic granddaughter Lauren. I also plan to spend some more time doing woodworking, attending sporting events, hiking and volunteering, and of course maybe a little bit more time chasing the white ball around the golf course.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Maricopa Unified School District's Director of Business Services these past 10 plus years. I feel fortunate and blessed to be able to contribute to such a special learning community.

I want to thank current and past Governing Board Members for their dedicated and positive work. It has been my pleasure to be part of their vision, passion, and commitment. I am beyond words of admiration and heartfelt appreciation.

To the MUSD Staff:

Cabinet Members, District Office Staff, Leadership Members, Certified Staff and Classified Staff, I can not say how much I have enjoyed our relationships and friendships and allowing me to serve you in my position.

I feel so proud to be a part of some of our MUSD accomplishments these past 10 plus years:

- 10 consecutive years and counting receiving the GFOA and AASBO awards for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (*thanks to all MUSD staff*).
- 10 years of balanced budgets and positive ending reserves that were somehow always in the black (*special thanks Karen Honeycutt*).
- Very good and clean Financial, Federal Compliance Audits and USFR reviews for the past 10 years (*thanks Business Office staff*).
- Facilitating 9 plus years of the MUSD Budget Committee (*some long nights but fun and productive*).
- Started in house energy and LED lighting upgrades, that when completed, should save the district over \$1,000,000 in annual utility expenses (*keep it going maintenance staff, you guys rock, special thanks to Tom and David*).
- Replacement and the upgrade to the MUSD High School Football Turf Field (*special thanks to Chad Whittle, we got it done*).
- Treasurer and Committee Member for each Override Committee (*kudos to all who helped us finally pass this and especially to Vince and Christine*).
- Taking a baseball field that was termed a "battlefield" by one coach, to receiving the 2015 National High School Baseball Field of the Year Award (*great job MUSD Grounds Department*).
- \$1,000,000 plus in School Facility Grant Financial Awards and our IEP Pest Management Awards, (*thank you MUSD maintenance staff and special thanks to Gordon Ponticello and Dan Vezie*).

I want to thank Dr. Steve Chestnut, with whom it was truly a highlight for me to work with in my career, *I appreciate all the support and your friendship!*

To Cabinet, Tom, Krista, Maria and Wade, *thanks so much for the ride and allowing me to work by your side.*

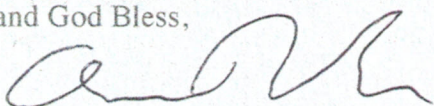
To the Leadership Team, *I so much enjoyed working with each of you and behind the scenes working to support you.*

To our Maintenance and Custodial staff, *you are all such caring and hard workers, it was a pleasure to be your leader.*

To the Business Office Staff: Karen, Nancy, Pam, Becky, Lisa, Maureen, Kay and Carrie (forever a member)s, Suzette and Jane, Julie, Molly, newbies Rachel and Aaron, *we lived the song "We are Family," often spending more time at work than with our real family, my deepest gratitude for all of your great work and support!*

In conclusion, President Knorr, Governing Board Members, Dr. Lopeman, Cabinet, Leadership Members, and MUSD Staff, I wish you the best of luck in continuing to make MUSD the best school district possible! I support you and am rooting hard for all of you!

Sincerely and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. R.', written in a cursive style.