

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting  
Amphitheater Public Schools  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

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A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

**Governing Board Members**

Dr. Scott K. Baker, President  
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Vice President  
Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member  
Ms. Deanna M. Day M. Ed., Member  
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

**Superintendent's Cabinet Members**

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent  
Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. John Hasting, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum and Assessment  
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services  
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education  
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND SIGNING OF THE VISITOR'S REGISTER**

President Baker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the guest register.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. Motion to Recess Open Meeting and Hold an Executive Session for:**

**A. Consideration and Determination of Appeal of Long-term Suspension Hearing Officer's Decision Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(A), Regarding, Student # 30079189**

**B. Consideration and Decision Upon Long-term Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Officer's Recommendations, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) Regarding, Student # 30063593**

*President Baker asked for a motion to hold Executive Session. Vice President Zibrat moved that the Board go into an Executive Session to address the matters identified in item 2. of the Board's agenda and pursuant to the legal authorities listed on the agenda under item 2. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor- 5. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder, Ms. Day, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed-0.*

*President Baker proclaimed they were in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.*

**3. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

President Baker reconvened the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

President Baker announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

## **6. RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Recognition of Canyon del Oro High School 2023 4A State Football Champions**

Superintendent Jaeger said he was excited to honor and congratulate the football players from Canyon del Oro High School. He asked Armando Soto, Director of Interscholastic Activities, to come forward.

Mr. Soto introduced the Head Football Coach of Canyon del Oro High School Dorado's, Dustin Peace. He noted that this is the second time in his career that Coach Peace has finished the season with a 14-0 record.

Coach Peace thanked the Governing Board for recognizing the team. He said unfortunately some players could not attend, because they were participating in other sports this evening. Coach Peace stated he was proud of the players on and off the field. He noted they were also academically strong, and many are moving on to college in the fall. Coach Peace commended Canyon Del Oro High School Principal, Tara Bulleigh, and Athletic Director, Marco Dominguez for their support. He was extremely proud of the team receiving the AIA 4A Conference Sportsmanship Award at halftime of the championship game. Coach Peace commented that the team was really embraced by the school and the entire experience was great. He thanked the players, coaches, parents and staff for their support.

Superintendent Jaeger spoke about one of the moments at the playoff game that demonstrated good sportsmanship and expressed that he was so proud of the team.

Ms. Day offered her congratulations to the team and, on behalf of the Governing Board, presented them with certificates of recognition.

A picture was taken with the players, coaches, Ms. Bulleigh, the Governing Board members and Superintendent Jaeger to mark the occasion.

### **B. Presentation of Distinguished Service Award**

President Baker asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the award.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that each month during the school year, a certificated and a support staff member are recognized with a Distinguished Service Award. He explained that because of various illnesses the December Support Staff recognition will be awarded tonight.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Bethany Papajohn, Principal of Painted Sky Elementary School and Distinguished Service Award recipient, Laura Feltes, Administrative Assistant, to come forward. Ms. Papajohn said Ms. Feltes is very deserving of this award and read the nomination.

A video presentation was shown honoring Ms. Feltes for the work she has done.

President Baker asked Ms. Feltes if she would like to share anything. Ms. Feltes said she was thankful to receive the award.

He presented Ms. Feltes with a certificate of recognition from the Governing Board, a Distinguished Service Award and a gift card donated by the Amphi Foundation.

To mark the occasion, a picture was taken with Ms. Feltes, Ms. Papajohn, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Jaeger.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

## 8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Details of agenda items, supporting documents, and presentations are available in the electronic Board Book by clicking on the hyperlink below.*

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*President Baker asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion or comment. There were none.*

*Ms. Day moved for Consent Agenda Items 8. A.-L. be approved as presented. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder, Ms. Day, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 8. A.-L. passed.*

### **A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel**

*Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 1.*

### **B. Approval of Personnel Changes**

*Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 2.*

### **C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence**

*Leave(s) of absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.*

### **D. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s)**

*Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.*

### **E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers**

*Stipend for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.*

### **F. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,493,762.41**

*A copy of vouchers for goods and services received by the Amphitheater Public Schools and recommended for payment has been provided to the Governing Board. The following vouchers were approved as presented and payment authorized as submitted in Exhibit 6.*

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1167	\$206,771.74	1168	\$1,099,668.80	1169	\$58,384.77
1170	\$149,140.64	1172	\$97,034.96	1173	\$49,745.12
1174	\$248,716.63	1175	\$29,969.62	1176	\$235,452.62
1177	\$194,034.32	1178	\$3,698.30	1179	\$95,125.64
1180	\$9,051.48	1181	\$16,967.77		

### **G. Acceptance of Gifts**

*Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 7.*

### **H. Receipt of December 2023 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances**

*The Governing Board approved Receipt of December 2023 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 8.*

### **I. Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com**

*The Governing Board approved Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com.*

### **J. Award of Bid for Recycle/Disposal of Surplus Electronic Equipment - Based Upon Responses to Request for Quote (RFQ) 2324009**

*The Governing Board approved Award of Bid for Recycle/Disposal of Surplus Electronic Equipment - Based Upon Responses to Request for Quote (RFQ) 2324009 to ARCOA Group.*

**K. Approval of Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants**

*The Governing Board approved the Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants as submitted in Exhibit 9.*

**L. Approval of Out of State Travel**

*The Governing Board approved requests for out of state travel as listed in Exhibit 10.*

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**10. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Day moved to adjourn. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder, Ms. Day and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.*

*Jen Anderson Gretchen Hahn*  
Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval  
*Jennifer Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board*  
*Gretchen Hahn, Governing Board Office Secretary*

February 7, 2024  
Date

*Scott K Baker*  
*Scott K. Baker Ph. D., Governing Board President*

February 13, 2024  
Date