

**Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

Governing Board Members

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

Superintendent's Cabinet Members

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
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 Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the guest register.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Day asked Mr. Little to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Day announced that the next Special Governing Board Meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

4. INFORMATION

A. Superintendent's Report

For the Superintendent's PowerPoint see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger began his report by recapping the legislative session. He said this lengthy session is anticipated to end around July 31 when the session resumes. The session included 1,671 bills and 109 memorials and resolutions that were introduced. 346 bills were sent to Governor Hobbs, and she signed 202 of those bills into law and vetoed 143 -- a 41% veto rate. Superintendent Jaeger explained the high veto rate is due to several factors, including the fact that we have politically split branches of government and a third of the Legislature were brand new to their positions. Additionally, the Republicans passed several bills dealing with politically charged issues such as elections, transgender issues, and critical race theory which led to a number of vetoes.

Superintendent Jaeger talked about the budget process. In February, a Republican budget was approved, and it passed both houses on party lines. This first budget did not include any spending of the state's \$2+ billion surplus and was vetoed by Governor Hobbs.

After that first budget veto, the legislative leadership began meeting to develop a bipartisan budget. The result was that the Republican leadership divided up the \$2+ billion surplus -- taking half for themselves and giving the other half to Governor Hobbs and the Democratic caucus to determine spending priorities. The Republican leadership then divvied up the funds by giving each member a pot of cash to determine how they would like to spend it, with the warning that it could not be used for divisive or controversial items that would be complete dealbreakers for the other side of the aisle. In the end, this novel approach was successful.

Superintendent Jaeger reported that in May, a \$17.8 billion budget package passed both chambers. He noted that most of the negotiations were between Governor Hobbs and the Republican leadership, but a portion of the Democratic caucus were supportive of the package due to some investments in education, healthcare, and housing. However, Democratic leadership criticized the Governor for failing to involve the Democratic caucus earlier in the process, as well as a lack of transparency and a final outcome which they felt fell far short of their key priorities, including accountability measures on the growing ESA program.

He talked about a rule change that took place during the session. The new rule is the “majority of the majority” rule. This change means that:

- Any bill that went to the House or Senate floor had to have a majority of the Republican caucus in support or it would not move forward in the opposite chamber. This caused some issues:
 - Some members had to reconsider a bill that had enough votes to pass but didn’t get *a majority of the majority*.
 - Democratic members were asked to prove they had a vote count of 16 Republicans before the Republican leadership would even put the bill on the docket for a vote.
 - This caused Democrats to boycott and vote no on every bill that went on the docket, leaving dozens of bills passing with only Republican support.

Superintendent Jaeger talked about the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL), which was created nearly 40 years ago to control spending by Arizona school districts. The cap restricts the amount of money that schools can spend on operational and capital expenses, including salaries, facilities, and technology upgrades. He explained that education has changed significantly, with the creation of special education, vocational technical training, and the school choice movement the cap has been very limiting. This year, an agreement was made to override the AEL and allow schools the certainty that the dollars appropriated for fiscal year 2024, could be used and therefore, avoid another emergency during the 2024 legislative session. He stated that there are discussions to permanently eliminate the aggregate expenditure limit or to update the limit to reflect the current educational landscape. Superintendent Jaeger noted that voters will need to decide if a change to the state constitution is needed.

He gave a summary of the budget, which includes \$300 million of one-time K-12 State Aid Supplement, \$88.6 million to new ongoing K-12 funding, \$341.9 million for school facilities, \$15 million for dual enrollment student incentives. He explained that the actual amount is based on student enrollment and has not yet been determined.

Superintendent Jaeger then shared some photos of summer activities and events. He said summer remains a busy time for students and staff.

He reported that Future Dorados who are moving from middle school to high school got the chance to meet one another last month and learn a bit about what their futures at Canyon del Oro High School will look like. There were many games and activities at the event.

He thanked the Dorado staff and students who helped bring the incoming freshman together.

Superintendent Jaeger said in accordance with the District's continued commitment to offering training opportunities that have a direct impact on student learning, 120 Amphitheater educators attended an AVID Summer Institute to learn research based instructional strategies that support students. He commented that these best practices increase college and career readiness and help ensure students' academic success and future preparedness. He commented that the event was a great opportunity for collaboration and to learn about training strategies.

He shared some highlights from the final weeks of summer school. He reported that students at Amphi Middle School had the opportunity to build some amazing benches in their summer wood shop session. Prince Elementary School students had a "camp out" complete with many camping activities, such as building tents and engineering solar ovens which they used to make s'mores.

Superintendent Jaeger said that students at Imagine Preschool at Painted Sky Elementary School recently enjoyed a water fun day, which was a great way to spend time outside on a (very) hot summer day. He commented that Amphi is proud to offer summer programs for the earliest learners at many sites.

He talked about upcoming events and trainings including Infinite Campus, new leader orientation and training (for new district administrators), training for first- and second-year principals, the annual Effective Teacher Conference, the All-Admin Back-to-School Retreat and a school supply drive with KVOA. Superintendent Jaeger said the first day of school for students is August 3rd.

President Day thanked him for the report. There were no questions.

B. Status of Construction Projects

For the Status of Construction Projects Report see Exhibit 2.

Superintendent Jaeger stated the Mr. LaNasa was not available to attend the meeting, and the complete report was submitted to them for their review.

C. Periodic Legislative Update

For the Periodic Legislative Review see Exhibit 3.

Superintendent Jaeger said the Legislative Update was included in the Superintendent's Report and they have been provided with the materials.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

6. 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 Day asked if any items needed to be removed for comment or discussion.

Mr. Kopec requested Item K. be held for separate consideration.

President Day asked for a motion. Vice President Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items 6. A.-J. and L.-M. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 6. A.-J. and L.-M. passed.

President Day announced *Item 6. K. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Additional Preschool Classes*. Superintendent Jaeger noted the District has a growing program and deferred to Mr. Kopec for further comment.

Mr. Kopec said he wanted to specifically acknowledge the preschool program and he expressed his thanks and admiration for everything that Amphi has done to expand this worthy program.

Mr. Kopec moved for Consent Agenda Item 6. K. be approved as presented. President Day seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Item 6. K. passed.

A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

B. Approval of Personnel Changes

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Leave(s) of absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.

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

Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 7.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 8.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved minutes from the May 30, 2023, June 13, 2023 and June 27, 2023 meetings as submitted in Exhibits 9-11.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$3,522,098.49

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 12.

| Voucher # | Amount | Voucher # | Amount | Voucher # | Amount |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1418 | \$182,462.23 | 1419 | \$52,799.66 | 1420 | \$13,426.48 |
| 1421 | \$54,601.57 | 1422 | \$18,569.82 | 1423 | \$87,275.78 |
| 1424 | \$53,261.11 | 1429 | \$58,604.23 | 1430 | \$473,600.66 |
| 1431 | \$3,701.26 | 1432 | \$51,047.48 | 1433 | \$22,355.43 |
| 1434 | \$1,536,927.22 | 1435 | \$144,761.94 | 1000 | \$184,212.76 |
| 1001 | \$584,490.86 | | | | |

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 13.

I. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2023-2024

The Governing Board approved CDO Girls Basketball Boosters and CDO Spiritline Booster Club for the 2023-2024 school year as submitted in Exhibit 14.

J. Approval of Verification of Desegregation Funding Matters and Submission of Desegregation Funding Report for Compliance with A.R.S. § 15-910

The Governing Board approved Verification of Desegregation Funding Matters and Submission of Desegregation Funding Report for Compliance with A.R.S. § 15-910 as submitted in Exhibit 15.

K. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Additional Preschool Classes

The Governing Board approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Additional Preschool Classes as submitted in Exhibit 16.

L. Approval of Oro Valley Police Department, Tucson Police Department, and Pima County Sheriff's Department Special Duty Program Agreements for Special Duty Law Enforcement Services

The Governing Board approved Oro Valley Police Department, Tucson Police Department, and Pima County Sheriff's Department Special Duty Program Agreements for Special Duty Law Enforcement Services as submitted in Exhibit 17.

M. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved requests for out of state travel as listed in Exhibit 18.

7. STUDY/ACTION

A. Study and Approval of the Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to include Public Hearing and Truth in Taxation Hearing

For the Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 attachments see Exhibit 19.

Superintendent Jaeger said that the Governing Board must adopt a district budget for the upcoming school year. He noted that President Day must declare an open hearing for public questions and comment prior to that approval.

He asked Mr. Little to provide additional information regarding the proposed expenditure budget.

Mr. Little said this budget is identical to the budget presented at the last meeting, but this one includes the backup documents related to desegregation spending. He stated that due to the additional levy of the Adjacent Ways funding the budget approval requires a roll call vote.

There were no questions.

President Day declared a public hearing open. There were no questions or comments from the public, and she subsequently closed the public hearing.

President Cox Golder moved for the Approval of the Adopted Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented. President Day seconded the motion. Roll Call vote in favor – 5. President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Study/Action Agenda Item 7.A. passed.

B. Selection of Governing Board Delegate and Alternate for Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly; Determination of Governing Board Position on ASBA Legislative Action Agenda Items; Direction to Delegate and Alternate

President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce this item. He explained that every year a delegate and alternate delegate must be chosen to represent the Governing Board at the ASBA Delegate Assembly in September. The Governing Board must also give guidance on how the delegate should vote for the Districts' legislative priorities. He stated that the Delegate Assembly immediately follows the Annual Law Conference and noted Mr. Kopec has served as the District delegate in the past.

President Day asked Mr. Kopec if he would be willing to serve as the delegate this year. He responded yes.

Vice President Cox Golder moved to approve Mr. Kopec to be the delegate. President Day seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor- 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Study/Action Item 7. B. passed.

Vice President Cox Golder recommended that Mr. Kopec use the previously approved priorities and vote accordingly to represent the Governing Board at the assembly.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that an alternate delegate may also be selected. The Governing Board was polled. There was no one available.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

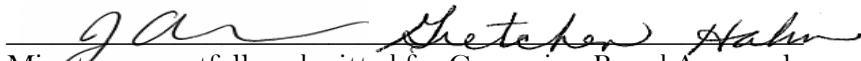
There were no comments.

9. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Day requested an update on the E-Sports program.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Day made a motion to adjourn. President Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor- 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.


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

August 2, 2023
Date


Deanna M. Day M. Ed., Governing Board President

August 8, 2023
Date