

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Present

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. John Hasting, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Richard C. La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education

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/Expulsion Hearing Officer's Decision Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(A), as well as the Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Expulsion Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) Regarding, Student # 30048063

B. Consideration and Determination of Appeal of Long-term Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Officer's Decision Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(A), as well as the Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Expulsion Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) Regarding, Student # 30055598

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. Mr. Kopec 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 6:35 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, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

6. INFORMATION

A. Superintendent's Report

For the Superintendent's Report PowerPoint Presentation see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger began his report by sharing photos of recent graduation ceremonies around the District.

Superintendent Jaeger said every school year the District works towards a singular moment: Graduation. He reported that over 1,000 students graduated from the three high schools. Superintendent Jaeger noted that the graduates received over \$24 million dollars in scholarships and he shared a list of post-graduation destinations from all over the country.

He spoke about the ceremony at Canyon del Oro High School. Superintendent Jaeger said he was proud of the student speakers and the staff that worked to create an amazing event. He mentioned the challenging weather conditions at Ironwood Ridge High School, but said overall, it was a great evening. Superintendent Jaeger gave kudos to students and staff who made it possible. He talked about the graduation at Amphitheater High School, noting that it is the birthplace of the District and it holds a special place in the community. He said it was great to hear from the student speakers.

Superintendent Jaeger reported that at the Rillito Center, there was one graduate this year. He said it is always a heartwarming event.

Superintendent Jaeger then shared photos of kindergarten graduations and eighth grade promotions.

Superintendent Jaeger said he and Ms. Day attended the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition in Ames, Iowa last week. He congratulated the Amphi participants and showed pictures of students from Innovation Academy, Painted Sky Elementary School, and Canyon del Oro High School. He said the District also had teams from Copper Creek Elementary School, Rio Vista Elementary School, Prince Elementary School and Cross Middle School at the World Competition.

President Baker thanked him for his report.

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.

Superintendent Jaeger requested Item A. be held for separate consideration. Mr. Kopec requested Item O. be removed for comment.

Ms. Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items 8. B. -N. and P.-R. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec 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. B.-N. and P.-R. passed.

Superintendent Jaeger recommended Hayley Gottlieb for the position of Assistant Principal of Amphitheater High School for FY 2024-2025. He spoke about Ms. Gottlieb's educational background, teaching and prior leadership experience with the District.

Superintendent Jaeger said a reception will be held to welcome Ms. Gottlieb, and two other recently appointed administrators, Colby Tapling, Assistant Principal of Prince Elementary School and Lindsey Lopez Instructional Support Assistant at Cross Middle School.

Ms. Cox Golder moved that Hayley Gottlieb be approved for the position of Assistant Principal of Amphitheater High School for FY 2024–2025. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder, Ms. Day, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Motion passed.

Mr. Kopec said the reason he pulled *Item O. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for the Pima Early Education Program and Approval of Two Preschool Classrooms/Programs* was to take the opportunity to praise the continued growth of the program. He commented that for District staff to expand the much needed preschools as quickly as they did was amazing.

Mr. Kopec moved that Item O. 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. Motion passed.

To mark the occasion, a picture was taken of Ms. Gottlieb, Mr. Tapling, Ms. Lopez, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Jaeger.

President Baker called for a ten-minute break at 6:48 p.m. to hold a reception.

President Baker reconvened the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

A. Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel

Administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 2.

B. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-Administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.

C. Approval of Personnel Changes

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

D. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Approval of Leave(s) of Absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

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

Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.

F. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 7.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$9,954,240.17

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 8.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1295	\$199,393.25	1296	\$337,715.41	1297	\$59,977.41
1298	\$182,480.21	1299	\$42,426.52	1300	\$302,378.24
1301	\$1,469.33	1302	\$381,064.77	1303	\$76,582.72
1304	\$436,936.51	1305	\$52,660.88	1306	\$22,162.44
1307	\$6,139,824.72	1311	\$28,252.04	1312	\$4,171.78
1313	\$433,944.13	1314	\$332,986.52	1315	\$57,321.10
1316	\$619,532.07	1317	\$35,408.54	1318	\$207,551.58

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 9.

I. Receipt of April 2024 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved Receipt of April 2024 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 10.

J. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) – 2024-2025

The Governing Board approved IRHS Football Booster Club and IRHS Theater Booster Club for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted in Exhibit 11.

K. Award of Contract for Pest Control Management Services- Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 2324015

The Governing Board awarded the Contract for Pest Control Management Services- Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 2324015 to University Termite and Pest as submitted in Exhibit 12.

L. Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com

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

M. Approval of Facility Rental Program Fees

The Governing Board approved Facility Rental Program Fees as listed in Exhibit 13.

N. Approval of Summer Institute 2024 Teacher Stipends

The Governing Board approved Summer Institute 2024 Teacher Stipends.

O. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for the Pima Early Education Program and Approval of Two Preschool Classrooms/Programs

The Governing Board approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for the Pima Early Education Program and Approval of Two Preschool Classrooms/Programs as submitted in Exhibit 14.

P. Approval of Dual Credit Incentive Payment

The Governing Board approved Dual Credit Incentive Payment as listed in Exhibit 15.

Q. Approval of Supplemental Texts and Materials

The Governing Board approved Supplemental Texts and Materials as submitted in Exhibit 16.

R. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved requests for Out of State Travel as listed in Exhibit 17.

9. STUDY

A. Study of Potential Bond and Override Election in November 2024; Consideration and Discussion of Bond and Override Funding Uses

For the Study of Potential Bond and Override Election in November 2024 PowerPoint Presentation see Exhibit 18.

Superintendent Jaeger recapped that the proposed bond and override election for the fall was presented at the May 7, 2024 Governing Board meeting. He explained that due to decades of inadequate funding by the State of Arizona, the District is dependent on these additional funding sources. He said the District is extremely grateful to the voters and taxpayers for their continued support. Superintendent Jaeger noted that at the June 11, 2024 Governing Board meeting, a resolution will be presented to approve putting the proposals on the fall ballot. He stated that the information presented tonight will be about some potential improvement projects. He then asked Mr. LaNasa to talk about the proposed bond funding categories in greater detail.

Mr. La Nasa said the proposed projects in are broad categories with the first one being safety and security needs. These include:

- The continued installation and expansion of “no-climb” security fencing on campuses and District facilities – this is part of a “layered” security approach
- The continued installation of electronic access control locks on exterior doors and badged/coded keypad access. This allows for “one touch” lock down of exterior doors
- A District wide re-keying of door locks with a new keyway system and controls. With the new system the keys are not easily duplicated and the last District wide re-key was 20+ years ago. The expected cost is \$75k to \$300k per school
- The installation of security camera systems (does not include real-time monitoring)
 - Elementary School - \$70k per school
 - Middle School - \$150k per school
 - High School - \$280k per school
- Additional parent drop off and pick up area safety improvements are needed to be able to accommodate increased traffic

Mr. La Nasa talked about site improvement projects. These include:

- Continued replacement of aging playground equipment with a cost of \$100 – 150k per playground
- Replacement of playground sand with mulch for fall protection. The mulch is safer and gives greater fall protection and makes playgrounds ADA accessible for students
- Asphalt track replacements at Amphitheater High School and at middle school campuses. The expected cost is \$500 – 700k per track
- Transportation bus yard parking lot reconstruction - \$2 million. The Building Renewal Grant (BRG) funding does not cover parking lots
- Classroom lab space renovations
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) program expansion of classroom and lab spaces
- Stadium bleacher replacements - \$2 – 3 million per stadium. The current bleachers are not ADA accessible and BRG funding does not cover replacement costs
- The continued replacement of stadium lighting with energy efficient LED lighting fixtures
- Athletic field upgrades, including specific practice fields to protect the varsity fields for competitions
- Continued improvements to irrigation wells. The lowering water table has necessitated some existing wells to be dug deeper. Ironwood Ridge High School does not have a well and uses domestic water for irrigation.
- Roofing replacement on administration and support buildings. There is no BRG funding available as those are considered non-academic buildings and are excluded.
- Replacement of student and staff parking lots. There is no BRG funding available as those are also considered excluded spaces.

He offered to answer questions or provide additional details.

Ms. Day asked if the sand volleyball courts have bleachers. Mr. La Nasa responded there are portable short three-step bleachers. Replacement would be included in the athletic upgrades.

Mr. Kopec thanked Mr. La Nasa for putting the presentation together. He felt safety is paramount, and the proposed upgrades fit how the community would support bond funding. Mr. Kopec commented that improving our facilities could help attract personnel.

Superintendent Jaeger talked about the next steps for the Governing Board. He recapped that at the June 11, 2024 meeting a resolution will be presented for \$84 million in bonds. He commented that given the cost of the proposed projects and continued maintenance expenses, the bond funding will quickly be exhausted. Referring to taxpayer support, he said limiting the funding amount to \$84 million is part of the strategy that ensures no increase in the tax rate.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

11. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Cox Golder moved to adjourn. Ms. Day 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 7:24 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

June 24, 2024

Date

Scott K Baker

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

June 25, 2024

Date