

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 West Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ in the Leadership & Professional Development Center. The meeting was held under COVID-19 pandemic related conditions.

Governing Board Members Present

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

Governing Board Members Absent

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Vice President

Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mr. Michael Bejarano, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Ms. Michelle H. Tong, J.D., Associate to the Superintendent and Legal Counsel
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Ms. Tassi Call, Director of 21st Century Education
Mr. James Burns, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications
Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment

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

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

President Day noted that this meeting was being streamed live for compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Amphi will be following CDC recommendations for public gatherings. In addition, she requested that all persons present exercise safe social distancing for this Board meeting. There was a quorum at this meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Day asked Ms. Millerd to lead the Pledge.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Day announced the next board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT¹

President Day asked if there were any public comments. Ms. Smith said that there were comments sent in earlier to be read at tonight's meeting and noted that there were people in attendance to speak to the Board as well.

President Day read the Call to the Audience Procedures. President Day asked that a comment that was emailed be read and have a speaker ready at the podium to speak next.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Jessica Olson. She said that the curve is flattened and numbers of COVID-19 like cases, hospitalizations, and ventilator usage cannot get much lower. She said the children are suffering and need to return to school full-time on October 12, 2020.

Lisa Millerd, Amphi teacher and Amphi Education Association (AEA) president talked about being an informed decision maker. She said that many employees do not feel fully informed to make required decisions. There are many unanswered questions about how we are doing school now. After last week's meeting, AEA asked three questions from their limited access employee group and noted that they received 141 responses, of which 75% were AEA members. When asked if they were given an opportunity to give input regarding the hybrid model at their site 56% said they were, 44% said no. When asked if they were given accommodations when we move to a hybrid model, 55% said it did not apply to them, 38% said no, and 7% said yes. When asked if their site leadership had a discussion about how an outbreak of COVID-19 would be handled, 82% said no and 18% said yes. People want to know how an outbreak will impact them. AEA will continue to listen to employees and give informed directives from District guidance.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Hailey Lawrence, a student at Canyon del Oro High School. Her concern regarding the hybrid model is staying six feet apart especially during passing period and lunch. She also felt that in-person learning will be a challenge because they will not be allowed to share materials, and it will be hard to stay six feet apart. She felt that it is easier to stay online. Group work can be done easier, and it would be more stressful on the teachers in a hybrid teaching model. She also said that she does not want to go back to school with so many restrictions. She thanked the Board for everything they have done to help them go back in the safest way possible.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Karen Thamarus, a PATH Science teacher. Her concern about the reopening plan centers on statements in the Student COVID-19 Handbook about non-compliance violations being "most similar to our policies regarding dress code". She asked for more clarity regarding procedures by staff and consequences for student non-compliance to COVID-19 protocols. She said she would like the Student Code of Conduct updated to specifically include COVID-19 violations.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Abby Showalter, a student at Canyon del Oro High School. She also would like to continue in online school. She feels students are doing well and are accustomed to the online work. She felt with half of the students at school, there is still a risk of spreading COVID-19. She would like the District to stay with full-time online learning until it is completely safe for all students to return school.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Mackenzie Ybarra, a student at Canyon del Oro High School. She feels she is missing out on an important aspect of school and her education. She said she gets distracted easily at home and her motivation is not where it should be. She believes that the hybrid model is a great idea for students to get back into a routine and a sense of normalcy during these confusing times. With safety measures being taken, she believes everyone can make the hybrid model successful. Keeping both students and staff safe, as well as allowing students who really struggle with online school to have at least some sort of in-person instruction. With proper mask wearing, social distancing and sanitation practices, she feels that being back in-person in a hybrid model is best.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Cherrie Robisch, a parent who would like to see schools fully reopen for in-person learning. Her children are tired of looking at a screen with little social interaction

with their peers and teachers. She said that the teachers and staff at Coronado and Painted Sky have done a fantastic job communicating, teaching students, and seeking input. She is thankful for the time the Board has spent reviewing data, discussing options, and trying to do what is best for the families in Pima County. She would like to have the choice to send her children to school for full in-person learning.

Ms. Tong read a comment sent in by Courtenay Deniston, a teacher at Cross Middle School. She had a question regarding why the student groups are not attending in-person two days in a row. She wanted to know who was responsible for cleaning between classes. She would like more information on special education schedules. And she would like to know how the buses will be organized and cleaned.

There were no other comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA³

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

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/2065>

President Day asked if there were any Items that should be pulled for further discussion. Superintendent Jaeger asked that a name be removed from Consent Agenda Item 5.D. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s), Victor Reyes. There was no further requests or discussion. Mr. Kopec moved for Consent Agenda Items A. – J. be approved. Dr. Baker seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor - 4: President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 0. Consent Agenda Items A.-J. 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)

Separation(s) and termination(s) were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

E. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$3,053,386.58

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 listed in Exhibit 5.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1053	\$142,037.72	1054	\$240,418.04	1055	\$20,207.67
1056	\$74,661.80	1058	\$54,342.99	1059	\$209,251.40
1060	\$61,692.32	1061	\$4,507.99	1062	\$15,425.20
1063	\$92,878.99	1064	\$19,776.25	1065	\$1,999,120.99
1066	\$50,962.29	1067	\$68,102.93		

F. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as listed in Exhibit 6.

G. Receipt of August 2020 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved the August 2020 report on school auxiliary and club balances as submitted in Exhibit 7.

H. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2020-2021

The Governing Board approved the IRHS Wrestling Boosters Parent Support Organization as submitted in Exhibit 8.

I. Approval of Fee Waivers for Facility Rentals 2020-2021 School Year

The Governing Board approved the Fee Waivers for Facility Rentals 2020-2021 school year as presented in Exhibit 9.

J. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Amphitheater High School Central Plant 1 Cooling Tower Replacement - BRG-CONST-00019

The Governing Board approved the School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Amphitheater High School Central Plant 1 Cooling Tower Replacement as presented in Exhibit 10.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Day asked for a motion to hold Executive Session. Ms. Zibrat moved to recess the Open Meeting to hold an Executive Session for discussions regarding Student Disciplinary Action in the Consideration and Decision Upon Expulsion Hearing Officer's Recommendation, Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2), regarding student 1.a. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor 4: President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed - 0. President Day proclaimed they were in Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

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

- 1) Consideration and Decision Upon Request for Readmission Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2), Regarding:
 - a. Student # 30057592

RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

President Day reconvened the public meeting at 6:38 p.m.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.


8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Baker requested information on substitute shortages after reopening schools and expressed the need to prepare for these shortages.

There were no other requests.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Day made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 4: President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval

Karin Smith, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board

November 10, 2020

Date



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

November 17, 2020

Date