

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, September 24, 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

Governing Board Member Absent

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 Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Mr. Richard C. La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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, October 1, 2024 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 COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. 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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Ms. Day moved for Consent Agenda Items 5. A.-M. be approved as presented. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder and Ms. Day. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 6. A.-M. 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 Absences 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 Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted in Exhibit 6.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,305,039.86

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 7.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1063	\$76,932.32	1064	\$135,314.79	1065	\$8,902.24
1066	\$129,288.81	1067	\$631,923.86	1068	\$35,361.06
1069	\$168,381.60	1070	\$1,217,998.65	1071	\$144,816.49
1072	\$4,972.85	1073	\$342,259.05	1074	\$544,161.55
1075	\$82,057.15	1076	\$5280.66	1078	\$35,459.03

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 8.

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

The Governing Board approved CDO Wrestling Booster, IRHS Baseball Booster Club, Mesa Verde PTO, A Club (Amphi High School), IRHS Wrestling Booster, and CDO Band Boosters for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted in Exhibit 9.

J. Approval of Supplemental Texts and Materials

The Governing Board approved Supplemental Texts and Materials as submitted in Exhibit 10.

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

The Governing Board approved Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants as submitted in Exhibit 11.

L. Approval of Construction Change Order for Amphi High School 800 Wing CTE Renovation 2324012

The Governing Board approved the Construction Change Order request as listed in Exhibit 12.

M. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved requests for Out of State Travel as listed on Exhibit 13.

6. STUDY

Superintendent Jaeger stated that it is a requirement of state law for any school district with an override in place to hold a public meeting each year so the public has an opportunity to make

comments and hear about the amounts and purposes of funds from an override.

Mr. Munger stated that the information about the current district overrides is familiar to the Governing Board as they have recently called for an election to renew them. He explained that Arizona law prohibits school districts from overriding their budget set forth by state formulas without voter approval and the funds are to be used for the specific purposes approved by the voters. Mr. Munger said that Amphitheater currently has two overrides in place: a 10% general Maintenance and Operations budget override and a 3.5% K-3 Special Programs budget override.

Ms. Call stated that the current overrides were approved by voters in November of 2019 and the full override ceases in the 2024-2025 school year. The override then decreases by one third each subsequent school year until the 2027-2028 school year when it ceases completely if not renewed by voters. She explained that the 10% budget override amount is based on the state funding the district receives which fluctuates each year usually due to enrollment numbers. Ms. Call stated that this year's M & O override provided over \$8.6 million in funding. She also shared a comparison of funding over the last three years and noted that all schools in Amphitheater receive funds through this override. Ms. Call explained that the M & O override provides certificated teachers for Art, Music, and Physical Education at the elementary level while the middle and high schools benefit through additional electives, intervention labs and tutoring. Additionally, the override adds approximately 3.8% to base salaries for employees as well as high-demand technology and facilities positions.

Ms. Call explained that the 3.5% Special Programs Override funds free all-day kindergarten for all district schools and reduces class sizes for grades kindergarten through third grade. She noted that this school year the override has provided approximately \$3 million in funds and showed a comparison of funds received the last three school years.

Mr. Munger concluded by saying that both overrides substantially benefit all Amphitheater students and that since the full override expires this school year, the Governing Board has called for an election to renew them. He explained the two overrides will be combined into one 13.5% override and is Proposition 413 on the November ballot.

Superintendent Jaeger commented that the override was first recommended by a Blue-Ribbon Committee that convened twenty-five years ago which Vice President Zibrat served on. He noted that the funds have always served the purposes set forth by that committee and the district has never waived in that. He also thanked the Board for their continued support.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Day moved to adjourn. Ms. Cox Golder seconded. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor-4. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder and Ms. Day. Opposed – 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval

Jennifer Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board
Gretchen Hahn, Governing Board Office Secretary

September 30, 2024
Date


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

October 1, 2024
Date