

**FINAL**

**AMPHITHEATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Tucson, Arizona**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**Place, Date and Time of Meeting**

Wetmore Center, 701 West Wetmore Road, August 20 at 6:00 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Susan Zibrat, President  
Deanna M. Day, Vice President  
Julie Cozad, Member  
Jo Grant, Member  
Dr. Kent Paul Barrabee, Member

**Central Administrators Present**

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent

**Central Administrators Absent** Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent  
Todd Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

**OPENING OF MEETING**

**Call to Order and Signing of Visitors' Register**

Ms. Zibrat called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked members of the audience to sign the visitors' register. There was no one from the public in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcement of Date and Place of Next Special Governing Board Meeting**

Ms. Zibrat announced the next Regular meeting of the Governing Board: Tuesday, August 26, 2014, at 5:30 PM Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road.

Mr. Nelson noted that the start time of the August 26th meeting will change from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**<sup>1</sup>

Ms. Zibrat asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

**1. STUDY SESSION**

**A. Recess to Hold Study Session**

Mrs. Zibrat recessed the meeting at 6:02 PM. She reconvened the meeting in the Superintendent's Conference Room in order to conduct the Study Session.

**1. Governing Board Retreat - Discussion and Study of General Issues Affecting District through Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Board Book Information: *This Governing Board Retreat will be held to provide a forum for discussion of issues affecting the District and other topics of importance to the District. This discussion will be general in nature and no action will be taken during this meeting.*

The Governing Board then discussed a wide variety of topics related to the district through the 2017-18 school year.

The Board discussed enrollment issues and reviewed the latest student membership by school. Mr. Nelson pointed out several areas of concern that were addressed by the addition of teachers through the Override. As part of this discussion the Board inquired as to enrollment in CTE classes, along with enrollment in various other content areas. The International Baccalaureate program was also discussed with questions regarding enrollment and ideas to increase enrollment. The idea of initiating IB at middle and elementary was also discussed. Anticipated staffing needs was also a topic of discussion. In addition, property developments, specifically in Oro Valley, were discussed.

The topic of key talking points regarding the district was also discussed. Mr. Nelson discussed several documents which provide additional information about the performance of the district, including the latest ACT scores. Another topic that was discussed was grading. Many thoughts were shared about reducing zeros, about development of similar grading systems, and about the impact of inconsistent grading practices on students. Other site issues discussed were foreign exchange students, graduation practices, and student travel out of the U.S.

The values of the district were discussed and their appropriateness to the direction of the district and the implementation of those core values.

Professional development and travel, training, and support for all staff were discussed.

There was also discussion regarding communication with parents, the community, and staff. Mr. Nelson shared some of the more recent efforts at improving communication with the public.

No decisions were made as per the purpose of a Retreat.

The Board reconvened in the Governing Board Room.

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


There were no Board Member requests.

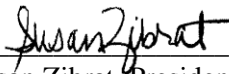
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Grant moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cozad seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Ms. Zibrat adjourned the meeting from the Superintendent's Conference Room at 7:54 PM.

  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Karen S. Gardiner

  
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Susan Zibrat, President

8/26/14

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Date

Approved: 8/26/14