

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting  
Amphitheater Public Schools  
Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

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A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, August 24, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center. This meeting was held under COVID-19 pandemic related conditions.

**Governing Board Members Present**

Ms. Susan Zibrat, President

Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Vice President

Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member

Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

**Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present**

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Senior Advisor

Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education

Mr. Matthew Munger, 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

Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Mr. Richard C. La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support

Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education

Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

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

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Zibrat asked Ms. Cox Golder to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Zibrat announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

**4. INFORMATION<sup>2</sup>**

**A. Superintendent's Report; Update on Pandemic Conditions and Operations**

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

Superintendent Jaeger shared some photo highlights of activities around the District.

At Innovation Academy students had a lesson on entrepreneurship. They created food truck businesses. Students developed their own menus, calculated how much profit they would be making, and made plans for promoting their businesses.

At Prince Elementary, third graders had a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) activity which included engineering and architecture. The teams worked together to see who could make the longest paper chain with paper, tape, and scissors.

He said the District is proud to offer middle school sports. A photo showed parents gathering to learn more about the athletics programs at Amphi Middle School, and he also shared a photo of the girls softball team at La Cima Middle School as they were getting ready to play.

A photo showed some new teachers who received classroom ‘start up’ grants from the Amphi Foundation this year. The Foundation has given out about 35 grants for \$250 each to the newest Amphi teachers. He said The District is so grateful to the Foundation for their financial support of over \$340,000.00, and at a future meeting the Foundation will give an update on their activities this year.

The final picture shown was taken by Elise McGee at Ironwood Ridge High School. It was a beautiful, complete rainbow that spanned the entire building. He said Elise took the picture on August 13, 2021, a day when Mother Nature put on an amazing show!

Superintendent Jaeger reviewed the Pima County Health Department (PCHD) metrics. He said the data is from August 20, 2021, which is two weeks behind. He said the metrics for disease data, show cases and percent positivity have increased and are now in the red category. Health care system availability, including lab testing availability is now yellow and hospital bed capacity continues to be in the red category. Public health tracking and investigation is still in the green category. He said he was appreciative of how hard local health care departments are working to facilitate contract tracing.

He shared Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) data for Pima County as of August 8, 2021. He said the case numbers have tripled in the last month. There are now 172 positive cases per 100,000 individuals, which is considered to be at a high transmission level. He reported the test positivity rate has decreased slightly, and is currently at 8.5%. This is a reduction from 9.6% the week before.

Superintendent Jaeger reported on the active number of cases in the District. He said there are currently 55 active cases, which he considered a significant number. The total includes both staff and students but noted the majority of cases are students. He explained once a case is resolved it is dropped off the dashboard. Superintendent Jaeger shared data from the PCHD, which showed cumulative information from all schools in the county. He said some school districts started on July 20, 2021 and therefore their cases have been counted for a longer time. Additionally, some schools have more enrolled students and their cases might be higher for that reason. He reported the Pima County transmission level is considered high, which is due to positive cases being over 100 per 100,000 individuals.

Superintendent Jaeger talked about Pima County vaccination rates. He said they have increased slightly in the last two weeks to 51.2% from 49%. He was advised that vaccinations may increase with the final FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine.

Superintendent Jaeger shared the results of a poll from the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. 59% of all adults were in favor of (in-person) teachers at K-12 schools wearing masks, and 58% were in favor of students wearing masks. He felt that masks have stimulated debate more than anything else during the pandemic. He reported since the mask mandate has been in place, he has received multiple communications saying there is no data that supports the effectiveness of wearing masks, Superintendent Jaeger said he could not understand that opinion.

*(In response to his comment, some people in the audience became disruptive, and Superintendent Jaeger told them they needed to be orderly or the meeting would be stopped.)*

Superintendent Jaeger acknowledged that there are many reports and studies that advocate for mask wearing and many reports that talk about their ineffectiveness. He referenced public health guidelines, which as the cases have increased, currently recommend wearing masks. The Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) advises wearing masks in public settings, including fully vaccinated individuals in public settings where the transmission level is substantial or high. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends all staff and students five years or older should wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regardless of their vaccination status, and people do not need to wear masks outdoors. The Pima County Health Department (PCHD) also recommends fully vaccinated individuals wear masks in indoor public settings where transmission is substantial or high.

Superintendent Jaeger spoke about the law passed by the Arizona state legislature, which prohibits school mask mandates. He said the District will not violate state law, but a recent court ruling clarified the law is not effective until September 29, 2021, and efforts to make it so were unconstitutional. He stated that in absence of law, he felt constrained to be guided by public health guidance. He defended his actions saying he was not guided by politics, funding, threats, or insults and vulgar slurs.

*(The crowd became disruptive again and President Zibrat gavelled to bring the meeting to order.)*

Superintendent Jaeger reported he and the Governing Board members have received many emails over the course of the last few weeks, urging we go one way or the other on the mask issue. He said once again, everyone cannot be satisfied, because everyone simply wants it their way. He stated that despite all who tell us this is a matter of personal choice, it isn't.

*(The crowd became disruptive again.)*

Superintendent Jaeger felt if we have not learned that what each of us does in this situation can impact others, we will continue to live through the pandemic together.

Superintendent Jaeger stated the District is working with PCHD on contact tracing and case investigation for positive cases and close contacts. He explained a close contact is anyone within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, and when both people are wearing masks, the spacing is reduced to three feet of distance. An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from two days before they have any symptoms (or two days before the positive specimen collection date) until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation. Therefore, isolation and quarantine recommendations are determined by PCHD through contact tracing and case investigation.

Superintendent Jaeger spoke about the state law that enables county health departments to adopt quarantine and sanitary measures to prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease within their jurisdictions. The PCHD has implemented protocols and the District is subject to the law and any person who violates such a measure is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. He stated we will comply with the law.

Superintendent Jaeger talked about the quarantine and isolation public health order, which requires unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts to remain at home and be excluded from school and extra-curricular activities. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts who remain asymptomatic may return on or after day seven upon providing documentation of a valid negative COVID-19 test collected on or after day five of the quarantine. Additionally, close contacts who can provide documentation of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series may return to school immediately if asymptomatic. Also,

individuals who are vaccinated should test for COVID-19 between day three and five of their exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, as well as continue to wear a mask.

He said it is important to keep the schools open and that can be achieved by wearing masks.

*(After another audience outburst, President Zibrat gaveled, and advised the audience to be respectful and allow the Governing Board meeting to continue or to please leave.)*

He talked about the District website, and said additional information can be found there.

Superintendent Jaeger repeated the goal is to keep our 12,000 students in school for in-person learning all year. If the spread continues to increase and quarantines are required in our community, that goal may not be able to be reached.

He concluded saying for now, our eyes need to be on the road ahead and believed that every obstacle to student learning needs to be cleared. He asked for everyone's calm commitment as we journey on the road together.

President Zibrat thanked him for his report, and asked the Governing Board members if they had any questions.

There were none.

Mr. Kopec stated that he wholeheartedly supports Superintendent Jaeger and the actions that he has taken. He was proud the District followed the recommendation of the health officials.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>**

*President Zibrat read the Call to the Audience Procedures.*

*For the record, throughout the public comment portion of the meeting, there were many outbursts from the audience that made it at difficult at times to hear the speakers.*

Lisa Millerd, a teacher at Amphitheater High School (AHS) and Amphi Education Association (Amphi EA) President, said as a District, we are here to educate our students, and the focus needs to be on learning. She reported that she has spoken with some employees, and many were relieved that masks are required. Ms. Millerd said children need to be in the classroom to learn, and we need to trust those in charge to make the best decision.

John Maynard thanked the Board for their commitment to serve and said he has two grandchildren in the District. He felt the Board members were honorable, but was disappointed in the mask mandate. Mr. Maynard spoke about a test that showed the pathogens in masks. He said the parents have spoken (about not wearing masks) and urged the Governing Board to rescind the mask mandate.

Mark Deason, an Amphi parent and graduate, referenced the District Code of Conduct, and talked about character. He was concerned that the choice to wear a mask or not was not honored. He said he has a problem with people following the law and then not following the law when it seems convenient. Mr. Deason stated in the Code of Conduct, it says to tell the truth, and to teach and model conduct standards. He felt the District was not following those standards when they changed the mask policy.

Georgette Rhoads, an Amphi parent, said each and every parent is here to advocate for their children, because we all want what is best for them. She felt it was the District's responsibility to protect children. Ms. Rhoads said guidelines from the CDC, American Department of Health Services and Pediatric Association of Arizona recommend instituting mitigation strategies to

protect the community at large, not just the students. She urged the Governing Board to listen to the parents and disregard political and personal biases.

Anna Clark, an Amphi parent and graduate, felt that masks should not be required when “there is no evidence” supporting that masks stop the spread of COVID-19. She felt the negative long term psychological and developmental effects on students outweigh the need to wear masks. She said that wearing masks is challenging for her son because he has a speech delay and hearing loss, and he relies on being able to read lips. Ms. Clark concluded by asking the Governing Board, “Why are we doing this to our children?”

Mo Goldman, an Amphi parent and graduate, commended the Governing Board and Superintendent for doing a thankless job. He acknowledged that many people complain about everything. Mr. Goldman felt that by requiring masks, the District was making the best choice for the community. He urged people to be better community members and stop saying that wearing masks is tyrannical or akin to Nazi policies.

Rebecca Anderson, an Amphi parent, substitute teacher and former Amphi teacher, spoke in support of the mask requirement. She said she was speaking for herself and others that could not attend. Ms. Anderson felt keeping schools open and students in the classroom is the priority. She stated based on science and our own experience from last year, wearing masks can reduce the spread COVID-19.

Barney Brenner said there is conflicting information about the effectiveness of masks. He felt parents should be able to decide if their children will wear a mask or not. He stated masks cannot stop the virus, and after wearing them they become unsanitary. Mr. Brenner thought the Governing Board needed to use better sources before making decisions, or be defeated at the next election.

Jim McFadzean said he read an article about the ineffectiveness of wearing masks to stop the spread of COVID-19 and felt wearing masks was detrimental to students. He questioned if the best interests of the students were considered when the mask mandate was implemented.

Jeff Utsch, an Amphi parent, said he thought the District offers a top-notch education, but wondered if wearing masks was really the best choice for the children. He acknowledged there is no agreement on the effectiveness of masks. He stated at this time there are many downsides to wearing masks, some are known and others that are unknown. Mr. Utsch felt that adult reactions to COVID-19 has created anxiety, fear and increased suicides in children.

Marilyn Rego felt the District is overreacting to the COVID-19 virus, saying it will be with us forever. She stated masks do not protect us against COVID-19. She felt as a dental hygienist that masks cause oral health issues.

Teresa Nunez said her children graduated from Amphi, and she felt that requiring children to wear masks is child abuse. She thought it was unfair to the children and they need to be allowed to have a normal childhood. She stated there is no science proving masks can stop COVID-19, and if it can be proven, then people should wear masks.

Michael Land, an Amphi parent, thanked the Governing Board for requiring masks, and keeping students and staff safe. He said there are many other parents that may not speak up that agree with wearing masks. He was grateful they were following the science and not politics.

Daniel Handy, an Amphi parent, said the damage mask restrictions cause far outweigh the risks of COVID-19. He stated that wearing masks was causing more mental health issues with teenagers. He talked about other health concerns that result from wearing masks. Mr. Handy felt the Governing Board did not have an interest in the needs of the students in the District and said the parents/voters need to replace them.

Nolan Reidhead, an Amphi parent, said the new mask mandate does not follow the spirit of the law. He felt that requiring masks violates a parent's right to make health care decisions about their children. He said parents know the risks and asked that the mask mandate be removed.

Stephanie Fox, an Amphi parent, said her children have developed health issues that she felt were related to wearing masks. She stated parents need to decide if their children should wear masks. She questioned whether the Governing Board is truly working for the children. Ms. Fox said we all need hope and we need leaders who will fight for us.

Mona Gibson, a parent of an Amphi graduate, was concerned about the information reported about the hospitalization rate of children. She said children are always sick at the beginning of the school year. She felt the pro mask speakers were an organized group that attended other school board meetings, to spread fear and misinformation. Ms. Gibson said students should be allowed the freedom to choose. She urged the Governing Board not to listen politics.

Rene Laos, a parent of Amphi graduates and a Tucson dentist, said the effectiveness of masks is negligible in preventing significant viral transmission. He reported that mandating masks causes many other health issues. Dr. Laos felt that requiring masks is abusive and that parents need to decide.

Daniel Roper spoke in support of the mask protocols. He reported that COVID-19 rates in school districts that require masks is lower. He said it is easy to pretend we don't have a problem, but we do. He acknowledged the Governing Board is not receiving support from the group in attendance, but he felt they made the right choice.

Charles Lathrem, an Amphi parent, felt the decision to implement a mask mandate was politically driven. He cited information from the CDC website about the ineffectiveness of wearing medical masks to prevent influenza and other virus transmissions. He said if the intent of masks is to keep other students safe, he advised that parents need to drive safely to school to keep his children safe.

Lorella Ritzel, and Amphi parent and employee, said since March 2020 she has been stuck in the middle. She has defended the mask policy, while she personally does not agree with it. She explained that when she interacts with students it is critical they see her facial expression and she needs to be able to read theirs in order to help them. Ms. Ritzel stated that at the beginning of the school year students always get sick and are absent. It also affects attendance when students need to quarantine. She said by the numbers, students and staff have been minimally affected by COVID-19 and people will never be able to agree 100 percent.

Becky Morrison, an Amphi parent, said it was unclear to her when the District voted to require masks. She referenced information from the CDC that showed a small number of children in Arizona have tested positive for COVID-19 and needed hospitalization. Ms. Morrison said parents are the experts in raising their children and the restrictions have outweighed the risk of the virus. She is concerned about the increase of mental health issues in students. She stated she has two children at Ironwood Ridge High School and requested that their last two years of school not be ruined.

Vicki Allison said she has survived for 65 years without wearing a mask. She stated according to the Pima County website, no children have died of COVID-19. She felt the Governing Board was following directions given by incompetent national leadership.

Joshua Bustamante, an Amphi parent, said in the past he never paid much attention to the Governing Board, because they seem to be making the right decisions. He disagrees with the current decision requiring masks. He felt the science experts including the CDC have flip-flopped so many times, he cannot rely on them anymore. Mr. Bustamante urged the Governing Board to stop using those sources for advice.

*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 Zibrat asked if there were any Items that should be pulled for further discussion. There were none. Ms. Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items A. – O. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items A. – O. passed.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA<sup>3</sup>**

### **A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel**

*Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 2.*

### **B. Approval of Personnel Changes**

*Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.*

### **C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence**

*Leave(s) of absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.*

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

*Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.*

### **E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers**

*Stipend for coaching volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.*

### **F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

*Previous minutes for Governing Board Meeting held on July 27, 2021 was approved as listed in Exhibits 7.*

### **G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,395,005.38**

*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
1364	\$11,939.64	1365	\$27,657.72	1366	\$44,622.39
1367	\$865.14	1020	\$336,819.26	1021	\$141,310.43
1023	\$412,566.12	1024	\$32,812.74	1025	\$91,536.97
1026	\$10,486.96	1368	\$17,672.30	1369	\$488,145.86
1370	\$92.34	1027	\$16,100.39	1028	\$4,989.47
1029	\$93,125.96	1030	\$397,093.28	1031	\$214,578.45
1032	\$52,589.96				

### **H. Acceptance of Gifts**

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

### **I. Receipt of July 2021 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances**

*The Governing Board approved the July 2021 report on school auxiliary and club balances as listed in Exhibit 10.*

**J. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2021-2022**

*The Governing Board approved CDO Football Touchdown Club, and Coronado K-8 PTO as submitted in Exhibit 11.*

**K. Approval of Out of State Travel**

*The Governing Board approved request for out of state travel as listed in Exhibit 12.*

**L. Approval of Textbooks for Adoption - Environmental Systems and Societies for IB (International Baccalaureate) Textbook**

*The Governing Board approved to adopt - Environmental Systems and Societies for IB (International Baccalaureate) Textbook.*

**M. Approval of Student Fee Rates Charged Pursuant to Governing Board Policy JQ, A.R.S. §15-342 (24), and A.R.S. § 15-1142**

*The Governing Board approved Student Fee Rates Charged Pursuant to Governing Board Policy JQ, A.R.S. §15-342 (24), and A.R.S. § 15-1142.*

**N. Approval of Fireworks for Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming**

*The Governing Board approved Fireworks for Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming as submitted in Exhibit 13.*

**O. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) FY 2022 Capital Plan**

*The Governing Board approved School Facilities Board (SFB) FY 2022 Capital Plan as submitted in Exhibit 14.*

*President Zibrat called for a seven minute break.*

**7. STUDY\***

**A. Review of 2021-2022 Property Tax Rates**

*The 2021-2022 Property Tax Rates review is submitted as Exhibit 15.*

President Zibrat asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the item. He explained each year the District reviews the property tax rates. The information presented will also include a comparison of school district property tax rates with other schools in the area. He asked Mr. Little to provide the details.

Mr. Little reported that the Pima County Board of Supervisors set the Fiscal Year 2022 Property Tax rates on August 16, 2021 and shared the comparison information from other schools. He explained the comparison data in detail, and said Amphitheater School District has a reduction of 6.4%. The decrease is related to a decline in student enrollment, as is the case for other area schools. Additional comparisons showed the District has the second lowest combined property tax rate. He expected most taxpayers will see a reduction in their taxes, but their actual tax amount will be dependent on their property values.

Mr. Little offered to answer any questions.

There were none.

**B. Presentation of the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center**

President Zibrat asked Superintendent Jaeger to explain the item. He said he was excited to present to the public and the Governing Board, information about a new project in the District. He invited Ms. Call to talk about the proposal and to introduce Sumaya Frick, District Internship Coordinator to make the presentation.

Ms. Call was excited to present the proposal of the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center at Amphitheater High School. She gave some background information. She reported four years ago, in her new role as Director of 21st Century Education, she learned there was not

an internship program for all the students in the Amphitheater District. As a result, the program was redesigned and Sumaya Frick was hired as the District Internship Coordinator. Ms. Frick works with industry partners, non-profit organizations and community members to facilitate internship opportunities for the students. Ms. Call introduced Ms. Frick to explain the proposal in greater detail.

Ms. Frick reported the current internship program provides access to all students who wished to serve as an intern, and each year the program has continued to grow. As the internship program was redeveloped they realized the community needed more easily accessible support. To provide these services, a plan was created for the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center to support both students and families within our community. (She stated for ease of presentation she will refer to the proposal as "The Center".)

Ms. Frick said using a 21st century approach, the goal is to train and match the workforce to meet the demand of businesses in the community. Support services offered through The Center include life-long career placement, college and career portfolios and application assistance, stackable credentials and dual enrollment. Additionally, business networking and in-house interviews with job recruiters will be offered, and document support and social services enrollment will be provided. Also, with the University of Arizona and Pima Community College in the vicinity there is access to higher education and additional career pathways.

She shared that partnerships with industry professionals will be developed to establish internships, apprenticeships, jobs and scholarship opportunities. In addition, mentorship opportunities will be created to help our students begin their future career paths. Ms. Frick reported some identified partners in the community; internal Amphitheater District Departments, the Pima County Superintendents office, Metropolitan Education Commission, AmeriCorps, Chamber of Commerce and area universities.

Ms. Frick said the location for the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center, will be located at the 500 building at Amphitheater High School. She shared a picture of the proposed floor plan and commented that there is an entrance for the public and a door specifically for the students leading from the school campus. She shared a "walkthrough" video of the proposed facility, highlighting the reception area, collaborative training area, seminar and small meeting rooms for training and interviews. Ms. Frick disclosed the total cost for the 3,800 square foot building is projected to be approximately \$677,200.00.

Ms. Frick spoke about the benefits to the students including wrap-around services that are not available elsewhere, such as, job ready employability skills training, life-long career placement skills, internships, apprenticeships, and jobs. They will also receive professional college and career portfolios and assistance with applications. Additionally, they are offered stackable credentials, social services support, business networking and ultimately better jobs. Also, they have the opportunity to meet and interview with job recruiters at the Center.

Ms. Frick then shared some advantages to the District, which include being a central force to economic redevelopment from the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center's wrap around model. Additionally, the District will have the ability to serve District students and their families with college and career transition programs. This has the potential to increase the economic welfare of the students and their families. Also, the program will draw students and their families from across the District to use the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center's wrap around model.

She explained they also propose investigating additional funding for operations, such as workforce innovation opportunity grants and partnerships. Also, using private donations, subscriptions, fees and creating a trust fund that will lead to legacy contributions. She said

they will look for staffing salary funding from AmeriCorps and the University of Arizona internship programs. Ms. Frick stated they will continue to identify additional funding resources.

Ms. Frick talked about Phase II of The Center proposal, which will continue to connect and extend community partnerships in one location. Phase II will include an entrepreneurial incubator space to better serve the community.

Ms. Frick concluded, saying the Amphitheater Career Innovation Center's impact on schools is exponential.

She offered to answer any questions.

Vice President Day thanked her for bringing the proposal to the Governing Board and said as a graduate of Amphitheater High School she thought it was a good use of the 500 wing.

Mr. Kopec said he has been excited since he first heard about the project. He explained he has had the opportunity to speak to business contacts and community leaders. He felt they need to go "full speed ahead" on this project.

President Zibrat thanked her for the report.

#### **8. PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>**

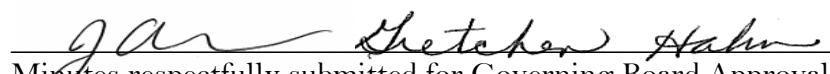
There were none.

#### **9. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

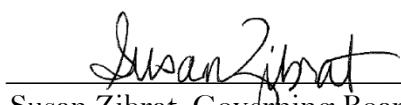
There were no requests. Mr. Kopec commented he received the revised bell schedule he requested at the last meeting.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

President Zibrat asked for motion to adjourn. Vice President Day made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor - 5: President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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

September 22, 2021  
Date

  
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Susan Zibrat, Governing Board President

September 28, 2021  
Date