

**Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, January 12, 2021, beginning at 6:00 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
Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Vice President
Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

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
Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Mr. James Burns, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

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

President Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 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. She noted that Arizona law permits Board members to attend meetings by videoconference or telephone. 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

Superintendent Jaeger announced the Pledge of Allegiance would be led virtually by students from Wilson K-8 School. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties the video was unable to be shown. President Day therefore requested everyone to stand and led the Pledge. The video of the students from Wilson K-8 School was displayed on Amphitheater's social media page and certificates of recognition were sent to the following students Andrew, Austin, Madison, and Haruka.

3. RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ART

Superintendent Jaeger stated that the art on display in the room this month was from the students at Wilson K-8 School. Middle School Art teacher, Jonathan Grantham prepared comments to be read

at the meeting by Superintendent Jaeger. Mr. Grantham explained the art is a collection of different projects facilitated by John Faruolo and Angie Hitt, also Wilson Elementary School Art teachers, and himself.

Seventh and eighth grade students made personal mandalas. The students learned the cultural significance of mandalas, and their creations include the representation of at least two objects that were important to them. Elementary school students learned a new art technique of paper crafting. They created brightly colored symmetrical paper craft projects that varied from simple to very complex patterns. Sixth grade students designed line cities. They used their knowledge of color in art and learned about lines.

President Day thanked the art teachers and students for the beautiful art work on display and announced that a certificate acknowledging the art will be mailed to the school.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

President Day announced the next Special Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ, 85705, in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

5. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Re-Elected Governing Board Members

Superintendent Jaeger asked Ms. Tong to explain the process for the administration of the Oath of Office.

Ms. Tong noted that State law requires that elected officers and employees of the state, including its political subdivisions, take a loyalty oath of office. This requirement includes individuals appointed or elected to school district governing boards. She acknowledged that our re-elected Board members (President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, and Dr. Baker) signed the loyalty oath officially in December. The Oath of Office document was turned in to the Pima County Superintendent's Office, as required by law. She noted that tonight is for the constituents to be able to hear them take this loyalty oath for the office of Governing Board member of the Amphitheater School District.

Dr. Scott Baker took the Oath of Office administered by his wife, Ms. Windy Baker.

Vice President, Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, took her Oath of Office administered by her grandchildren, Avery and Greyson Golder.

President, Ms. Deanna M. Day, took her Oath of Office administered by her grandchildren, Drew and Abigail Deneke.

B. Nomination and Election of Governing Board President and Vice-President

Superintendent Jaeger introduced the item and provided an overview of the Governing Board Officer election process (*as stated in the Board Item*) beginning with the office of the Presidency and then followed by the Vice President (or Clerk), who serves in the absence of the President.

President Day began by asking if any Board Member wished to offer a nomination for president. Vice President Cox Golder nominated Ms. Zibrat; all concurred. There were no other nominations and through acclamation, Ms. Zibrat was declared President.

President Zibrat nominated Ms. Day for the Office of Vice President; all concurred. There were no other nominations and through acclamation, President Zibrat declared Ms. Day as Vice President.

The Certificate of Election of Governing Board President and Vice President was signed by all Board members and was forwarded to the Pima County School Superintendent's office.

President Zibrat called a seven-minute reception to congratulate the re-elected board members and their families.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Zibrat asked if there were any public comments. There was one person to speak in-person and several comments were sent in earlier to be read at tonight's meeting. President Zibrat reminded the speaker of the Call to the Audience Procedures.

Lisa Millerd, teacher at Amphitheater High School and Amphi Education Association (AEA) President, congratulated the Board members and thanked Superintendent Jaeger for the recent communications about COVID-19 testing. She said regular updates are appreciated by many staff members and she hoped they would continue. She commented that staff would like to have some participation in the decision-making process of when and how to return to school. Ms. Millerd asked the Board to consider an extension of COVID-19 leave time.

Ms. Tong read a comment from Julie Turpin a parent of Cross Middle School and Canyon Del Oro High School students. Ms. Turpin is concerned with the amount of time her children are spending on Zoom. She cited some research that shows students should spend approximately 50% less computer time than her children do. She asked the Board to come up with a cap on the number of minutes allowable per day by grade level.

Ms. Tong read a comment from Dawn Porter, an Amphi parent. She requested that the amount of time students spend with virtual learning be shortened. She felt it is not healthy for children, mentally or physically.

Ms. Tong read a comment from Jon Anderson, a grandparent of a kindergarten student. He felt for many reasons online school for kindergarten students is a challenge and children are not learning.

7. INFORMATION

B. Superintendent's Report: Update on Pandemic Conditions

For Superintendent Jaeger's Power Point Presentation see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger noted that Board members have asked for a report at each Board meeting with updates on data and how that relates to the pandemic and school closures. He first took the liberty to talk about things that are happening around the District in our schools.

Superintendent Jaeger showed a Power Point Presentation of student activities that took place before the holiday break and during the past week.

At Mesa Verde Elementary School, students made some very decorative gingerbread cookies.

At Painted Sky Elementary School, students exercised their imagination as they built gingerbread houses out of several different mediums (except gingerbread) in one of the classroom Maker Spaces. Last week, Painted Sky students enjoyed a "pet day" where they "brought" their pet to school and shared them in a virtual classroom.

Middle school students from Wilson K-8 School, Coronado K-8 School, and Cross Middle School visited Ironwood Ridge High School and Canyon del Oro High School this week to make a video showing 8th graders some of the Career and Technical Education courses they will be able to take in high school. Including drafting, culinary arts, construction, and auto mechanics classes.

Superintendent Jaeger thanked the Tucson Fire Department for visiting Rio Vista Elementary School to commission the school's new playground fire engine.

Superintendent Jaeger shared how Copper Creek Elementary School parents surprised Ms. Susan Latin. He explained, they knew Ms. Latin was going to miss her students when the District shifted back to remote learning last week, so they created cardboard cutouts of each student and seated them in chairs in the classroom while Ms. Latin was away. When Ms. Latin came into her classroom to log on to Zoom, she found her students' smiling faces greeting her. He thanked the parents for that special surprise.

Superintendent Jaeger informed the Board that Amphi's Food Service Department has served over one million meals since the District moved to remote learning in March 2020. He thanked the Board for supporting this effort, and Mr. Burns and his staff who continue to feed the families in our community. Families can currently pick up a week's worth of food, including breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks, on Wednesdays at 14 locations in the District.

Superintendent Jaeger reviewed data from the Pima County Health Department (PCHD) relating to schools re-opening. He reviewed the following indicators:

Disease Data Indicators: Cases over two consecutive weeks; Percent positivity; and COVID-19 like illnesses are all in the red zone.

Health Care System Availability: Lab testing availability and utilization is in the green; Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for two-times the current COVID-19 cases (+ surge) – statewide are in the red; Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for emergency responders is in the yellow.

PCHD Public Health Tracking and Prevention: Timely case investigation is in the red; Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours; and Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home statewide are both in the yellow zones.

Superintendent Jaeger shared data he received on school-age children ages five to eighteen.

In October 2020, infections ranged from the lowest infections in the six-year-old age group with 9 cases, to the highest number of infections with 63 cases in the sixteen-year-old age group. In November 2020, the lowest infection group was the five-year-old group with 45 cases, and the highest was the seventeen-year-olds with 207 cases. In December 2020, the cases continued to increase. The lowest infections were again the five-year-old group with 107 cases, and the highest was the eighteen-year-olds with 496 cases.

He noted there is not just one piece of data that is used to decide when to open schools. At this time, statewide guidance (from the Arizona Department of Health Services) recommends that all schools in the state should be in virtual learning. Superintendent Jaeger noted that he is taking this information to heart, as well as the impact of the social emotional needs of the students in our District. He is hopeful that the trend in declining cases will continue and the District will meet the target date to reopen in hybrid mode on February 1, 2021.

Superintendent Jaeger asked President Zibrat for a moment to recognize those in our District who have lost loved ones to the virus. He said that just yesterday a staff member was lost to the COVID-19 virus. He asked for a moment of silence on behalf of the Martin family and all those who have lost loved ones this past year. A moment of silence was observed.

President Zibrat thanked Superintendent Jaeger for his report and asked if any Board members had any questions. There were none.

8. CONSENT AGENDA³

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

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. – T. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Roll call vote opposed - 0. Consent Agenda Items A. – T passed.

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)

Separation(s) and termination(s) were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Approval of stipend for coaching volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.

F. Approval to Increase Rate of Pay for Affected Employees to the New Arizona Minimum Wage Amount That Became Effective January 1, 2021

The Governing Board approved to increase the rate of pay for affected employees to the new Arizona minimum wage amount that became effective January 1, 2021 as listed in Exhibit 7.

G. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Minutes of the December 8, 2020, April 24, 2018, November 14, 2017, and March 7, 2017 Governing Board meetings were approved as submitted in Exhibit 8.

H. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,827,602.30

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 9.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1140	\$155,313.26	1141	\$135,002.86	1142	\$157,702.12
1143	\$67,758.34	1145	\$85,518.60	1146	\$156,377.39
1147	\$36,882.39	1148	\$82,449.13	1149	\$49,012.84
1150	\$102,334.07	1151	\$2,132.43	1152	\$4,942.27
1153	\$48,634.42	1155	\$19,451.04	1156	\$687,238.80
1157	\$20,884.07	1158	\$28,661.89	1159	\$836.34
1160	\$247,279.35	1161	\$410,118.03	1162	\$94,884.96
1163	\$666.85	1164	\$85,802.14	1165	\$54,216.77
1166	\$38,519.24	1167	\$54,982.70		

I. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as listed in Exhibit 10.

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

The Governing Board approved Cross Middle School PTA, Canyon del Oro Odyssey Boosters, Canyon del Oro Choir Boosters, CDO Spritline Booster, Prince PTO, Donaldson PTO, Cross Middle School Band Boosters, and Amphitheater Middle School PTO for the 2020-2021 school year as submitted in Exhibit 11.

K. Receipt of November 2020 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved the November 2020 report on school auxiliary and club balances as listed in Exhibit 12.

L. Annual Approval of All Authorized Signatories on District Checking Accounts for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

The Governing Board approved all authorized signatories on District checking accounts for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as listed in Exhibit 13.

M. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Amphitheater High School Central Plant 1 Chilled Water Line Repair

The Governing Board approved the SFB Grant for Amphitheater High School central plant 1 chilled water line repair as presented in Exhibit 14.

N. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Amphitheater High School Central Plant 5 Boiler Replacement

The Governing Board approved the SFB Grant for Amphitheater High School plant 5 boiler replacement as presented in Exhibit 15.

O. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Amphi Middle School HVAC Replacement

The Governing Board approved the SFB Grant for Amphi Middle School HVAC replacement as presented in Exhibit 16.

P. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Canyon del Oro High School HVAC Replacement

The Governing Board approved the SFB Grant for Canyon del Oro High School HVAC replacement as presented in Exhibit 17.

Q. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Marion Donaldson Elementary School Boiler Replacement

The Governing Board approved the SFB Grant for Marion Donaldson Elementary School boiler replacement as presented in Exhibit 18.

R. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Lulu Walker Elementary School HVAC Replacement

The Governing Board approved the SFB Grant for Lulu Walker Elementary School HVAC replacement as presented in Exhibit 19.

S. Designation of Student Suspension and Expulsion Hearing Officers to Hear Evidence, Prepare a Record and Bring Recommendations to the Board, Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2)

The Governing Board approved the designation of Student Suspension and Expulsion Hearing Officers to hear evidence, prepare a record and bring recommendations to the board, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2) as presented in Exhibit 20.

T. 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 the student fee rates charged pursuant to Governing Board Policy JQ, A.R.S. §15-342 (24), and A.R.S. §15-1142 as presented in Exhibit 21.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT


There were none.

10. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Zibrat asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Day so moved. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Roll call vote opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval
Karin Smith, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board
Gretchen Hahn, Secretary III, Governing Board Office

January 25, 2021
Date



Susan Zibrat, Governing Board President

January 26, 2021
Date