

FINAL

**AMPHITHEATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Tucson, Arizona**

MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Place, Date and Time of Meeting

Leadership & Professional Development Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, May 2, 2017, 6:00 PM

Board Members Present

Deanna M. Day, President
Jo Grant, Vice President
Scott A. Leska, Member
Vicki Cox Golder, Member
Scott K. Baker, Member

Central Administrators Present

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent
Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Central Administrators Absent

Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer

Others Present

Clyde Dangerfield, Cantelme and Brown, District Legal Counsel

Call to Order and Signing of Visitor's Register

Ms. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and invited those in attendance to sign the visitor's register.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Holaway Elementary School Students

Mr. Chris Gutierrez, Holaway Principal, introduced Marco Martinez, Giovanna Coralles, Shanise Bustamante, Miah Martinez and Daniel John Onwuamaegbu who led the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Grant presented them with Certificates of Commendation.

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

Ms. Day announced the next Special Meeting of the Governing Board on Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00 PM, in the Leadership & Professional Development Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, SE Parking and Entrance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Board Book Note: *Public Comment was listed after announcement of the next meeting in error. At regular meetings the first Public Comment opportunity comes after Recognitions are completed.*

Details of agenda items, supporting documents and presentations are available for review in electronic BoardBook by clicking on the hyperlinks below each agenda item.

1. RECOGNITION

A. Recognition of Dorothy Dyer Vanek

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.A.]

The Board recognized Mrs. Vanek for her significant donation to Innovation Academy in support of Fine Arts. Her contribution allowed the school to equip the music room with band and string instruments, a piano, stereo system and smartboard. Mr. Leska presented Ms. Vanek with a Certificate of Commendation.

Ms. Grant announced that the Teacher Appreciation Video would be moved up before the presentation of Distinguished Service Awards so that all in attendance could view it and recognize our teachers. Ms. Sharpe introduced the video.

B. Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.B.]

Mr. Mike Bejarano, Chief Academic Officer Secondary Education, introduced the DSA Award recipients.

Jessica Rodriguez Perez - Student Family Advocate

Ms. Perez joined Amphi in 2005 as an Attendance Clerk. In 2010 she became the Student Family Advocate at La Cima and Walker. Jessica ensures that students have what they need, identifies students in poverty, delivers food, helps them get glasses, physicals and with medical appointments. If a student is absent quite a bit she does home visits to check in on them. Jessica helps provide what the students need to be physically and emotionally successful in school. Ms. Perez said that she loves what she does and has been honored to work for such a great school district for 11 years. Mr. Leska presented Ms. Perez with a Certificate of Commendation.

Kris Holt - 3rd Grade Teacher, Prince Elementary

Ms. Holt has been a 3rd Grade teacher for 18 years. She has served as a Teacher Leader to 19 student teachers and was the 2007 Rodel Exemplary Teacher. Kris is the person to see for advice and she helps teachers of all skill levels. She believes strongly in No Excuses University. All Prince students love her, remember her and come back to see her. She loves teaching. The most important thing is to build relationships with each other and students. She thanked Mr. Nelson for building relationships in Amphi. Kris shared a Maya Angelou quote, "...people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

C. Recognition of 2017 Future Problem Solving Teams

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.C.]

In 1974 education leaders found that students, in general, did not have a grasp of how to solve problems and Future Problem Solvers was started. Future Problem Solvers has been active in Arizona for 29 years. Jennine Jackson introduced the Future Problem Solving teams. This year the District has a team going to nationals for the first time in 14 years with Amphitheater Middle School competing at nationals in La Crosse, WI. Ms. Jackson presented Mr. Nelson with a present on the occasion of his upcoming retirement and introduced Future Problem Solving Advisor Vanessa Hill. Ms. Day presented them with Certificates of Commendation.

D. Recognition of 2017 Odyssey of the Mind World Teams

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.D.]

Ms. Day is the State Director for Odyssey of the Mind and has been active in OM for over 25 years. Ms. Day came forward for the presentation of the teams sharing that Amphitheater has a record setting 9 teams going to nationals this year. No other district has had 9 teams before. The District had 52 teams compete in regionals, 14 qualified for state, 9 qualified for world, 3 teams received the Ranastra Fusca for exceptional creativity and 2 teams received OMER. Ms. Cymry DeBoucher presented Mr. Nelson with a certificate of appreciation for his 16 years of support for Odyssey of the Mind along with a framed OM shirt. Teams were introduced and Ms. Day, Ms. Cox Golder and Dr. Baker assisted with the presentation of Certificates of Commendation.

E. Recognition of 2017 SARSEF Winners

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.E.]

Principals of each school came forward to introduce their SARSEF individual and team(s) winners and receive Certificates of Commendation. Mr. Paul Deweerdt of Canyon del Oro High School introduced Lance Picton and Mr. Leska presented the certificate. Ms. Tanya Wall introduced Copper Creek Elementary and Mr. Leska presented the certificates. Mr. Gerad Ball introduced Coronado K-8 School and Mr. Leska presented the certificates. Mr. Nelson announced that no one from Harelson Elementary was able to attend. Ms. Orelup introduced Keeling Elementary and Mr. Leska presented certificates. Ms. Sullivan introduced La Cima Middle School, Pam Vandivort described the awards and Ms. Day and Mr. Leska presented certificates. Mr. Hehli introduced Nash Elementary and Ms. Day presented certificates. Ms. Kuhn introduced Rio Vista Elementary and Mr. Leska presented certificates. Ms. Vasas introduced Walker Elementary noting the school was 1 project away from being “school of the year” and Ms. Day presented certificates. Mr. Hannah introduced Wilson K-8 school and Mr. Leska presented certificates.

F. Recognition of Wilson K-8 School as a SARSEF Endorsed School

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.F.]

Mr. Nelson asked Ms. Sharpe and Mr. Hannah to speak about the SARSEF Endorsed School award. Dr. Baker presented the Certificate of Commendation.

G. Recognition of Pamela Vandivort as the 2017 SARSEF Top Middle School Science Teacher

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 1.G.]

Ms. Sullivan introduced Ms. Vandivort and Ms. Cox Golder her with a Certificate of Commendation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT¹

There was no public comment.

3. INFORMATION²

A. Status of Bond Projects

INFORMATION ONLY - Mr. Burns presented information on the status of current bond projects. Ms. Day asked if there would be a coating on the tennis courts at Amphitheater High. Mr. Burns confirmed there would be. Mr. Leska inquired about lighting upgrades asking if they would be LED and how long the warranty would be. Mr. Burns said that the lighting is from Musco Lighting, uses 40% less watts and there is a 10-year warranty as there are no light bulbs.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 3.A.]

B. Teacher Appreciation Video

INFORMATION ONLY - The item was moved up on the agenda after the recognition of Ms. Vanek.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 3.B.]

C. “Leap Ahead for Amphi” Committee Update

INFORMATION ONLY - Mr. Nelson introduced four people who are part of the Leap Ahead for Amphi committee: Diana Boros, Patsy Clymer, Kendra Ritchie and Randy Agron. Ms. Boros shared information on Leap Ahead for Amphi. Leap Ahead for Amphi stands for leaders, educators and parents. The committee was founded in 2004 and has an operating budget of \$22,000 to \$28,000 with about 200 supporting donors. The State doesn’t support public education. The committee informs the community about bond projects and helps to get more funding in the classroom. The district has only lost a bond election once for a Capital Bond. What Amphi has and does is what is great about public schools. When public schools are slammed we have to get information about what is good out to the public. Some parents don’t vote. The word has to get out and the district has to be proactive about governing and secure in the

way money is spent. Ms. Ritchie spoke saying public education is the foundation. She hopes that Amphi remains a premier District. The community needs to know that great things are happening in Amphi, and sharing and highlighting those things will encourage the community to support the District. Leap Ahead for Amphi hopes that the Governing Board will work with them so that the committee knows the District's goals and can get the word out to the community.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 3.C.]

D. Periodic Legislative Update (Amended) (5.1.17)

INFORMATION ONLY - Mr. Nelson touched on some of the key bills currently in the Legislature that affect public education.

SB 1375 regarding bonds and overrides failed

SB 1174 regarding cutting desegregation funding is still alive

HB 2082 regarding daily recess is alive but the opposition is likely to defeat it. The control should be local.

SB 1314 regarding student data privacy was signed. The District put their data privacy policy in place many years ago.

HB 2353 regarding the duration of school district leases would allow districts to enter 15 year leases

SB 1431 regarding the expansion of education vouchers was approved 16-14. There is absolutely no accountability on empowerment scholarships.

Mr. Nelson announced that the Budget for K-12 is out. Ms. Cox Golder noted that there is a lawsuit being filed against Governor Ducey to get needed funding.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 3.D.]

4. CONSENT AGENDA³

Ms. Grant asked if there were Board Member requests to have any items addressed separately. Mr. Leska asked to set aside Consent Agenda Item **4.D. Addendum to Approval of Personnel Changes** for further discussion at a later date and ask that it be in Executive Session.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Mr. Leska moved to approve Consent Agenda items A. - C. and E. - K. **SECOND:** Ms. Day; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote). Appointment of personnel is effective provided all district, state, and federal requirements are met.

Discussion of, and action on, Consent Agenda Item 4.D. continues below the Consent Agenda list.

A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings APPROVED

The minutes for the April 18, 2017 Special Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.A.] (Exhibit A)

B. Addendum to Approval of Appointment of Personnel (5.1.17 pt. 1) APPROVED

Certified and classified personnel were appointed, as listed in Addendum Exhibit 1.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.B.]

C. Addendum to Approval of Appointment of Personnel (5.1.17 pt. 2) APPROVED

Certified and classified personnel were appointed, as listed in Addendum Exhibit 1.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.C.]

D. Addendum to Approval of Personnel Changes APPROVED

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved, as listed in Addendum Exhibit 2.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.D.]

E. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s) APPROVED

Certified and classified personnel separations were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.E.]

F. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence APPROVED

Leave(s) of Absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.F.]

G. Approval of New District Superintendent’s Contract APPROVED

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.G.]

H. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$4,108,113.86 (Final Total) APPROVED

A copy of vouchers for goods and services received by the Amphitheater Schools and recommended for payment has been provided to the Governing Board. The following vouchers were approved as presented and payment authorized:

FY 16-17

Voucher #557	\$387,931.99	Voucher #558	\$760,644.88	Voucher #559	\$2,515,379.00
Voucher #560	\$118,792.99	Voucher #561	\$36,418.08	Voucher #562	\$26,653.21
Voucher #563	\$70,601.29	Voucher #564	\$191,691.62		

I. Acceptance of Gifts APPROVED

The listed gifts and donations were accepted.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.I.] (Exhibit B.)

J. Receipt of March 2017 Report on School Auxilliary and Club Balances APPROVED

The March 2017 was approved as presented.

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.J.] (Exhibit C.)

K. Approval of Out of State Travel APPROVED

Out of state travel was approved for students and/or staff (source of funding indicated).

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 4.K.] (Exhibit D.)

The Board engaged in discussion regarding Consent Agenda Item 4. D. that had been set aside. Ms. Grant asked what the next step would be. Mr. Leska commented that since it was personnel perhaps it should go through Executive Session. Mr. Nelson clarified that the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session and identify the reason for it. Ms. Cox Golder asked if it could just be identified as personnel. Mr. Nelson said yes. Ms. Cox Golder asked if it could be done tonight. Mr. Leska said no it has to be noticed and was not sure how that would work, maybe at the next meeting. Ms. Grant called on Mr. Nelson. Mr. Nelson said it depends on what the discussion is. If it is about the process of hiring or something like that, it can be discussed. If it’s about an individual you cannot do that without providing the individual 24-hour notice. Mr. Leska said they could notice the individual and do it off-line, he didn’t want to talk about the individual in public. Ms. Grant asked if the Board could go into Executive Session now in order to move forward and have a clear understanding of the issue. Mr. Nelson said the Board could make a motion to go into Executive Session and identify the reason. Ms. Grant asked if the Board agreed; and they did. Ms. Grant called on Mr. Leska to make the motion. Ms. Cox Golder commented that the A.R.S. number was needed to reference. Mr. Leska said he wouldn’t know how to do that. Mr. Nelson called on Mr. Clyde Dangerfield, District Counsel. Mr. Dangerfield clarified that they could go into Executive Session to discuss the process of the personnel action in question according to the notation listed on the bottom of the agenda pages.

“The Governing Board may meet in Executive Session concerning any item on this agenda for purpose of consultation with legal counsel, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3).”

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Mr. Leska moved that the Governing Board recess the Open Meeting and hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). **SECOND:** Ms. Grant; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote); **TIME:** 8:10 PM.

The Board went to the Central Conference Room to hold Executive Session. Upon return to the Board Room Ms. Grant asked for a motion to close Executive Session and reconvene the Open Meeting.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Ms. Day moved that the Governing Board close Executive Session and reconvene the Open Meeting. **SECOND:** Ms. Cox Golder; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote); **TIME:** 8:18 PM.

Ms. Grant called for a Motion on Consent Agenda Item 4.D. Addendum to Approval of Personnel Changes.

ACTION: FAILED. MOTION: Mr. Leska moved to approve Item 4.D. Addendum to Approval of Personnel Changes with the exception of Ms. Sullivan, and for discussion at a later date. [The appointment of Christine Sullivan as Principal of Wilson K-8 School.] Motion failed for lack of a second.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Ms. Grant moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4.D. Addendum to Approval of Personnel Changes; **SECOND:** Ms. Day; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 4-1 (Voice Vote) Nay vote cast by Mr. Leska.

5. STUDY/ACTION

A. Adoption of the FY 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget Revision 2

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 5.A.] (Exhibit E.)

Mr. Nelson described the two minor revisions. The Maintenance and Operations budget is being increased by \$173,000.00 due to an increase in enrollment. The second change is the Unrestricted Capital Budget. The District additional assistance was \$934,000.00 instead of \$6.4 million.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Ms. Day moved to approve the adoption of the FY 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget Revision 2; **SECOND:** Ms. Cox Golder; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote).

B. Study/Determination of Proposed Issues for the 2018 ASBA Political Agenda

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 5.B.]

Mr. Nelson introduced the item. ASBA is requesting that districts submit proposed issues for consideration for the development of the 2018 Political Agenda by May 12, 2017. The ASBA Legislative Committee will use the inputs to draft an agenda for final approval at the official Delegate Assembly on September 9, 2017. The Board reviewed and discussed the ASBA 2017 Political Agenda priorities, as well as their own, and formulated a list of priorities for submission to ASBA.

Top Five Priorities

1. Provide adequate state funding for nationally competitive salaries to attract, recruit and retain talented teachers.
2. Ensure 100% funding of JTEDs and CTE programs and fully restore 9th Grade JTED/CTE eligibility.
3. Fund formulas to restore building renewal funding and restore previous cuts to capital funding.
4. Protect desegregation funding from any cuts or modifications.
5. Provide adequate funding to serve Special Needs students.

Additional Items for Consideration

1. Fully fund full-day Kindergarten and include Kindergarten students in override calculations.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Ms. Day moved that the list of top five priorities and the additional item for consideration be approved and submitted to ASBA. **SECOND:** Ms. Cox Golder; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote).

6. ACTION

A. Resolution of the Governing Board Recognizing the Contributions of Teachers and Other Education Professionals in the District and Setting May 1 - 5, 2017 as “Teacher and Educational Professional Appreciation Week” and Tuesday, May 2, 2017 as “Teacher and Educational Professionals Day”

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 6.A.] (Exhibit F.)

Mr. Nelson introduced the item and Ms. Grant read the resolution.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Ms. Day moved that the Resolution of the Governing Board Recognizing the Contributions of Teachers and Other Education Professionals in the District and Setting May 1 - 5, 2017 as “Teacher and Educational Professional Appreciation Week” and Tuesday, May 2, 2017 as “Teacher and Educational Professionals Day” be approved as read. **SECOND:** Ms. Cox Golder; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote).

B. Approval of Proposed Governing Board Policy IHAMC (Instruction and Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)

[<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicAgenda.aspx?ak=1000433&mk=50240103>, Item 6.B.] (Exhibit G.)

Mr. Nelson reviewed the information on the proposed Board Policy IHAMC which is needed due to changes in State law with the amendment of A.R.S § 15-718.01 and A.R.S. § 43-1089.01 related to school curricula. Instruction and training of students in CPR is now mandatory. Ms. Cox Golder commented that Golder Ranch Fire Department could help provide the training in the north section of the District as Tucson Fire could perhaps assist in the south section of the District.

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Mr. Leska moved to approve Governing Board Policy IHAMC (Instruction and Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). **SECOND:** Ms. Day; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote).

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

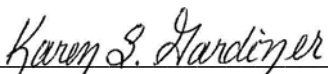
There were no Board Member requests for future agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: APPROVED. MOTION: Ms. Day moved that the meeting be adjourned. **SECOND:** Ms. Cox Golder; **DISCUSSION:** There was no discussion. **VOTE:** 5-0 (Voice Vote), **TIME:** 8:44 PM.


Respectfully submitted,
Karen S. Gardiner


Jo Grant, Board President

5/24/17
Date

Approved: May 24, 2017