

**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, December 23, 2013, 8:00 AM

Board Members Present

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

Central Administrators Present

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent
Michael Bejarano, Chief Academic Officer, Secondary Education

OPENING OF MEETING

Call to Order and Signing of Visitors' Register

Mrs. Zibrat called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Zibrat announced the next regular meeting of the Governing Board: Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 6:00 PM, at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road. [Meeting start time later changed to 5:00 PM.]

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Note: Mrs. Zibrat recessed the meeting at 8:04 AM; she reconvened the meeting in the Superintendent's Conference Room in order to conduct the Study Session.

1. STUDY

A. Governing Board Retreat

Mr. Bejarano provided an overview to the Board about the upcoming AdvancED accreditation visit. His overview included the Board's role in that process, and the value of the Accreditation quality-assurance method to the District.

Discussion ensued related to a number of issues affecting the District through FY 2018.

Mr. Nelson provided an update about the ongoing Bond (funded) projects. Detail was provided about some current construction-related issues at Amphitheater High School. Updates about on-going projects at Donaldson, Mesa Verde, and Wetmore were given. Plans for a new elementary school were reviewed; some discussion ensued.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the implementation of the new Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards (AZCCRS).

Mr. Nelson reviewed the current budget situation at the State legislature. A “hold harmless” proposal for school districts for the upcoming year was discussed; he explained the rationale for this action as related to curriculum and new assessment needs. Additional discussions ensued concerning the State budget picture and possible affects on education funding, including potential reductions for FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015 as associated with the national-level Sequestration (austerity) program.

Note: Mrs. Zibrat recessed the meeting at approximately 10:55 AM and reconvened the meeting in the Governing Board Room.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Board Members requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Day to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Grant and it passed unanimously, 5-0. Mrs. Zibrat declared the meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Harris

Mrs. Susan Zibrat, President

Date

Approved: 1.28.2014