

## **DRAFT Minutes**

### **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, April 13, 2012; 9:30 a.m.

##### **Board Members Present**

Mrs. Diana Boros, President  
Mrs. Susan Zibrat, Vice President  
Dr. Kent Paul Barrabee, Member  
Mr. Jeff Grant, Member  
Dr. Linda Loomis, Member

##### **Central Administrators Present**

None

##### **OPENING OF MEETING**

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

Mrs. Boros called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.

##### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Boros led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Boros announced the next special meeting of the Governing Board: Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

Note: Ms. Karen Beckvar, Director of Leadership Development, serving as the ASBA Consultant in the Superintendent's Search process, was in attendance and was available for Board member questions.

Note: Mr. John C Richardson, with DeCONCINI McDONALD YETWIN & LACY, P.C., was invited into Executive Session proceedings

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **A. Motion to Recess Open Meeting and Hold an Executive Session to:**

1. Discussion or Consideration of Finalist Candidates for the Position of District Superintendent, Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1); and
2. Discussion and Consultation with, and Instruction to, Legal Counsel, Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03, Subsections (A)(1), (A)(3), and (A)(4)(1, 3 and 4), Regarding:
  - a. Search for New District Superintendent; and
  - b. Negotiation of Contract Terms with Superintendent Search Finalist(s).

Board Book information: *Since January, the Governing Board, utilizing the Arizona School Boards Association as a consultant, has been conducting a search for a new superintendent, following Dr. Balentine's announcement that she will be retiring at the conclusion of her current contract.*

*The search process has, to date, included opportunities for input from the community, district staff, and students through several forums. During these forums, parents, students, District staff, school principals, PTOs/Site Councils, the Amphitheater Education Association, and the general community, provided the Governing Board with input regarding the qualities and characteristics sought in a new superintendent. In addition, an internet based survey was administered as an additional mechanism for similar input.*

*At the Board's meeting of February 1, 2012, the Governing Board and its consultant utilized input from the forums to develop a "profile" for the new superintendent – qualifications, characteristics, skills and abilities sought in applicants. This profile and other information about the District and community were used by the consultant to formulate a brochure that advertised the position and solicited applicants.*

*The position was advertised nationally beginning in early February, and applications were accepted through March 21<sup>st</sup>. On March 27, the Governing Board met to review files and identify candidates for interview. Three candidates were selected for interview by the Governing Board, and interviews will occur on April 12 in executive session. Following their interviews with the Governing Board, candidates will also participate in employee and public forums.*

*Following these events, the Governing Board may desire to meet in executive session, under this item, to discuss and review the candidates and their qualifications for the position of Superintendent and to discuss and consult with and also direct legal counsel regarding the negotiation of contract terms with potential finalists for the position.*

*After appropriate and necessary negotiations are concluded, and the Governing Board is assured that contract terms satisfactory to the Board have been agreed upon by a finalist, the Governing Board may then name a selected finalist.*

A motion was made by Mr. Grant that the Board recess into Executive Session to hold an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03, Subsections (A)(1), (A)(3), and (A)(4)(1, 3 and 4), for the purposes stated in the title of this agenda item. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boros and passed unanimously, 5-0.

#### **B. Motion to Close Executive Session and Reconvene Open Meeting**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Boros declared the meeting into open session.

Some discussion ensued. Dr. Barrabee moved to name Candidate X as the finalist for the position of Superintendent, subject to successful background check and contract negotiation and to name Mr. John C Richardson, with DeCONCINI McDONALD YETWIN & LACY, P.C., to enter into contract negotiations and provide legal advice; and, that Mr. Grant would serve as Board contact to Mr. Richardson during these negotiations. Additionally, to approve and announce the successful candidate as soon as possible upon completion of contract negotiations. Mr. Grant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

There were no Board Member requests.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Boros declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zibrat, Vice President

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Date

Approved: TBA