



## GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **October 24, 2017**

**TITLE:**      **Study and Determination of Voting Position on Proposed Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaw Changes and Approval of Electronic Voting Designee**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The ASBA has received eight (8) proposed changes to their bylaws. The proposed changes will be voted on by the membership as dictated in the ASBA Bylaws via the electronic voting process.

**Section 1.** These Bylaws or Core Beliefs may be amended or repealed, or new ones adopted as follows:

- (a) By a vote of two-thirds of the ASBA member district boards using an electronic vote of the membership, using a procedure adopted by the Board of Directors.

Electronic voting will begin on November 2, 2017 and close on December 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Results will be announced at the annual meeting on December 15, 2017 during the Annual Conference.

This item is submitted for the Board to discuss the proposed changes, determine their voting position on the changes, and to assign a designee to cast the Board's electronic vote. The voting designee may be a member of the Board, the Administrative Assistant to the Governing Board, or the Superintendent.

Attached is the ASBA packet including a memo, the proposed ASBA bylaw changes, information on amendment of bylaws, electronic voting procedures, and a model agenda. The Proposals submitted were:

**Proposal A** - ASBA Governance Committee proposes that if any director or officer on the ASBA Board of Directors misses more than one meeting in a given year it will be deemed that they have vacated their office.

- Explanation - *The ASBA Board of Directors holds four (4) meetings a year, per bylaws. Directors sign an acknowledgement of requirements of service, including meeting attendance, prior to their election.*

**Proposal B** - ASBA Governance Committee proposes that a quorum of 60 percent of the ASBA member boards must vote and three-fourths of all votes must be in the affirmative to amend or repeal a bylaw.

- Explanation - *Currently, a minimum of two-thirds (66 percent) of all ASBA member boards must vote in the affirmative to amend or repeal a bylaw.*

**Proposal C** - Maricopa USD recommends that a bylaw may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the ASBA member boards that vote.

- Explanation - *Currently, two-thirds (66 percent) of all ASBA member boards must vote in the affirmative to amend or repeal a law.*

**Proposal D** - Tempe ESD proposed an amendment to change the name of the ASBA Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC) to the Hispanic-Native American Caucus.

- Explanation - *Native American is the term preferred by members of the HNAIC.*

**Proposal E** - Gila Bend USD proposes an amendment that will allow a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors for the President and Past President of the Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC).

- Explanation - *Currently the HNAIC has a single ex-officio voting seat on the ASBA Board of Directors, which is held by the caucus's sitting president. The caucus presidency (a 2-year term) alternates between a Hispanic and a Native American, per HNAIC bylaws, which provides alternating representation on the ASBA Board of Directors.*

**Proposal F** - Concho ESD proposes that no action by any delegate or presiding authority shall end debate or discussion at the Delegate Assembly.

- Explanation - *Rules of Procedure for the Delegate Assembly are adopted by delegates at the assembly and currently allow delegates to "Call for the Question" to end debate or discussion. The motion requires a two-thirds vote of delegates to pass. Procedural rules for the Delegate Assembly currently are not in ASBA's Bylaws.*

**Proposal G** - Concho ESD proposed an amendment to establish a Conservative Caucus to support and defend the constitution of the United States.

- Explanation - *Per the ASBA Bylaws (Article VII, Section 2. Caucuses), "ASBA caucuses shall exist to enhance the work of the association by addressing the unique needs of member districts. Caucuses are considered to be affiliated with ASBA as a program provider with responsibility for the caucuses. Each caucus is expected to adopt its own bylaws for operating, programming and governing within the context of the relationship with ASBA described therein."*

**Proposal H** - Littleton ESD proposes a recommendation that the ASBA Legislative Committee shall hold a Delegate Assembly workshop in advance of the Delegate Assembly to orient new or existing members in establishing the political agenda, moving items for floor action, and explaining the process.

- Explanation - *Operational matters related to the Delegate Assembly are not currently included in the ASBA Bylaws.*

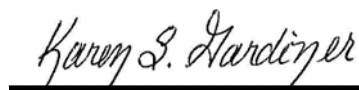
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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends that the Board determine their positions, vote on the eight (8) proposed bylaws, and assign the Administrative Assistant to the Governing Board as designee to cast the Board's electronic vote.

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#### **INITIATED BY:**



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Karen S. Gardiner, Administrative Assistant to the Governing Board

Date: October 6, 2017



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Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent