

**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, March 12, 2014, 4:00 PM

Board Members Present

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

Ms. Zibrat called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM 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:

Ms. Zibrat announced the next special meeting of the Governing Board: Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 5:00 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.

1. STUDY

A. Presentation on AdvancED

Mr. Nelson stated that the District has undergone an intensive internal and external evaluation conducted by AdvancED. He noted that the District will be only the second district in Southern Arizona with full system accreditation. The Accreditation is an international protocol for improvement within institutions. This is important because it lets the community know that Amphi is a high quality school district. Mr. Nelson introduced Dr. Michael Klopfenstein, who served as Lead Evaluator for the External Team.

Dr. Klopfenstein introduced the team members, and their credential, of the External Review Team that he chaired during this four-day process: Dr. Thomas Scarborough, Associate Lead Evaluator, Brad Jacobson, Document Reviewer, and Team Members: Pat Klopfenstein, Alena Clark, Debra Slagle, and Dr. Logan Thomas Toone. Dr. Klopfenstein provided an overview of the process, noting the observations made by the Team regarding the positive interactions between staff and students; that compassion, kindness, and support permeates the system. The Team met with Parents, School and District department staff, Administrators, and Board Members. An intense schedule of Stakeholder interviews (316) were conducted at various sites around the District.

Dr. Klopfenstein stated that the Team would be recommending that Amphitheater Public Schools receive the “System Accreditation” designation. This process will be finalized during the summer at which time the District will receive official notification.

Mr. Nelson thanked Dr. Klopfenstein and his Team for their thoroughness and efforts. Board members echoed those sentiments.

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, and seconded by Mrs. Grant to adjourn the meeting and it passed unanimously, 5-0. Ms. Zibrat declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Harris

Mrs. Susan Zibrat, President

Date

Approved: TBD