

**Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Susan Zibrat, President
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Vice President
Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

Superintendent's Cabinet Members

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Richard La Nasa, Executive Director of Operational Support
Mr. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Zibrat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jason Weaver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Zibrat announced the next Special Governing Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ, 85705, in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

4. INFORMATION

A. Superintendent's Report

For the Superintendent's Report PowerPoint see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger stated he was going to share about the start of the school year as he was able to visit each of the District's schools during the first week. He shared that it was exciting to see AVID on full display in classrooms across the district with students setting up their AVID binders, student greeters welcoming visitors to the classroom, and teacher's actively employing WICOR strategies. Superintendent Jaeger stated even during the first week, students were engaged and fast at work and despite the extreme heat, there weren't any major issues with air conditioners or facilities. He extended his appreciation to teachers, support staff, administrators, and families for contributing to such a successful opening to the 2025-2026 school year.

He shared that last week he attended the signing of the bill banning cell phone usage in schools at the Governor's invitation. Superintendent Jaeger shared that before it passed, he contacted the Governor's office and urged her to sign the bill this year citing the growing body of research illustrating the negative impact cell phones have on students in the classroom. He stated that students seem to be on board with the ban.

Ms. Day commented that she has heard from several teachers how much they love and appreciate the cell phone ban.

President Zibrat asked if there were any questions. There were none. She thanked Superintendent Jaeger for his report.

B. Status of Construction Projects

For the Status of Construction Project PowerPoint see Exhibit 2.

Superintendent Jaeger said that Mr. La Nasa will give an update on District construction projects that utilize bonds and other funding sources. He noted that it was exciting to see the projects previously highlighted during this report in real life during the site visits last week.

Mr. LaNasa showed photos which highlighted completed projects and some currently under construction:

- Amphitheater High School Fine Arts building classroom renovations using Bond Funds
- Wilson K-8 fire lane and bus loop pavement restoration using Adjacent Ways funds
- Prince Elementary pavement restoration using Bond Funds

Mr. La Nasa shared that the July 2025 funding total for projects is \$2,541,591 and noted that there is currently \$138 million in unfunded projects with the state. He offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. Little to give an update on the new bond program. Mr. Little shared that there is a meeting next week with the bond council advisors. He stated that the authorization to sell bonds will be brought before the Governing Board sometime in September which would make the first proceeds available in October.

Ms. Cox Golder asked how much will be available at that time. Mr. Little said \$14.5 million.

There were no other questions or comments.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Details of agenda items, supporting documents, and presentations are available in the electronic Board Book by clicking on the hyperlink below.

[A. Amphitheater Public Schools Public View - BoardBook Premier](#)

President Zibrat asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion or comment. There were none.

Ms. Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items 6. A.– M. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Roll Call vote in favor – 4. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 6. A.–M. passed.

A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.

B. Approval of Personnel Changes

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

C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Leave(s) of Absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

D. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s)

Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 7.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Minutes from the June 29, 2025 Governing Board meeting were approved as submitted in Exhibit 8.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,092,360.85

A copy of vouchers for goods and services received by the Amphitheater Public Schools and recommended for payment has been provided to the Governing Board. The following vouchers were approved as presented and payment authorized as submitted in Exhibit 9.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1017	\$76,780.94	1018	\$95,520.46	1019	\$282,848.14
1020	\$14,260.85	1021	\$90,555.30	1022	\$161,596.00
1379	\$78,561.80	1380	\$4,468.21	1381	\$66,601.53
1382	\$326,990.21	1383	\$127,442.65	1023	\$33,715.84
1024	\$61,444.94	1025	\$7,929.51	1026	\$244,889.49
1027	\$6,176.66	1028	\$154,006.49	1029	\$35,473.10
1031	\$51,918.89	1038	\$35,592.69	1039	\$135,587.15

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 10.

I. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2025-2026

The Governing Board approved Ironwood Ridge Football Boosters, Ironwood Ridge Cross Country/Track Booster Club, Copper Creek Elementary PTO, and Ironwood Ridge Chess Booster Club for the 2025-2026 school year as submitted in Exhibit 11.

J. Approval of Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants

The Governing Board approved the Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants as submitted in Exhibit 12.

K. Approval of Revisions to the Amphitheater Procedure 5-213.A: District Sponsored Activities-Requirements Relating to Participation and Accommodations

The Governing Board approved Revisions to the Amphitheater Procedure 5-213.A: District Sponsored Activities-Requirements Relating to Participation and Accommodations as submitted in Exhibit 13.

L. Approval of Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) No. 11

The Governing Board approved the Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) No. 11 as submitted in Exhibit 14.

M. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved requests for Out of State Travel as listed in Exhibit 15.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Day moved to adjourn. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Jen Anderson
Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval

Jen Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

Date

Susan Zibrat, Governing Board President

Date _____