

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting  
Amphitheater Public Schools  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

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A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, July 29, 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

**Governing Board Members Absent**

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. Motion to Recess Open Meeting and Hold an Executive Session for:**

**A. Consideration and Determination of Appeal of Long-term Suspension Hearing Officer's Decision Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(A), Regarding, Student #30054755**

*Vice President Day moved that the Board go into an Executive Session to address the matters identified in Item 2. of the Board's agenda and pursuant to the legal authorities listed on the agenda under Item 2. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor- 3. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, and Ms. Cox Golder. Opposed-0.*

*President Zibrat proclaimed that they were in Executive Session at 6:00pm.*

**3. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

The public meeting reconvened at 6:35pm.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Call led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Zibrat announced the next Regular Governing Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ, 85705, in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

## **6. INFORMATION**

### **A. Oro Valley Town Update**

Superintendent Jaeger explained that the Amphitheater District overlaps three jurisdictions, one of them being the Town of Oro Valley. One thing that has developed over the years is a liason between the Town Council and the District. Superintendent Jaeger introduced Councilperson Elizabeth Robb and noted she is no stranger to Amphitheater as she was previously an active and supportive parent for many years.

Ms. Robb shared that she was elected in November of 2024 and was just appointed as the District liason. She went on to say that she had students in the District for 26 years, worked as a classified substitute and was active in several Parent Support Organizations. Ms. Robb shared updates about recent happenings in Oro Valley including:

- Back to School publications reminding drivers to be on the lookout for buses and students
- The Oro Valley Police Department conducted Active Attacker training with first responders in June
- The Town showcased their amazing School Resource Officer (SRO) unit to representatives from the Governor's Office during Regional Active Attacker Training with Amphitheater School staff conducted at Wilson K-8 School
- The Town expresses their appreciation for the partnership with Amphitheater and the work done with the community's youth
- The Town is aware of changing enrollment, the challenges that poses for the District, and the impact it has on the community. They stand ready to offer support as tough decisions are being made for the future.

President Zibrat asked if there were any questions. There were none. She thanked Councilmember Robb for her report and welcomed her to this position.

### **B. Superintendent's Report**

*For the Superintendent's Report PowerPoint see Exhibit 1.*

Superintendent Jaeger began with a recap of this year's legislative session.

- 179 days in session with 1,724 bills introduced and 174 signed into law
- Themes included Reauthorization of Prop 123, school district accountability, teacher pay, and vouchers
- Vetoed bills of note included guidelines for board meetings, non-compliance with the USFR, receivership, and school district leases
- None of the bills proposed regarding voucher transparency and caps advanced through the legislative process, but the enacted budget included a \$52 million supplemental appropriation for them
- Overview of state budget formula spending, money budgeted for school facilities, the use of tax credits for capital purchases, and a two-year override of the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL)
- Federal funds previously frozen were released on July 25<sup>th</sup>, but will be closely scrutinized
- The nation's first federal voucher program was approved and could cost taxpayers a projected \$20 billion over the next four years.

Superintendent Jaeger then went on to share highlights from the District:

- The District's Effective Teaching Conference was held this past week which welcomes educators who are new to the District
- Coronado K-8 welcomed incoming sixth graders for middle school orientation last week. Back to school preparations are in full swing across the entire District
- The annual KVOA school supply drive took place today at Amphi Middle School. We thank the community for their generosity

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

### **C. 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 asked Mr. LaNasa to present the report.

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

- Amphitheater High School Main Gym floor resurfacing using Bond Funds
- Amphitheater High School exterior basketball court resurfacing using Bond Funds
- Amphitheater High School west staff parking lot reconstruction using Adjacent Ways & Bond Funds
- Amphitheater Middle School security fencing using Bond Funds
- Copper Creek Elementary stair tread replacement using Bond Funds
- Coronado K-8 gym bleacher replacement using Bond Funds
- Holaway Elementary pavement reconstruction and restoration using Adjacent Ways & Bond Funds
- Innovation Academy chiller replacement using Bond and BRG Funds
- Ironwood Ridge High School fine arts pavement restoration using Adjacent Ways & Bond Funds
- La Cima Middle School VCT removal and polished concrete floor using Bond Funds
- Painted Sky Elementary pavement restoration and bus loop safety improvements using Adjacent Ways and Bond Funds
- Prince Elementary pavement restoration using Bond Funds

Mr. La Nasa shared that the 2024-2025 new grant funding totaled \$6,461,998. He also went on to say that just today \$2.3 million was approved in new projects.

Vice President Day told him to keep up the good work. President Zibrat thanked Mr. La Nasa for his report.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**[9. 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. Superintendent Jaeger explained that because of the inclusion of item L on the Consent Agenda, a roll call vote was required.*

*Ms. Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items 8. A.– o. be approved as presented. President Zibrat seconded the motion. Roll Call vote in favor – 3. President Zibrat-Yes, Vice President Day-Yes, and Ms. Cox Golder-Yes. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 8. A.-O. 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 8, 2025 Governing Board meeting were approved as submitted in Exhibit 8.*

**G. Approval of Oro Valley Police Department, Tucson Police Department, and Pima County Sheriff's Department Special Duty Program Agreements for Special Duty Law Enforcement Services**

*The Governing Board approved Oro Valley Police Department, Tucson Police Department, and Pima County Sheriff's Department Special Duty Program Agreements for Special Duty Law Enforcement Services as submitted in Exhibit 9.*

**H. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$6,120,729.89**

*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 10.*

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1000	\$2,135,570.77	1001	\$116,539.70	1369	\$130,591.94
1370	\$154,974.61	1371	\$20,211.33	1372	\$164,937.68
1373	\$747,968.24	1374	\$285,205.42	1375	30.14
1003	\$4,633.74	1004	\$115,214.28	1005	\$602,029.11
1006	\$26,214.16	1376	\$430,565.21	1377	\$168,848.83
1378	\$104,777.95	1007	\$26,699.10	1008	\$121,818.26
1009	\$190,669.25	1010	\$4,944.28	1013	\$314,712.48
1014	\$244,790.16	1015	\$7,773.12	1016	\$1,010.13

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

*The Governing Board approved Ironwood Ridge Project Grad for the 2025-2026 school year as submitted in Exhibit 11.*

**J. Receipt of May and June 2025 Reports on School Auxiliary and Club Balances**

*The Governing Board approved Receipt of May and June 2025 Reports on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 12.*

**K. Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com**

*The Governing Board approved the disposal of surplus property via PublicSurplus.com.*

**L. Acceptance of the Uniform System of Financial Records Compliance Questionnaire, Single Audit Reporting Package and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

*The Governing Board approved the Uniform System of Financial Records Compliance Questionnaire, Single Audit Reporting Package and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 as submitted in Exhibit 13.*

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

Date