

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, August 25, 2026**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, beginning at 5:30 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. Vicki Cox Golder, President
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Member
Dr. Michael Gemma, Member

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Vice President
Ms. Susan Zibrat, 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. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Executive Director of Student Services
Mr. Richard La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cox Golder called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cox Golder asked Mr. Munger to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Cox Golder announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting will take place Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

4. INFORMATION

A. Superintendent's Report

For the Superintendent's Report PowerPoint see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that this month's report would be brief, but next month's would include an update on this school year's enrollment. He noted that the first weeks of school have gone very smoothly and that over three days, he and Board members were able to visit all school sites.

Superintendent Jaeger shared highlights of recent events in the District:

- Superintendent Jaeger and Ms. Zibrat visited Painted Sky's preschool on the first day of school
- District Administration visited schools during the first week of classes
- Ms. Valenzuela created a reel for social media with highlights from the first few days of school which has become the District's most successful social media post with over 16,000 views

- The District welcomed over 40 new teachers who attended last month's Effective Teaching Conference. Ms. Valenzuela created profiles for teachers to introduce them on social media
- Rio Vista Elementary celebrated its 40th birthday this month and marked the occasion with a student and staff group picture
- District Administration attended the Arizona Education Foundation Back to School Breakfast which celebrated the Amphi Foundation being named its 2026 School District Foundation of the Year as well as being entered into the Arizona Education Hall of Fame
- The Amphi Foundation thanks Tucson Electric Power for its recent donation of \$10,000 to fund the Amphi Foundation's Full STEAM Ahead Program. Safeway in Rancho Vistoso celebrated its grand re-opening by donating to local school districts including \$19,000 for Amphitheater Schools

Superintendent Jaeger offered to answer any questions. There were none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Sexton is a community member and former Amphitheater student. He spoke about the petition he had submitted to Board members and Amphitheater High School Administration about reinstating Vern Friedli's name on the scoreboard on the football field. He spoke about Coach Friedli being the face of Amphi High School and how much he cared about students and was respected in the community. Mr. Sexton stated it was imperative to have Coach Friedli's name on the field as an inspiration for past and future generations to appreciate.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that since this item was not on the agenda, Board members are unable to comment, however, he as the Superintendent could respond. He shared that the sign Mr. Sexton referenced was temporarily taken down to install the new scoreboard on the football field. He noted that the posts of the new scoreboard are too far apart to display the sign so it will be relocated, reinstalled, and illuminated to welcome the community to Friedli Field. Superintendent Jaeger also stated that the new scoreboards have a jumbotron screen which can also display a welcome message to Friedli Field as spectators arrive to the field.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Ms. Day moved for Consent Agenda Items 6. A.– R. be approved as presented. Dr. Gemma seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 3. President Cox Golder, Ms. Day, and Dr. Gemma. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 6. A.– R. passed.

A. Approval of the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

The Governing Board approved the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel as submitted in Exhibit 2.

B. Approval of Personnel Changes

The Governing Board approved Personnel Changes as submitted in Exhibit 3.

C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

The Governing Board approved Leave(s) of Absence as submitted in Exhibit 4.

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

The Governing Board approved Separation(s) and Termination(s) as submitted in Exhibit 5.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

The Governing Board approved Stipend for Coaching Volunteers as submitted in Exhibit 6.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved minutes from the August 11, 2026 Governing Board meeting as submitted in Exhibit 7.

G. Designation of Student Suspension Hearing Officers and Student Expulsion Hearing Officers to Hear Evidence, Prepare a Record, and Bring Recommendations to the Board, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843

The Governing Board approved Designation of Student Suspension Hearing Officers and Student Expulsion Hearing Officers to Hear Evidence, Prepare a Record, and Bring Recommendations to the Board, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2).

H. Approval of Resolution Regarding the Provision of Food and Beverages

The Governing Board approved Resolution Regarding the Provision of Food and Beverages as submitted in Exhibit 8.

I. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$1,521,226.25

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
1391	\$11,333.58	1392	\$2,829.45	1021	\$64,877.76
1022	\$112,130.15	1023	\$174,338.16	1024	\$196,745.38
1025	\$324,014.89	1026	\$125,119.23	1027	\$4,568.56
1028	\$179,657.46	1029	\$52,826.53	1030	\$212,297.48
1031	\$32,155.31	1032	\$3,373.64	1033	\$24,958.67

J. Acceptance of Gifts

The Governing Board approved Acceptance of Gifts as submitted in Exhibit 10.

K. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) – 2026-2027

The Governing Board approved CDO Wrestling Booster, CDO Band Boosters, CDO Cross Country Boosters, CDO Theatre Booster, CDO Orchestra Booster, Coronado K-8 PTO, IRHS Cross Country and Track Booster, IRHS Pomline Booster, CDO Football Touchdown Club, IRHS Theatre Booster, Mesa Verde Parent Teacher Org., IRHS Music Appreciation Band Boosters, Wilson K-8 PTO, and CDO Mens Soccer Booster as submitted in Exhibit 11.

L. Receipt of the July 2026 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved Receipt of the July 2026 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 12.

M. Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com

The Governing Board approved Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com.

N. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Equipment Using Other Disposal Methods

The Governing Board approved to Dispose of Surplus Equipment Using Other Disposal Methods as submitted in Exhibit 13.

O. Approval of School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) FY 2027 Capital Plan

The Governing Board approved School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) FY 2027 Capital Plan as submitted in Exhibit 14.

P. Approval of Fireworks for Canyon del Oro High School and Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming Games and Graduation

The Governing Board approved Fireworks for Canyon del Oro High School and Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming Games and Graduation as submitted in Exhibit 15.

Q. Approval of Supplemental Texts and Materials

The Governing Board approved Supplemental Texts and Materials as submitted in Exhibit 16.

R. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved Out of State Travel as submitted in Exhibit 17.

7. STUDY ACTION

A. Approval of Policy Revisions to Comply with Changes to the Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) as Initiated by the Auditor General's Office

For Policy Revisions to Comply with Changes to the Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) as Initiated by the Auditor General's Office see Exhibit 18.

Superintendent Jaeger explained that the Arizona Auditor General made changes to the USFR and the policy revisions presented reflect those changes. He noted that normally the Board would be asked to study these revisions and then approve them the next meeting but because the changes have already taken effect in the USFR and the changes are straightforward, the Board is being asked to approve these policy revisions this evening. Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. Little to explain the changes.

Mr. Little explained that these revisions are being presented to all school districts who utilize The Trust for their policy platform. He stated that Policy 1-105 provides clarifications on Conflict of Interest, Policy 3-102 addresses Student Activities Treasurers, Policy 3-103 clarifies Board approval for certain payments and clarifies food and beverage purchases, and Policy 3-108 mandates that the Board approve the independent auditing firm and contract prior to audits.

Superintendent Jaeger mentioned the Conflict of Interest training that the Governing Board was presented last year. He noted that it is a yearly requirement for the Board and all employees.

Dr. Gemma moved to approve Policy Revisions to Comply with Changes to the Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) as Initiated by the Auditor General's Office. Ms. Day seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor -3. President Cox Golder, Ms. Day, and Dr. Gemma. Opposed -0. Study/Action item 7.A. passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

There were none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

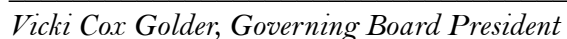
Ms. Day moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gemma seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor -3. President Cox Golder, Ms. Day, and Dr. Gemma. Opposed -0. The meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval
Jen Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

August 28, 2026

Date


Vicki Cox Golder, Governing Board President

September 8, 2026

Date