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**CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tucson, Arizona**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Carole Siegler Boardroom at Valley View Early Learning Center
3435 E. Sunrise Drive - Tucson, Arizona
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM, Doors Opened at 5:30 PM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF MEETING

On September 28, 2026, the announcement of the meeting was posted at Catalina Foothills High School, Esperero Canyon Middle School, Orange Grove Middle School, Canyon View Elementary School, Manzanita Elementary School, Sunrise Drive Elementary School, Ventana Vista Elementary School, Valley View Early Learning Center, and on the Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) website (www.cfsd16.org).

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Tom Logue, President
Jacquelyn Davoli, Vice President
Amy Krauss, Member
Gina Mehmert, Member

Board Members Absent:

Eileen Jackson, Member

District Administration:

Denise Bartlett, Superintendent
Mindy Westover, Associate
Superintendent (remote)
Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of
Curriculum and Assessment
Allison Bacalia, Director of Community
Relations
Mark Rubin-Toles, Orange Grove
Middle School Principal
Lisa Taetle, Director of Finance

District Personnel:

Ryan Koch, Systems Engineer
Amie Sams, Administrative
Assistant

Visitors Present:

Amy Corrales, Anna Logue, Laura Logue, Nicolette Seckeler, Carole Siegler, Leslie Sult

Joining Online:

Approximately 47 visitors attended the regular meeting through the YouTube live link.

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Tom Logue called to order the governing board meeting at 6:00 p.m. and offered a couple minutes for Board Member Eileen Jackson to arrive. At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Logue received word that Ms. Jackson would not be able to attend tonight's meeting and continued with the agenda.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Logue led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Rules of Order for Governing Board Meetings

President Logue read the Rules of Order for governing board meetings.

1.4. Outstanding Achievements

Superintendent Denise Bartlett shared the following outstanding achievements of CFSD students and staff:

CFHS Students Earn National Merit® Recognition

Congratulations to three Catalina Foothills High School seniors who have been named National Merit® Semifinalists in the 2027 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Congratulations to Colin Gooden, Milo Peters, and Nathan Wu.

In an average year, fewer than 1% of U.S. seniors earn this distinction. Approximately 16,000 Semifinalists are selected from around 1.5 million students who enter the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT.

CFHS also celebrates five students who earned Commended Student recognition based on their PSAT/NMSQT scores, placing them among the top 50,000 entrants nationwide. About 1% of seniors nationwide are recognized as Commended Students.

The 2027 CFHS Commended Students are: Ahmed Bozdogan, Braeden Gracy, Jules Manger, Antoinette Ofori, and Elizabeth Povsner.

Thank you for helping us celebrate these outstanding Falcons!

CFHS Choir Students Selected for Arizona All-State Jazz Choir

We want to recognize two exceptional Catalina Foothills High School students who earned top-tier placement in the All-State Jazz Choir. Out of only 20 high school students selected statewide, junior Avisia Victory secured 1st Chair Alto and freshman Xavier Zazueta earned 4th Chair Tenor.

The opportunity to audition is presented annually to singers in the high school's premier vocal ensemble, Change of Pace, under the direction of teacher Mr. Jeffrey Evans. Students record and submit auditions for competitive adjudication. By earning these elite spots, Avisia and Xavier will perform in November at the Arizona All-State Jazz/Show Choir Festival in Scottsdale. There, they will spend three days working closely with a nationally renowned jazz clinician, culminating in a performance alongside a live jazz combo of local professional musicians.

CFHS Swim Earns First Place at CDO Classic High School Invitational

We are proud to share that Catalina Foothills High School's men's and women's swim teams swept the 19-team CDO Classic High School Invitational on September 19. With Coach Scott Mencke's leadership, both teams earned first place, with the men's team defeating runner-up CDO 392–266 and the women's team securing a commanding 450–287.5 victory. For CFHS, this was the first state qualifier of the season.

The Falcons set multiple Division II state-best standards:

- Senior Leila Stafford swam the fastest 500 freestyle time in the state this year and recorded state-best times in the 200 and 100 freestyle, earning a nomination for the Arizona Republic's Female High School Athlete of the Week.
- The Women's 200 Freestyle Relay team (freshman Kinzi Obler, sophomore Chloe Hermann, and seniors Izzy Geiger and Connolly Taylor) set the Division II season-best standard.
- The Men's Relay team (senior anchor Ariston Elsesser and sophomores Luke Dinsmore, Reef Mencke, and Aidan Kastner) also swam the Division II season-best time.

We had 18 men and 14 women compete (32 total). Overall, CFHS recorded 40 top-10 times (25 for men and 15 for women) in the early state rankings, highlighting the team's exceptional effort and talent.

Orange Grove Middle School Music Program

Congratulations to the Orange Grove Middle School music program and directors Dr. Jason Sah and Mr. Daniel Vega for earning the prestigious Dennis W. Smith "Program of Distinction" Award from ABODA (Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association) for the 2025–2026 school year. This honor is achieved by only one to six Arizona schools annually.

The achievement celebrates instrumental music departments that demonstrate exceptional performance, artistic achievement, and educational impact. Both the orchestra and band programs secured this benchmark of excellence by earning multiple "Superior" festival ratings and participating in the AMEA All-State festival.

ABODA presented this award at the OGMS band concert on September 30th. We congratulate our talented students, dedicated directors, and supportive community on this remarkable and well-deserved accomplishment!

1.5. Super Volunteer Recognition – Laura Logue, Orange Grove Middle School

The governing board recognized Ms. Laura Logue, Orange Grove Middle School (OGMS) Family Faculty Organization (FFO) Vice President of Fundraising for her exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to the school community. Ms. Davoli highlighted Ms. Logue's leadership in planning and coordinating the annual *Pick Up and Unpack* event, which welcomes students and families at the beginning of the school year. Despite significant campus construction and changing venue arrangements, Ms. Logue adapted the event plans and introduced improvements, including a dedicated locker room and organized student assistance with combination locks, helping ensure a smooth and welcoming experience for incoming students and their families.

Ms. Logue's contributions also included organizing the Color Run, managing the eighth-grade promotion dance, providing refreshments for two promotion ceremonies held at the high school while OGMS facilities were under construction, and supporting staff appreciation activities. Her ongoing presence, willingness to take on additional responsibilities, and ability to mobilize support for families in need reflect her commitment to the Orange Grove community. Principal Mark Rubin-Toles praised her remarkable work ethic, positive attitude, and willingness to step forward whenever help is needed, noting that she consistently goes above and beyond to improve school experiences for students, families, and staff. Ms. Logue expressed her appreciation for the recognition and acknowledged the partnership and support of OGMS FFO President Amy Corrales.

The CFSD Governing Board thanked Ms. Logue for her outstanding volunteer service, and she was presented with a certificate and commemorative keychain.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A board member requested to pull consent agenda item 3.4 the fundraising request memorandum.

Upon a motion by Jacquelyn Davoli and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved the following items on the consent agenda: 3.1 the governing board September 22, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented; 3.2 the expense voucher memorandum, as presented; 3.3 the field trip request memorandum, as presented; 3.5 the personnel memorandum, as presented; 3.6 the acceptance, with gratitude, of the gifts and donations memorandum, as presented; and 3.7 the updated annual estimates to the cooperative purchase list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

Item 3.4

A board member highlighted the OGMS FFO's decision to try a Barnes & Noble book fair instead of Scholastic to better meet students' and teachers' needs, recognizing the FFO's initiative, thoughtful problem-solving, and collaboration among school organizations.

Upon a motion by Jacquelyn Davoli and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved consent agenda item 3.4 the fundraising request memorandum, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

3.1. Approval of September 22, 2026, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the regular governing board meeting minutes for September 22, 2026 as presented.

3.2. Approval of Expense Voucher Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following expense vouchers:

Expense Voucher		Amount
2706	\$	1,721,306.03

2707		1,723,650.57
2752		83,369.98
2753		1,726,613.12
2754		15,288.43
2755		165,262.92
2756		203,149.24
2757		105,955.92
2758		50,098.18

3.3. Approval of the Field Trip Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the field trip request memorandum, as presented.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LEARNING NEXUS	WHERE	DATE(S)	*FEE
Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Guitar Classes (Intermediate/Advanced)	Guitar Foundation of America National School Summit	Students will strengthen ensemble, collaboration, and technical skills through instruction from industry professionals while performing for judges and receiving professional feedback at a national guitar-focused event.	Las Vegas, NV	02/11/2027 to 02/14/2027	\$750.00
CFHS National Honor Society (NHS)	LEAD 2027 Conference	Students will develop leadership and organizational skills through expert presentations and collaboration with other chapters, applying new ideas and strategies to strengthen the program at CFHS.	Washington, D.C.	02/25/2027 to 02/28/2027	\$720.00
CFHS Advanced Orchestras (Symphonic & Sinfonia)	Chicago Tour	Students will strengthen their musicianship through clinician led rehearsal and professional level performance while gaining valuable experience performing for audiences in a new city and cultural setting.	Chicago, IL	03/18/2027 to 03/21/2027	\$1,800.00
Esperero Canyon Middle School (ECMS) Choir	American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Cantaremos Honor Choir Rehearsal and Performance	Selected students based on their audition will rehearse with advanced musicians from around the state to prepare and perform challenging choral music.	Glendale, AZ	11/21/2026	\$40.00
Manzanita Elementary School (MZES) 3 rd Grade Science	Bisbee Mine and Kartchner Caverns Exploration	Students will explore Arizona's mining history and animal adaptations through hands-on	Bisbee, AZ and Benson, AZ	05/06/2027 and 05/07/2027	\$0.00

		observations of the unique environments.			
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3.4. Approval of the Fundraising Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the fundraising request memorandum, as presented.

NAME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE	LOCATION	DATE(S)	GROSS REVENUES	NET INCOME
Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)						
CFHS Boys Soccer Strikers Club	Direct donation campaign	To raise funds for training items, banquet expenses, and senior night.	Off campus/online	2026-2027 season	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
CFHS Boys Soccer – Strikers Club	Scoreboard electronic banner display	To raise funds for training items, banquet expenses, and senior night.	On campus	2026-2027 season home games	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Family Faculty Organization (FFO)	Evereve sales	To raise funds for senior grad night.	Off campus	11/14/2026	\$500.00	\$500.00
Orange Grove Middle School (OGMS)						
FFO	Barnes & Noble book fair	To raise funds in support of staff and students.	Off campus	10/17/2026	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Canyon View Elementary School (CVES)						
FFO	Yearbook sales	To raise funds for field trips, enrichment activities, teacher grants, campus improvements, and teacher expenses.	Off campus/online	10/14/2026 to 03/26/2027	\$9,221.17	\$2,864.04
FFO	5 th Grade “Pridelines” sales in yearbook	To raise funds for field trips, enrichment activities, teacher grants, campus improvements, and teacher expenses.	Off campus/online	10/14/2026 to 03/26/2027	\$500.00	\$500.00
FFO	Chick-Fil-A dine out	To raise funds for field trips and school enrichment opportunities.	Off campus	11/20/2026	\$350.00	\$350.00
FFO	Peter Piper Pizza dine out	To raise funds for field trips and school enrichment opportunities.	Off campus	12/04/2026	\$200.00	\$200.00
FFO	Panda Express dine out	To raise funds for field trips and school enrichment opportunities.	Off campus	02/05/2027	\$300.00	\$300.00

3.5. Approval of the Personnel Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the personnel, as presented.

CERTIFIED STAFF	CLASSIFIED STAFF	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	COACH
• Extra Duty • Extra Duty-Declined Position • Corrections • Released from Contract-Recommended	• New Hires • Rehires • Resignations	• New Hires • Rehires • Status Changes	• Rehires • Volunteers

3.6. Approval of Gifts and Donation Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board accepted, with gratitude, the following gifts, and donations:

DATE	DONOR	SCHOOL	PURPOSE/ITEM	AMOUNT
9/15/2026	Canyon View FFO	Canyon View Elementary School	Field Trip	\$227.50
9/15/2026	Canyon View FFO	Canyon View Elementary School	Field Trip	\$489.38
9/15/2026	Canyon View FFO	Canyon View Elementary School	Field Trip	\$125.50
9/15/2026	Canyon View FFO	Canyon View Elementary School	Artist in Residence	\$2,004.72
9/18/2026	Manzanita FFO	Manzanita Elementary School	iPad Donation	\$0.00
9/18/2026	Manzanita FFO	Manzanita Elementary School	Transportation	\$245.68
9/18/2026	Manzanita FFO	Manzanita Elementary School	Field Trip	\$185.50
			TOTAL	\$3,278.28

3.7. Approval of Updated Annual Estimates to the Cooperative Purchase List for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the updated annual estimates to the cooperative purchase list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1. Approval of Revisions to Policy and Exhibit, GBEAA, GBEAA-E, Staff Conflict of Interest (third reading)

Associate Superintendent Mindy Westover presented the third reading of proposed revisions to Policy GBEAA and Exhibit GBEAA-E, *Staff Conflict of Interest*. She explained that, at the board's request following the second reading, district administration reviewed whether the "*District Purchases from Employees*" section should be expanded to include relatives. District administration determined that the language should remain specific to district employees because it reflects Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §38-503(C), which requires public competitive bidding when a district employee supplies goods or services to the District. Transactions involving an employee's relative are addressed separately under the *Business Relations* section, which require disclosure and nonparticipation when the employee or relative has a substantial interest. District administration recommended changing the subsection title to clarify that the provision applies specifically to district employees. The revisions otherwise align Policy GBEAA and Exhibit GBEAA-E with Arizona conflict-of-interest law and Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) requirements and clarify requirements related to close relatives, substantial interests, procurement, annual conflict-of-interest training and disclosures, updated disclosures, and District documentation and recordkeeping when a conflict is identified. The titles of the policy and exhibit were also updated from "*Staff Conflict of Interest*" to "Conflict of Interest."

Board members had no additional questions and thanked Ms. Westover for researching and addressing the concerns raised during the previous reading, noting the additional clarity was helpful.

Upon a motion by Amy Krauss and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved Policy and Exhibit, GBEAA, GBEAA-E, *Staff Conflict of Interest*, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

4.2. Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation, IJNDB, IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction* (second reading)

Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment Sheryl Castro presented no additional revisions to the policy and regulation since the governing board's prior review on September 22. Proposed revisions clarify that the policy and regulation focus specifically on student use of technology and align the documents with current district practices. Policy IJNDB revisions clarify that artificial intelligence (AI) driven tools are available to all students as developmentally and instructionally appropriate and add Policy GBEF and Regulation GBEF-R, *Use of Portable Wireless Communications and Devices*, to the cross references section. Regulation IJNDB-R proposed revisions remove provisions related to staff and other adult users, revise the *Web Publishing* section to address student-created content for instructional purposes, clarify student access to Google accounts and the responsibility to download or transfer work before leaving the District, change "*principal*" to "*administrator*," and correct a typographical error.

Board members had no additional questions.

Upon a motion by Gina Mehmert and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board approved Policy and Regulation, IJNDB, IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction*, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

4.3. Approval of Policy and Regulation, GBEF, GBEF-R, *Use of Portable Wireless Communications and Devices* (second reading)

Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment Sheryl Castro presented proposed revisions to the new policy and regulation related to staff use of portable wireless communications and devices since the governing board's prior review on September 22. Policy GBEF establishes broad expectations for employees regarding the professional and responsible use of digital communications and electronic devices. A revision to the policy clarifies that employees are to use district-approved technologies to communicate with parents/legal guardians and students and to carry out other job-related duties and responsibilities. Regulation GBEF-R combines applicable employee technology provisions previously contained in Regulation IJNDB-R, *Use of Technology Resources in Instruction*, with guidance specific to staff use of digital communications and electronic devices. Key provisions address the safe and appropriate use of District Electronic Information Services (EIS) and personal electronic devices; the Professional, Accessible, and Transparent (PAT) Test for employee electronic communications; district-approved methods of communication with students and parents/legal guardians; restrictions on unapproved third-party communication applications; appropriate professional boundaries in social media use; and requirements for district-affiliated social media accounts and website publishing.

Revisions to the regulation since the first reading included removal of Letter F under Acceptable Use of the District's EIS; modification of Letter G to require administrator permission before making publicly available images, video, or audio files recorded during school hours or at any school-sponsored event or activity, regardless of the time or location; and clarification of prohibited uses of the District's EIS to include commercial purposes, personal financial gain, and fundraising or soliciting support for non-district causes. Together, the policy and regulation establish clear expectations for employee use of technology and digital communications while maintaining a distinct separation between employee and student technology use.

A board member asked whether the policy applied to all district employees, including hourly and salaried staff. Ms. Castro confirmed that it applied to all employees. Board members discussed whether the revised prohibition on using District Electronic Information Services (EIS) for commercial purposes, personal financial gain, or fundraising and soliciting support for non-district causes would restrict recognition of businesses that sponsor school activities. Ms. Castro clarified that promoting sponsors in support of CFSD activities would not be considered a prohibited use.

Board members discussed whether the regulation should include specific guidelines for employees taking photographs or recording videos of students and others, and whether the language in Letter G regarding administrator permission before making recordings publicly available was sufficiently clear. Discussion focused on the distinction between district-approved communication platforms and other public forums, including how the provision might affect routine school communications and sharing photographs from school events. Ms. Castro

and board members reviewed the existing expectations for responsible, ethical, and authorized use of District technology, along with student image permissions, to determine whether additional language was needed. Through further discussion, Ms. Castro recognized that Letter G had been carried over from the student technology regulation and was not intended for the employee regulation. The Board agreed to remove Letter G, in addition to Letter F, and renumber the remaining subsections.

Upon a motion by Gina Mehmert and a second by Amy Krauss, the governing board approved Policy and Regulation, GBEF, GBEF-R, *Use of Portable Wireless Communications and Devices*, as amended.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

4.4. Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation, IMG, IMG-R, *Animals In Schools* (second reading)

Superintendent Bartlett presented additional revisions to the policy and regulation since the governing board's prior review on September 22. The proposed revisions clarify the requirements for service animals and non-service animals. Following the first reading, Policy IMG was revised to move the definition of service animals higher in the policy for readability, add language directing the District to work with affected parties when a student in a classroom with a service animal has an allergy, and clarify that the owner of a service animal is liable for damage to District or personal property and injuries to individuals caused by the animal while on District property. Other revisions remove language permitting verification of a service animal's identification card, affirm students' ability to bring service animals to school and school activities in accordance with federal law, and clarify the District's nondiscrimination requirements. Regulation IMG-R was revised to apply only to non-service animals and clarify that documentation, certification, or registration is not required for service animals but remains required for non-service animals. Minor terminology revisions were also made for consistency, and the adoption date was updated.

A board member requested confirmation that the additional revisions had received legal approval, and Dr. Bartlett confirmed that they had been reviewed by the District's legal counsel.

Upon a motion by Amy Krauss and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board approved Policy and Regulation, IMG, IMG-R, *Animals in Schools*, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Financial Report

Director of Finance Lisa Taetle provided a summary of the 2026 Annual Financial Report (AFR). The report included details about budgeted and actual expenditures for the 2026 fiscal year in the areas of maintenance and operations (M&O) fund, classroom site fund, unrestricted capital outlay, bond building fund, National Public Education Finance Survey Reporting for COVID-19 Federal Relief Funds, fund balance reserve, and school-level reporting.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the higher-than-projected M&O carryforward, the funding sources for student technology replacements and facilities fleet vehicles, and Valley View Early Learning Center's student count. District administration explained that the carryforward reflected lower substitute coverage and bus maintenance costs, underutilized departmental budgets, payroll savings, one-time state funding, and higher-than-projected student enrollment. Administration also clarified that technology replacements and fleet vehicles were funded through capital funds and explained that Valley View Early Learning Center's reported student count reflected only state-funded preschool students with special needs, as the remaining preschool program is tuition-based.

The [AFR](#) is available for viewing as part of the governing board meeting agenda materials available on the CFSD website under agenda item 5.1.

Upon a motion by Gina Mehmert and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board approved the fiscal year 2026 annual financial report, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

5.2. Consideration of Revisions to Policy JJAB, *Limited Open / Closed Forum* (first reading)

Ms. Westover outlined proposed revisions to the policy to reflect the requirements of Arizona House Bill 2312 Chapter 4, which establishes Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §15-120.08, adding a new section addressing patriotic youth groups. The section provides that public schools may not deny such groups equal access or a fair opportunity to meet in a designated open or limited public forum or discriminate against a group based on its membership or leadership requirements or oath of allegiance to God and country. The revisions also establish procedures for patriotic youth groups to request an opportunity to address students during the first quarter of the school year and allow principals to accept materials from these groups for distribution to students in accordance with the statute.

Board members discussed the expanded access provided to patriotic youth groups under the new state law and whether these groups would have the same access as other school-sponsored clubs. Associate Superintendent Westover clarified that schools permitting student groups to meet must provide equal access to other groups and confirmed that the nine designated patriotic youth organizations would be permitted to request access, including at grade levels not otherwise covered by the policy.

Board members also asked whether parents would be notified when these organizations address students or distribute literature and whether parents could opt their children out of receiving information they find objectionable. Associate Superintendent Westover agreed to investigate parent notification and opt-out considerations and bring additional information back for the second reading.

A second reading of proposed revisions to Policy JJAB is scheduled for October 27, 2026.

5.3. Consideration of Revisions to Policy and Regulation, JR, JR-R, *Student Records* (first reading)

Ms. Westover presented proposed revisions to the policy and regulation as required by Arizona Senate Bill 1126, Chapter 28, which amended A.R.S. §15-411. Revisions to the policy included minor grammatical and structural edits for clarity and consistency. No substantive changes were made to the policy which continues to establish requirements for maintaining student records and protecting the confidentiality of student information in accordance with state and federal law. The regulation was revised to incorporate new statutory requirements regarding Department of Child Safety caseworkers. Upon request and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), schools must identify any school that has requested a student's educational records, any person who has withdrawn the student from school, and must provide other requested information or records relating to a student who is or was enrolled at the school. Proposed revisions to the regulation also clarify that a school may not prohibit an employee, contractor, or volunteer from communicating with a Department of Child Safety caseworker investigating an allegation of child abuse or neglect.

A board member asked whether the revisions addressed situations in which a parent moves a child to another school. District administration clarified that the changes require schools, upon request and in accordance with FERPA, to provide information to Department of Child Safety caseworkers investigating allegations of abuse or neglect, including where a student's records were transferred and who withdrew the student. The statutory requirements are intended to help caseworkers locate and protect the child.

A second reading of proposed revisions to Policy JR and Regulation JR-R is scheduled for October 27, 2026.

6. **DISCUSSION / REPORTS**

6.1. Annual Bond and Capital Override Report

Superintendent Bartlett updated the governing board and community about the progress of capital improvements financed through bonds authorized by voters in November 2022 for \$38.5 million. The first issuance of the bond was sold in April 2023 in the amount of \$14,956,400 which was used to upgrade the security at all school sites, build the new orchestra addition, and purchase new school buses. In May 2025, the district sold the second bond issuance for \$12,947,300. These funds were used for facility renovations and repairs, safety and security improvements, athletic and outdoor enhancements, transportation vehicles, and infrastructure upgrades. The third and final issuance of the bond was sold in September 2026 in the amount of \$10,255,000 and is being used for continued school improvements. Dr. Bartlett also updated the governing board on the annual \$2,000,000 District Additional Assistance override for technology and curriculum resources that will be in effect through June 30, 2030.

Board members asked for clarification regarding the installation of push-to-lock handles on classroom doors. Dr. Bartlett explained that the handles were installed on classroom entry doors throughout the elementary and middle schools, while the high school has a separate lockdown system. She noted that centralized lockdown systems for other schools may be considered in future bond projects. During the discussion of capital funding, board members and the superintendent emphasized the importance of School Facilities Division awards in reducing the need to use bond funds for facility improvements. Dr. Bartlett noted that bond funding allows the District to maintain its facilities beyond what would be possible with annual state funding. She also reviewed planned projects, including a new high school practice gym, kitchen and serving-line improvements at Manzanita Elementary School and Sunrise Drive Elementary School, and an additional service bay at the transportation center.

Board members and Dr. Bartlett expressed their gratitude to the CFSD community for its continued support of bonds and capital overrides, noting that this support helps maintain the District's facilities, strengthens the learning environment, supports student achievement, and helps attract and retain students. Board members also expressed appreciation for the report's transparency and the work of the District's team in completing the projects.

Detailed information about expenditures which included a list of completed bond projects was made available to the CFSD community as part of the governing board meeting agenda materials available on the CFSD website under agenda item 6.1. [Annual Bond and Capital Override Report](#).

6.2. Pima County School Board / Superintendent Collaborative Meeting Report (September 28, 2026)

Board members and Dr. Bartlett shared key takeaways from the first Pima County School Board / Superintendent Collaborative meeting of the 2026-2027 school year, which included a presentation on the Prosperity Initiative and discussions about cross-agency collaboration, systems thinking, the cumulative impact of barriers on students and families, and ways to improve accessibility for parents.

6.3. Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members and Dr. Bartlett discussed the potential fiscal impact of Proposition 320 if approved by voters, including the proposed direct instruction spending requirement, the possible use of M&O carry-forward funds, and potential reductions to Classroom Site Fund revenue. Discussion ensued related to eligible expenditures, including special education services and athletic transportation, and the difficult budgetary decisions the District may face to meet the requirement or address potential penalties.

7. **AGENDA PLANNING**

There were no requests for future agenda considerations.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Amy Krauss and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 4-0.

Approved: October 27, 2026

Jacquelyn Davoli, Vice President