Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, October 20, 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
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Vice President
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Member
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

Governing Board Members Absent
Dr. Michael Gemma, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to Recess Open Meeting and Hold Executive Session for
A. Consideration and Decision Upon Long-Term Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Officer's Recommendations, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) Regarding Student #30050269

B. Consideration and Decision Upon Long-Term Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Officer's Recommendations, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) Regarding Student #30057496

Vice President Kopec 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. Day seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor- 4. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0

President Cox Golder declared they were in Executive Session at 5:30pm.

3. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 5:46pm.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Kopec led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. 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, November 17, 2026, at 6:00p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. 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.

Vice President Kopec moved for Consent Agenda Items 7. A.– K. be approved as presented. Ms. Zibrat seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 7. A.– K. passed.

A. Approval of the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel
The Governing Board approved the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel as submitted in Exhibit 1.

B. Approval of Personnel Changes
The Governing Board approved Personnel Changes as submitted in Exhibit 2.

C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence
The Governing Board approved Leave(s) of Absence as submitted in Exhibit 3.

D. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s)
The Governing Board approved Separation(s) and Termination(s) as submitted in Exhibit 4.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers
The Governing Board approved Stipend for Coaching Volunteers as submitted in Exhibit 5.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
The Governing Board approved minutes from the October 6, 2026 Governing Board meeting as submitted in Exhibit 6.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately $1,172,102.61
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 7.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1075	$86,252.04	1076	$235,016.58	1077	$51,279.61
1078	$42,750.24	1079	$93,893.92	1080	$120,320.39
1081	$470.00	1082	$4,027.75	1083	$3,194.55
1084	$844.48	1086	$1,166.58	1085	$223,105.79
1087	$52,970.48	1088	$245,700.06	1089	$4,922.97
1090	$6,187.17				

H. Acceptance of Gifts
The Governing Board approved Acceptance of Gifts as submitted in Exhibit 8.

I. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) – 2026-2027
The Governing Board approved CDO Project Graduation, CDO Baseball Booster, Keeling PTO, and CDO Womens Soccer Booster submitted in Exhibit 9.

J. Approval of Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants
The Governing Board approved Arizona Department of Administration School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grants as submitted in Exhibit 10.

K. Approval of Out of State Travel
The Governing Board approved Out of State Travel as submitted in Exhibit 11.

8. STUDY/ACTION

A. Approval of Timeline and Stakeholder Survey for the Superintendent Search- Term of Employment to Begin July 1, 2027

For the Superintendent Seach Proposed Timeline and Stakeholder Survey see Exhibit 12.

Superintendent Jaeger explained that this item was being presented for the Board to adopt a timeline that has been crafted after some previous discussions. He asked Mr. Hastings to explain further.

Mr. Hastings explained the timeline presented outlines the anticipated steps in the search process with the goal of appointing a new Superintendent by mid-April. He went on to highlight other steps of the process including the application window, screening of applications, interviewing of candidates and the appointment in April 2027. Mr. Hastings stated the stakeholder survey will gather input from students, parents, guardians, and staff regarding leadership qualities, skills, and experience they feel are most important for the next Superintendent. He noted the feedback will help guide the Governing Board as they identify desired characteristics and competencies for the next District leader. He offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Ms. Day moved to approve the Timeline and Stakeholder Survey for the Superintendent Search. Ms. Zibrat seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor- 4. Yes- President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed- 0. Study/Action item 8.A. passed.

9. ACTION

A. Resolution Declaring the Third Friday of November as "School District Substitute Employee Day"

Superintendent Jaeger stated that substitute teachers are deserving of recognition as the District is reliant on them to ensure delivery of education to students.

Vice President Kopec read the resolution.

Vice President Kopec moved to approve the Resolution Declaring the Third Friday of November as "School District Substitute Employee Day". Ms. Day seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor- 4. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed- 0. Action item 9.A. passed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

11. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Cox Golder moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor -4. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed -0. The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

Jen Anderson _____ *October 23, 2026*

Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval *Date*

Jen Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

_____ *November 17, 2026*

Vicki Cox Golder, Governing Board President *Date*