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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 5.8

BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, November 23, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Valley Schools Employee Benefits Trust (VSEBT) Membership Agreement

SUBMITTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

Valley Schools Employee Benefit Trust is part of a pool of public entities for the primary purpose of saving money for its members through collective acquisition of insurance products and services. Currently, there are 40 member districts with over 58,000 lives in the pool. It is NOT an insurance carrier or vendor, but rather a separate legal entity formed by an Intergovernmental Agreement (attached).

VSEBT utilizes a pool procurement process that includes soliciting proposals from providers and receiving and evaluating proposals to obtain the best value for its members. As a public entity pool, they are not held to the same Request For Proposal process pursuant to A.R.S. §11-952.01, so they are able to negotiate with multiple vendors during annual rate renewals.

To take advantage of the services from VSEBT, a Membership Agreement is required. This agreement does not cost the district anything to join and does not obligate the district to utilize plans from their vendors. The agreement allows us to be a member of their Intergovernmental Agreement with the three founding school districts and to get an assessment of our current plan for potential savings and additional benefits. They show us potential savings, and we decide what providers are best for our employees.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve the membership agreement with Valley Schools Employee Benefits Trust (VSEBT), as presented.