

# Minutes of Special Public Meeting

## The Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools

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A Special Public Meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, September 24, 2019, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Wetmore Center, 701 West Wetmore Road, Leadership & Professional Development Center.

### **Governing Board Members Present**

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, President  
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Vice President  
Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member  
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

### **Governing Board Members Absent**

Ms. Deanna M. Day, M. Ed., Member

### **Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present**

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent  
Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Mr. Michael Bejarano, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Ms. Michelle H. Tong, J.D., Associate to the Superintendent and Legal Counsel  
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services  
Ms. Tassi Call, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education  
Mr. James Burns, Executive Manager of Operational Support  
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications  
Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment

### **CALL TO ORDER AND SIGNING OF THE VISITOR'S REGISTER**

*President Cox Golder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*President Cox Golder asked Ms. Beth Lake, Canyon del Oro High School Parent and Chair of LEAP Ahead for Amphi, to lead the Pledge.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT PUBLIC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

*President Cox Golder announced that the next Public Governing Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road - Leadership & Professional Development Center, SE Entrance and Parking.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*President Cox Golder read the Call to the Audience procedures.*

Rebecca Green, Amphitheater parent and teacher at Coronado K-8 School, addressed the Board about the importance of coming together like family at Amphitheater with the upcoming budget override election occurring November 5, 2019.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**<sup>3</sup>

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

<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=1000433>

*President Cox Golder asked if there were any Items that should be pulled for further discussion, there were none. Vice President Zibrat moved that Consent Agenda Items A. – S. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor - 4: President Cox Golder, Vice President Zibrat, Dr. Baker, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed - 0. The items passed.*

**A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel**

*Non-Administrative Personnel were appointed as listed in Exhibit 1.*

**B. Approval of Personnel Changes**

*Certified and classified personnel were appointed as listed in Exhibit 2.*

**C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence**

*Leave(s) of Absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.*

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

*Separation(s) and Termination(s) were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.*

**E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers**

*Stipends for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.*

**F. Approval of Minutes from Previous Board Meeting(s)**

*The Governing Board approved the Meeting Minutes from the May 7, 2019 Board Meeting as listed in Exhibit 6.*

**G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately  
\$1,812,827.93**

*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 listed in Exhibit 7:*

Voucher #1060	\$169,880.03	Voucher #1061	\$55,719.29
Voucher #1062	\$37,339.71	Voucher #1063	\$609,242.32
Voucher #1064	\$16,356.75	Voucher #1065	\$138,404.59
Voucher #1066	\$43,927.53	Voucher#1067	\$81,564.99
Voucher #1068	\$28,800.90	Voucher #1069	\$78,207.35
Voucher #1070	\$139,224.51	Voucher #1071	\$234,805.66
Voucher #1072	\$179,354.30		

- H. Receipt of August 2019 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances**  
*Receipt of August 2019 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances was approved as listed in Exhibit 8.*
- I. Acceptance of Gifts**  
*Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as listed in Exhibit 9.*
- J. Approval of Out of State Travel**  
*Out of State Travel was approved as listed in Exhibit 10.*
- K. Approval of Fee Waivers for Facility Rentals 2019-2020 School Year**  
*2019-2020 Facility Fee Waivers were approved as listed in Exhibit 11.*
- L. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2019-2020**  
*Amphitheater High School Volleyball Booster Club, Amphitheater High School Baseball Booster Club, Ironwood Ridge High School Music Association, Donaldson Elementary School PTO, Harelson Elementary School PTO, Ironwood Ridge High School Nighthawks Parent Organization, Ironwood Ridge High School Wrestling Boosters, Keeling Elementary School PTO, Prince Elementary School PTO, and La Cima Middle School Music Boosters Parent Support Organization(s) were approved as listed in Exhibit 12.*
- M. Award of Contracts for Athletic Equipment and Supplies Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 08-14-2019**  
*The Governing Board approved Multiple Awards of Contract to Buddy's All-Star's Inc., BSN Sports, Riddell All American, and The Shop for Athletic Equipment and Supplies Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 08-14-2019 as listed in Exhibit 13.*
- N. Award of Contract for Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) and Global Positioning Tracking System (GPS) Based Upon Responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 04-09-2019**  
*The Governing Board approved an Award of Contract to Synovia Solutions, LLC for Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) and Global Positioning Tracking Systems (GPS) Based Upon Responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 04-09-2019.*
- O. Award of Contract for Canyon del Oro High School Roof Replacement - Phase 1 Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-10-2019**  
*The Governing Board approved an Award of Contract to Progressive Services dba Progressive Roofing for Canyon del Oro High School Roof Replacement - Phase 1 Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-10-2019.*
- P. Award of Contract for Coronado K-8 School Multipurpose Building Roof Replacement Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-11-2019**  
*The Governing Board approved an Award of Contract to Progressive Services dba Progressive Roofing for Coronado K-8 School Multipurpose Building Roof Replacement Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-11-2019.*

**Q. Award of Contract for Harelson Elementary School Funhouse HVAC & Roof Replacement Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-09-2019**

*The Governing Board approved an Award of Contract to Epic One Builders, LLC for Harelson Elementary School Funhouse HVAC & Roof Replacement Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-09-2019.*

**R. Award of Contract for Painted Sky Elementary School Building "A" Roof Replacement Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-11-2019A**

*The Governing Board approved an Award of Contract to Sprayfoam Southwest, Inc. dba Roofing Southwest for Painted Sky Elementary School Building "A" Roof Replacement Based Upon Responses to Request for Bid (RFB) 07-11-2019A.*

**S. Approval of Fireworks for Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming**

*Fireworks for Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming were approved as listed in Exhibit 14.*

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*President Cox Golder asked for a motion to recess Open Meeting to hold an Executive Session for student disciplinary action. Vice President Zibrat moved to recess the Open Meeting to hold Executive Session. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor 4: President Cox Golder, Ms. Zibrat, Dr. Baker, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed - 0. President Cox Golder proclaimed they were in Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.*

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

1. Consideration and Decision Upon Expulsion Hearing Officer's Recommendation, Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F)(2), Regarding:

- a. Student # 30036683;
- b. Student # 30036586;
- c. Student # 30063077; and
- d. Student # 30062911.

*The Governing Board returned at 5:55 p.m.*

**3. STUDY**

**A. Public Meeting Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-481(Y) to Provide Update on Programs Financed through the 10% Maintenance and Operations Override.**

Mr. Jaeger introduced the item and asked Ms. Tong to present it to the Board.

Ms. Tong said that administration is required to present an annual report on District programs financed by a budget override. Ms. Tong gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain some background information about the District's current ten percent (10%) Maintenance and Operations budget override. She said that Arizona law permits school districts to obtain local voter approval to override the state budget formulas for a school district's Capital and/or

Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budgets. Funds received through the override can only be used for the specific purposes approved by the voters. The amount of budget increase is limited to the percentage amount approved by the voters and for the length of time authorized by the voters. M&O budget overrides cannot increase the budget by more than fifteen percent (15%).

There are limitations on district spending regardless of a school district's tax base or its level of need. Each school district is limited by state formulas to the amount it can spend on M&O and Capital funds. Except for bonds, state formulas generally tie spending to the number of enrolled students. Arizona school districts do not have the authority to increase their budget without voter approval to override the budget set through the state formula.

Ms. Tong explained that in 2004, a Blue Ribbon Budget Analysis Committee of community members recommended that the Amphitheater Governing Board seek voter approval of a ten percent (10%) M&O override to be used for:

- Class size reduction;
- Enhanced Art, Music, and Physical Education classes at Elementary schools;
- Increased middle & high school electives;
- Academic Intervention Programs;
- Enhancements to staff compensation to help maintain competition; and
- Addition of three to four support staff members to meet growing facility's needs.

Ms. Tong said that voters first approved the existing override in May 2005. That override was renewed in November 2009 and again in November 2014. An override is for a seven-year period. It provides a budget increase of ten percent (10%) of the M&O budget for the first five years, and phases down by one-third in year six, and by another one-third in year seven. The override ceases in year eight and the budget returns to the regular state budget.

2019-2020 is the final (5<sup>th</sup>) year of the full ten percent (10%) M&O budget override, unless Amphitheater's electors vote to renew it by approving Proposition 475 on November 5, 2019. If it is not renewed, the phase down will begin next school year. Amphitheater's M&O budget will phase down by one-third in school year 2020-2021, by another one-third in school year 2021-2022, and will cease completely in school year 2022-2023.

Because the ten percent (10%) M&O budget override amount is based on the amount of funding received from the state it can fluctuate. The override currently provides \$7,854,501 in additional funding to Amphitheater Public Schools. Every single school in the District receives funds through the M&O budget override, and it funds a portion of the salary for almost every District employee.

Ms. Tong explained that before the M&O budget override, class sizes were larger in the District. The override provides for class size reduction by permitting the District to hire more teachers.

The M&O budget override permits the District to provide fully certificated Art teachers and fully certificated Music teachers at every one of its elementary schools, through expanded contracts.

Just like Music and Art, the M&O budget override also permits the District to provide a fully certificated Physical Education teachers at every one of its elementary schools.

Through the budget override this year, advanced learning and elective courses are being funded at each middle school and K-8 school. Course offerings include: Career Exploration; Fine Arts; Science; Programming; and Technology. 13.5 (Full Time Equivalent) FTE District middle school teachers are paid through M&O budget override funds for advanced learning programs and elective courses.

At the District's high schools the M&O budget override provided for the following Advanced Learning Programs and elective courses: Studio Art; Computer Science; Engineering; French III and IV; Music Theory; Advanced Placement Psychology; Advanced Placement Environmental Science; Academic Challenges; and Teen Court. 8.4 FTE District high school teachers are funded through override funds for advanced learning programs and elective courses.

The M&O budget override also funds tutoring and other intervention programs that serve students throughout the school year and into the summer months. These programs include the Personalized Alternative Track High School (PATH) Program at Amphitheater High School and the licensing of intervention software. The M&O budget override adds technology and facilities position to enable the District to remain current with technology changes. Two Maintenance Tech II position in Facilities, and one Programmer Analyst in Technology are funded entirely by the M&O budget override.

The M&O budget override provides additional funding to enhance compensation for District certificated and classified personnel. This allows the District to remain competitive with private employers and charter schools to obtain trained professional staff. The M&O budget override funds approximately three percent (3%) of almost every classified, certificated, and administrative employee salary in the District. This year the M&O budget override provides 2.6 million dollars in compensation and salary enhancements.

Ms. Tong concluded by offering to answer questions from the Board.

President Cox Golder asked if the District could pursue an override election next year, should the override not pass in November. Ms. Tong answered that although the District could, there is a substantial cost involved to the District for each election.

Dr. Baker thanked Ms. Tong for the report, saying this report really shows how much the override affects the District.

There were no further questions or comments.

*President Cox Golder called to order a Public Meeting at 6:10 p.m. inviting the public to address the Board regarding Study Item 3A.*

Lisa Millerd, an Amphitheater teacher at Amphitheater High School, and President of the Amphi Education Association addressed the Board regarding the importance of the continued budget override for Amphitheater Public Schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

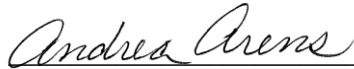
There were none.

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*President Cox Golder asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kopec so moved. Vice President Zibrat seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Voice vote in favor - 4: President Cox Golder, Vice President Zibrat, Dr. Baker, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed - 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.*



*Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Andrea Arens*

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Vicki Cox Golder, Governing Board President

October 8, 2019  
Date

*Minutes Submitted for Governing Board Approval:*

*October 8, 2019*