

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 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. Susan Zibrat, President
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Vice President
Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member-*telephonically*
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

Superintendent's Cabinet Members

Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Richard La Nasa, Executive Director of Operational Support
Mr. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Julie Valenzuela led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Zibrat announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting will be held Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 6:00pm, at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center, SE Entrance and Parking.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. 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 Zibrat asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion or comment. There were none.

Mr. Kopec moved for Consent Agenda Items 5. A. -K. be approved as presented. Vice President Day seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 5. A.-K. passed.

A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 1.

B. Approval of Personnel Changes

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 2.

C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Leaves of Absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.

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

Separations and Terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for Coaching Volunteers was approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Minutes from the June 24, 2025 Governing Board meeting were approved as submitted in Exhibit 6.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$1,463,094.45

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
1354	\$106,961.11	1355	\$297,664.52	1356	\$402,241.24
1357	\$12,409.02	1358	\$9,560.90	1359	\$202,509.31
1360	\$37,172.50	1363	\$66,129.15	1364	\$124,642.65
1365	\$20,000.53	1366	\$54,915.79	1367	\$128,887.73

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 8.

I. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2025-2026

The Governing Board approved Innovation Academy PTO for the 2025-2026 school year as submitted in Exhibit 9.

J. Approval of Verification of Desegregation Funding Matters and Submission of Desegregation Funding Report for Compliance with A.R.S. § 15-910

The Governing Board approved the Verification of Desegregation Funding Matters and Submission of Desegregation Funding Report as submitted in Exhibit 10.

K. Approval of Lease Agreement with Specialized Education Services, Inc.

The Governing Board approved the Lease Agreement with Specialized Education Services, Inc. as submitted in Exhibit 11.

6. STUDY/ACTION

A. Study and Approval of the Proposed Adopted Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Public Hearing

Mr. Little stated that this is the time to approve adoption of the proposed budget and noted that this expenditure budget was based on last year's forms as a state budget wasn't approved at the time of its creation. He said that a revision would be brought to the Governing Board in September once the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) determines allocations. Mr. Little explained that a public hearing was required because of the additional money for adjacent ways.

He went on to explain the legislature approved the bare minimum with a 2% increase in the base funding formula and ADE was given discretion to allocate one time monies. Mr. Little stated that the September budget revision will be a better projection because we will have knowledge of actual enrollment numbers by then. He went on to say there is a hold on federal funds including Title II, ACHIEVE grants, and Native American Education, but carry over funds may support these programs temporarily. Mr. Little stated all districts are awaiting direction from

ADE and the state is under no obligation to fund these programs if the Federal Government cuts funding.

President Zibrat declared the public hearing to be open.

Mr. Kopec asked what the scale is of the frozen funding.

Mr. Little stated he would need to follow up in writing to give accurate information and noted that ACHIEVE has several funding streams.

Ms. Call stated that Title II funds for the District equal \$600,000-700,00 a year and funds professional development training for employees and Title IV funds art supplies, PE Equipment, technology, training for SPED staff, and social workers. She noted that the loss of these funds will dismantle much of the work that has been done in these areas over the years.

There were no additional comments and the hearing was closed.

President Zibrat moved to approve the Proposed Adopted Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Vice President Day seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor – 4. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Study/Action Item 6. A. passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Day moved to adjourn. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:42p.m.

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

July 15, 2025
Date

Susan Zibrat, Governing Board President

July 29, 2025
Date