



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: December 7, 2010

TITLE: Approval of Governing Board Attendance at the Arizona School Boards Association and the Arizona School Administrators 53rd Annual Conference; Appointment of and Direction to Delegate/Alternate Delegate (Revised)

BACKGROUND: The Arizona School Boards Association and the Arizona School Administrators are holding their annual conference on December 15-17, 2010.

This conference provides training for new and veteran board members and includes informative breakout sessions on best school practices, speakers and awards for excellence in education. Among the presentations this year will be information regarding school governance, roles and responsibilities, Arizona school finance and budgeting.

For new board members in particular, the legal and ethical responsibilities of the governing board office will be discussed along with training on the basics of what a school board is and how it functions, through legal structure, powers and duties, finance and employee relations.

The conference also provides a full-day preview of the coming Legislative session with an examination of current education public policy issues and interactive panel discussions with influential state lawmakers.

Finally, this annual assembly will include a "business meeting" during which the ASBA body will consider and vote on proposed amendments to the organization's Bylaws and procedures. Copies of the suggested changes are attached for reference and discussion.

While all superintendents and governing board members from member districts are invited to and may participate in the discussions held during the Assembly, each member district is only permitted one vote on each matter presented to the assembly for a vote.

Thus, one element of this item is the selection of the Board's official and voting delegate to the assembly's business meeting. The Board may also select an alternate delegate who would be authorized to attend the assembly, along with the delegate, and to vote in the event the delegate was unable to do so for some reason. After doing so, the Board may direct the delegate and alternate delegate how to vote or otherwise represent the interests of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: This information is provided for the Board's discussion and participation selection. The Administration recommends that the Governing Board attend this conference and appoint a voting delegate.

INITIATED BY:

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: December 2, 2010

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Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent