

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of the Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, May 26, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ in the Leadership & Professional Development Center. The meeting was held under COVID-19 pandemic related conditions.

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., President

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Vice President – via WebEx Conferencing

Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member – via WebEx Conferencing

Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member – *via WebEx Conferencing*

Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present – *several attended via WebEx Conferencing*

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

Dr. Roseanne Lopez

Mr. Michael Bejarano, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Ms. Michelle H. Tong, J.D.

Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services

Ms. Tassi Call, Director of 21st 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 Day called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.

President Day reviewed directives regarding Arizona Governor Ducey's announcement that all Arizona businesses should take necessary precautions when holding public meetings due to the COVID-19 health crisis. She noted that Arizona law permits Board members to attend meetings by videoconference or telephone. In addition, she requested that all persons present to exercise safe social distancing for this Board meeting.

There was a quorum at this meeting. Some Board members attended this meeting through videoconferencing. This meeting was streamed live for the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Day asked Dr. Lopez to lead the Pledge.

BOARD MEETING

President Day announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT¹

Ms. Smith read public comments that were sent in to be read at the Board meeting.

Ms. Rebecca Green's comments were in regards to Consent Agenda Item M., revisions to the Student Code of Conduct. She said the removal of the mandatory long-term suspension for first time drug use and vaping offenders was a positive change. However, she felt more drug education in the schools was needed.

Mr. Lisa Millerd's comments were in regards to her role as the Amphi EA president. She asked for more transparency and meetings with the District leadership team and GB members monthly to address employee concerns.

Ms. Joy Alvo's comments were on behalf of Transportation's pay increase. She noted other companies paying higher wages and Amphi employees leaving the District for these higher paying jobs. With the shortage of drivers there is concerns and would like to be compensated for the increased workload.

1. CONSENT AGENDA³

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 Day pulled Consent Agenda Item Q. for further discussion. Ms. Zibrat moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A. – P. President Day seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 0. Consent Agenda Items A.-P. 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

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 of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved the minutes for the May 12, 2020 and July 9, 2019 Board meetings as submitted in Exhibit 6 and 7.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$1,893,784.26

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 8.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1303	\$57,309.24	1304	\$166,428.51	1305	\$210,395.48
1306	\$103,702.91	1307	\$271,436.81	1308	\$301,682.22
1309	\$12,863.56	1310	\$668,823.85	1312	\$36,495.64
1313	\$10,809.87	1314	\$38,944.08	1315	\$14,892.09

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as listed in Exhibit 9.

I. Receipt of Monthly Status Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

The Governing Board approved the Monthly Status Report for fiscal year 2019-2020 as listed in Exhibit 10.

J. Food Service Pricing for School Year 2020-2021

The Governing Board approved the food service pricing for school year 2020-2021 as listed in Exhibit 11.

K. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved out of state travel requests as listed in Exhibit 12.

L. Approval of Priorities for Submission to the Arizona School Boards Association for its 2021 Political Agenda

The Governing Board approved the Board’s recommendations for the ASBA 2021 Political Agenda as listed in Exhibit 13.

M. Approval of Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Governing Board approved the revisions to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2020 -2021 school year as listed in Exhibit 14.

N. Approval of New Courses for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Governing Board approved the new courses for the 2020-2021 school year as listed in Exhibit 15.

O. Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Grant

The Governing Board approved the EIR Grant as listed in Exhibit 16.

P. Review and Approve Revisions to Placement Schedules for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Governing Board approved the revisions to the placement schedules for fiscal year 2020-2021 as listed in Exhibit 17.

Q. Award of Contract for Extended Learning and Child Care Services Based Upon Responses to Request for Proposal (RFP) 03-05-2020

Superintendent Jaeger explained that this Item is brought before the Board every four years to award a third party vendor to provide before and after school child care and other services to our families within our school facilities. It is again time to award a contract for a third party provider for these services. He noted that CEP has been the Districts provider for many years and originally was part of the school district, called Amphitheater Extension Programs before shifting to Community Extension Programs. In accordance with the Attorney General's Office, the District is required to go through a standard procurement process. He invited Dr. Lopez to provide information regarding this process to the Board and the administrations recommendation for a third party vendor.

Dr. Lopez presented the Board with information regarding the procurement process, which is a sealed process and allows for consideration of factors other than price. Evaluation of offers must be made on basis of criteria stated in the Request for Proposals (RFP); external criteria may not be considered. Offerors know the criterial in advance with substantial amount of time to prepare and submit their proposal. Proposals were reviewed in detail and scoring of five providers was prepared. Criteria for scoring included; program fees, 40 points; extended learning and child care, capacity, record of performance, and financial stability, 35 points; programs offered, 20 points; and contractor's summary and responsiveness of the proposal, 5 points. The top five proposals and scoring were; 1. AlphaBest Education, Inc. (87 points); 2. KCE Champions, LLC (86 points); 3. Right At School, LLC (74 points); 4. Innovation Learning, LLC (69 points); and 5. Community Extension Programs, Inc. (64 points).

The initial evaluation by two principals and Dr. Lopez entailed in-depth discussion of each criteria mentioned above. They all agreed on the final score of each category, this was not an average. Based on the stated criteria, best and final offers were requested from three vendors. Dr. Lopez noted that the District must award a contract to the responsible offeror whose proposal is most advantageous to the school district based on the stated criteria.

AlphaBest Education, Inc., the top proposal, is a strong nationally known company and financially stable. They are currently operating in over 400 schools and 45 districts. They have awards for best provider of child care. They will hire locally, promises to recruit from existing employees of current provider, and offers a comprehensive training program for all staff. They have extensive program offerings for children including rotating themes "zones" (Tech Arts & STEM, Language-World Culture-Literacy with four different languages offered, Arts-Drama-Movement-Music, Fitness, SEL, Project Based Learning, Maker Space, Clubs), and daily homework assistance. They are ready to begin the transition process right away.

Dr. Lopez expressed that this was a very difficult process, one that was not taken lightly. She said that it is sad because of the long-standing provider with CEP, however, the best needs of the students and Amphi families is why the Administration is recommending AlphaBest Education, Inc. for the award of contract.

Superintendent Jaeger noted that his three children grew up in the CEP program and very much values what CEP has brought to our District and community over the last several

years. As Dr. Lopez noted, the District is required to go out every four years and look to see what else is out there for our community. Although the District has received interest in the past, there were none of this quality. He reiterated that the decision could not be based on history, personal gratitude, or a sense of loyalty to an organization that the District has known for many years. Instead, it had to be based on the criteria set forth in the RFP that Dr. Lopez reviewed. Most importantly, and per the procurement code, the District has to make an award that is most advantageous to the District. Therefore, looking at all the criteria, the Administration is recommending approval of Consent Agenda Item Q. as written on the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT¹

President Day noted that there were several speakers on this Item and read the procedures for the Call to the Audience.

Ms. Lindie Hunter, a CEP employee of 30 years spoke to the Board regarding the CEP program. She talked about her children attending the program from kindergarten through high school, including the before and after school care, summer school, camps and intersession classes. As a working mom, she knew her children were provided with the care and commitment of a company that shared her values.

Mr. Bruce Weigold is the Executive Director of Community Extension Programs. He noted that they are not a corporate chain. They are a local non-profit business with a 50 year relationship with Amphi. Because of this relationship, CEP easily creates applications that benefit Amphi families and CEP. Being a local business their doors are open for families to come and meet with the head of the company. He noted that their office is close to many schools and therefore can assist children and staff quickly and easily when needed. He stated no one from the District said that they were dissatisfied with their services or wanted to move in a different direction. He said he was shocked when he learned that the District sent out RFP's. Mr. Weigold stated that the safety of the students and staff come first and just recently, he submitted a 21 page COVID-19 plan for implementation, even though child care services are not required to implement the CDC and AZ Health Services guidelines. He concluded that it is important to keep our children nurtured in a community family-focused non-profit company.

Ms. Darlene Rowe spoke to the Board about the process of looking for a new before and after school program. She asked several questions regarding the process, including if parents, staff and families were notified of the process. She mentioned last year when Bruce Weigold gave a presentation on CEP, the years her son attended the CEP program when he was young, and the great experience it was for him. She hopes this change has our students, their families, and staff's best interest in mind.

Ms. Emily Gallardo is the Director at CEP's Tiny Tinkers and oversees the PAL program at Lu Lu Walker. She spoke to the Board regarding her team of passionate, skilled, and dedicated people. These are people who are in this field because of their love for children and working with a company for their commitment to fostering strong families in our community. She noted the early education that her own daughter received in the program went beyond her expectations. Their Tiny Tinkers programs are 4-star Quality Plus rated programs through Quality First, and the Copper Creek Tiny Tinkers program is NAEYC accredited. Ms. Gallardo noted that their Tiny Tinkers curriculum is emergent and STEM based and they create programs based on

what their children are showing and telling them what they need and want to learn. She would like CEP to continue in the schools.

Ms. Judy Cocuzza has worked for CEP a short time and talked about her training she has received since she started with the company. She said CEP ensures their staff has the training and tools they need to make sure the children are engaged, cared for, and has the experience that will last a lifetime. She said they are child care advocates that provides community support and resources. She talked about her previous job as an afterschool coordinator of a local private charter school. The program was thriving and doing well. When a new director came in making changes including cuts to staffing and programs there was a decline in parent confidence and student's happiness. Student behavior became challenging, enrollment dropped in the programs and families were going elsewhere. She asked the Board to reconsider their vote and look at the importance of the Community Extension Programs.

Mr. Rudulfo (Ilych) Gallardo has worked for CEP fifteen years and feels that CEP and the Harelson community are a part of his identity. He said their focus has always been on promoting a quality learning experience and helping foster strong families. He mentioned CEP's popular summer Stemazing Camps, individualized program rewards and recognitions, and continuous positive feedback from their families. CEP's presence is imbedded in each school's culture and community. Mr. Gallardo doesn't feel that making a change and replacing a company who has been a pillar in our community for 50 years is beneficial.

Ms. Tammy Celey has been a director with CEP at Mesa Verde for the past six years. Her goal as a teacher at CEP is to offer activities to the children that are designed to promote positive learning. The program changed from PAL – Play and Learn to PAL – Purposeful Afterschool Learning. She mentioned that their summer school program, which was field trip based, is now a STEM camp with choices of classes to attend. CEP's purpose is to assist their families.

Ms. Smith asked President Day if she'd like her read public comments that were sent in on this subject.

Ms. Tong communicated to president Day that if there were several repetitive comments that it would be her privilege to hear some, all, or have them included in the minutes of this Board meeting.

President Day asked Ms. Smith to read a few and then list the names of the others for the record.

Ms. Smith read the following public comments that were sent in to be read at the Board meeting.

Ms. Alicia Girard is a NW Tucson Real Estate agent. She mentioned that often times she will give out referrals to the community. She noted that she no longer refers her clients to CEP because of the bad feedback she received from clients. She stated that staff was unprofessional, management was unethical and the treatment towards the parents and children were unacceptable. She highly encourages bringing in a new company.

Ms. Natalie Majchrzak has been a volunteer at CEP since 2016. She is a classroom assistant at the STEMazing camp. She was in the process of applying for a position until schools were closed. When she found out that CEP was being replaced, she wanted

to let the Board know that she feels CEP is a great company. The children love the staff and she feels the same. This year she graduated from IRHS and was sad because of graduation activities being canceled. CEP, friends and family surprised her by decorating the front door of her house as a graduation gift. She feels very lucky to be part of such a wonderful company.

Ms. Heather Opsahl is a parent of two children at Lu Lu Walker. She and her husband have been impressed with the activities planned and how well staff attended to their children. While at work she is comforted to know her children are having fun and learning continues after school. Their oldest son attended STEM camp and enjoyed picking out his own classes. She said that she is hesitant enrolling her children in an afterschool program in fall. Ms. Opsahl asked the Board to keep CEP as the afterschool program.

Ms. Smith then read the names of the others who sent in comments of the same nature. They are: Rebecca Majchrzak, the Cedillo family, Jennifer Skinner, Crissi Petersen, Avril Migoni, Kelly Mollner, Sarah and Deo Diaz, Kate Partridge, Caryn Tate, Simone Gehner, Alison Knight, Jamie and John Wanamaker, Selina Schubart, David and Skye Bennett, Alison Corkery, Gina Russo Goldberg, Harriet Demetriou, Karen Loffredo, Krista Lee, Megan Pratt, Kyle Brown, Janelle Sobol, Jill Spires, Alex Paerson, and Catherine Zac.

President Day asked if there were any discussion or a motion. Ms. Zibrat moved to accept Consent Agenda Q. President Day seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor - 3: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 2: Dr. Baker and Mr. Kopec. Motion passed 3-2. The Governing Board approved the Award of Contract to AlphaBEST Education Inc. as listed in Exhibit 18.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

President Day made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Zibrat seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval

June 3, 2020
Date



Karin Smith
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Governing Board President

June 9, 2020
Date