



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

DATE OF MEETING: April 10, 2012

TITLE: Update on the New Superintendent Search Process; Review of Interview and Public Forum Schedules

BACKGROUND: In January, the Governing Board appointed the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) as a consultant to coordinate and facilitate the search for the District's next Superintendent, following Dr. Balentine's announcement that she will be retiring at the conclusion of her current contract. At the same time, the Board approved a timeline and parameters for the selection process.

The search process has, to date, included opportunities for input from the community, district staff, and students through several forums. During these forums, parents, students, District staff, school principals, PTOs/Site Councils, the Amphitheater Education Association, and the general community, provided the Governing Board with input regarding the qualities and characteristics sought in a new superintendent. In addition, an internet based survey was administered as an additional mechanism for similar input.

At the Board's meeting of February 1, 2012, the Governing Board and its consultant utilized input from the forums to develop a "profile" for the new superintendent – qualifications, characteristics, skills and abilities sought in applicants. This profile and other information about the District and community were used by the consultant to formulate a brochure that advertised the position and solicited applicants.

The position was advertised nationally beginning in early February, and applications were accepted through March 21st. On March 27, the Governing Board met to review files and identify candidates for interview. Three candidates were selected for interview by the Governing Board. The search consultant was then directed to contact these interview finalists to arrange interviews and tours of district facilities/schools and schedule public and employee forums for the candidates. The public and employee forums will allow the community an opportunity to meet and ask questions (through the consultant) of the candidates.

The schedule of upcoming events relating to the search process are as follows:

Wednesday, April 11, 2012	Finalists Tours of School/District Facilities (Various)
Thursday, April 12, 2012	Governing Board Interviews of Candidates (Wetmore Center, Executive Session)
Thursday, April 12, 2012	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Employee Forum Cross Middle School Cafeteria

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6:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m.
Community Forum
Cross Middle School Cafeteria

Following these upcoming events, the Governing Board will meet in executive session on Friday, April 13, to go into executive session to discuss the candidates. Following executive session, the Board will vote, in public session, as to a candidate selected for the vacancy. Further direction may also be given to staff or the consultant at that time.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the Board's consideration and information, and to allow for direction.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: April 3, 2012



Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent