

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting  
Amphitheater Public Schools  
Tuesday April 27, 2021**

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A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, April 27, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center. This meeting was held under COVID-19 pandemic related conditions.

**Governing Board Members Present**

Ms. Susan Zibrat, President  
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Vice President  
Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member  
Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member- *via telephone*  
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

**Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present**

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent  
Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary 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  
Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment  
Mr. James Burns, Executive Manager of Operational Support  
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

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

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Zibrat invited Dr. Baker to lead the Pledge.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

President Zibrat announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ, 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>**

*President Zibrat reminded the speakers of the Call to the Audience of the procedures.*

Ms. January Multhrup referenced the last Board meeting and said that she heard Board Members saying they are doing the best with what they have, and have felt underappreciated. Ms. Multhrup said that educators feel that way also. She said they should not get their information from a secondary source and should talk with educators. She suggested they talk to them before the meeting, or during

their breaks, and at invited events. She said Board Members should come down from the dais and visit schools to see what educators and students are doing. Ms. Multhrup closed by saying she believes the Board wants what is best for our community, same as educators do. When people feel they are listened to, they feel appreciated.

Mr. Daniel Roper said that he was disappointed that the ability to submit a public comment through emails was removed. He said that we are still wearing masks and practicing social distancing which shows we are still in the pandemic. He noted that during summer months people are traveling and listening to the meeting remotely. He felt having the option to send in public comments would be beneficial and requested that the Board reconsider that option.

Ms. Lisa Millerd, Amphitheater High School (AHS) teacher and Amphi Education Association (AEA) President, talked about why unions are important and that AEA advocates and supports employees. She said the goals of the union are the same as the District's. She said AEA is requesting to work directly in the decision making process through committees, scheduled meetings, texts or phone calls, and casual conversations. She then sang Solidarity Forever.

*President Zibrat read the Call to the Audience procedures for the remaining speaker.*

Mr. Travis Green, an Amphi parent, said masks should come to an end. He feels masks damage kids mentally and emotionally. He said there are not enough breaks from the masks. Kids can't get vaccinated and they don't spread the virus. He pleaded to the Board to get rid of the masks and let kids be kids.

## **5. INFORMATION<sup>2</sup>**

### **A. Superintendent's Report; Update on Pandemic Conditions and Operations**

*For Superintendent's Power Point Presentation see Exhibit 1.*

President Zibrat asked Superintendent Jaeger to give his report.

Superintendent Jaeger began his Power Point Presentation with events in the District that recently took place.

The members of the Girls Who Code Club at Canyon del Oro High School participated in the SheTech Virtual Conference last week. The conference featured women innovators including Olympians, a NASA engineer, and corporate leaders who shared their experiences and inspired participants to carve their own paths in technology careers.

On Earth Day, second graders at Lulu Walker Elementary School took their learning outdoors for an egg drop. The goal was to create a protective vessel to keep the egg safe after being dropped from the second floor.

Amphitheater High School helped an exchange student from Italy realize his dream of playing tennis in America last week. The student, who attends Pueblo High School did not have enough players to make a team. When Coach Danehy from Amphi heard this, he arranged for the match.

Donaldson Elementary School's third graders started Book Madness earlier this month. Book Madness is a competition during which students read 16 books, used their comprehension skills to understand each one, made connections to the texts, and voted for a favorite book.

Prince Elementary School celebrated their 13 University of Arizona student teachers with a graduation march last week. Prince students were so excited to help celebrate their student teachers!

Superintendent Jaeger thanked the Amphi Foundation for their continued support of our students with their Shoes to Smiles program. On April 17, 2021 they held an open house at the Amphi Clothing Bank and distributed over 3,500 clothing items to District students.

Superintendent Jaeger then gave an update on the pandemic conditions, noting big improvements since the last update. Pima County indicators, as of April 22, 2021, were all in the green except one that was yellow.

Disease Data Indicators: cases over two (2) consecutive weeks; is in the yellow zone; percent positivity; COVID-19 like illnesses are both in the green.

Health System Availability: lab testing availability and utilization; adequate hospital bed capacity to care for two (2) times the current COVID-19 cases (+surge) – statewide; sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for emergency responders are all in the green.

Public Health Tracking and Investigation: timely case investigation; testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours; facilities/support for patients who cannot be discharged home – statewide are all in the green.

For the week of April 11, 2021, Superintendent Jaeger said there were 56 cases per 100,000 individuals in Pima County and the COVID-19 test positivity rate was 3.0 %. The transmission category remains substantial. He said when Pima County is in low transmission category, then masks can come off. Last week Superintendent Jaeger met with Pima County Health Department personnel who have advised that when students are outside they may remove their masks.

He understands it is hard and everyone is tired of the many mitigations that are in place to stop the spread of the virus. He thanked everyone for their patience, understanding, and efforts through it all. The mitigation efforts are necessary and are working.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Dr. Lopez to update the Board on the learning recovery programs in the District.

Dr. Lopez talked about the Amp Up! summer 2021 programs for Amphi students that is being funded by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. These summer programs are free to Amphi students. She explained that the elementary program's theme is The Amazing Race, where students will explore new cultures, learn about places around the world, read fiction and non-fiction texts, and complete exciting STEM challenges. Middle School students will have a variety of classes to choose from, including electives and core classes. High School students will also have a variety of classes to choose from, including electives and core classes for credit. These summer school classes are designed to excite and engage young minds and help students get ready for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Lopez said that summer school enrollment in the elementary schools is at 1,120 students, middle school is at 145, and high school enrollment is 348.

Dr. Lopez reviewed the Recovery, Intervention, Support, Enrichment (RISE) program. The new high school program is designed to help students recover credits. Classes are held on Wednesday nights and Saturdays. Amphitheater High School has 28 students participating in the program, Ironwood Ridge High School has 31 students participating in the program, and Canyon del Oro High School has 53 students participating in the program. She then noted that 43 students have completed either half or full credits so far. This program ends May 1, 2021.

Registration for the Amp Up! summer sessions are available on the Amphi website at <https://www.amphi.com/Domain/5052>.

Vice President Day asked what electives are being offered to the students. Dr. Lopez answered that at the high school level they are offering early childhood, an internship, weight training, construction, and auto mechanics.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA<sup>3</sup>**

*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 there were any Items that should be pulled for further discussion. There were none. Mr. Kopec moved for Consent Agenda Items A. – X. be approved as presented. Vice President Day seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor – 5. President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, Mr. Kopec. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items A. – X. passed.*

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

*Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 2.*

### **B. Approval of Personnel Changes**

*Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.*

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

*Leave(s) of absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.*

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

*Separation(s) and termination(s) were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.*

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

*Stipends for coaching volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.*

### **F. Approval of Salary Change for Elementary Principals to Address Added Workdays Due to Their Transition to a 12-Month Administrator Contract**

*The Governing Board approved the salary change for Elementary Principals as presented in Exhibit 7.*

### **G. Approval of 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Contract Forms for Individuals Hired from Outside of the District**

*The Governing Board approved the 2021-2022 fiscal year contract forms as presented in Exhibit 8.*

### **H. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

*The Governing Board approved minutes of the March 9, 2021 and March 23, 2021 meetings as presented in Exhibit 9 and 10.*

### **I. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$1,498,675.79**

*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 11.*

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1254	\$5,896.59	1255	\$78,558.97	1256	\$47,796.17
1257	\$147,772.48	1258	\$113,890.92	1259	\$45,963.96
1260	\$7,055.51	1261	\$709,334.34	1263	\$42,712.78
1264	\$223,759.84	1265	\$36,170.07	1266	\$39,764.16

### **J. Acceptance of Gifts**

*Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as listed in Exhibit 12.*

### **K. Receipt of March 2021 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances**

*The Governing Board approved the March 2021 report on school auxiliary and club balances as submitted in Exhibit 13.*

### **L. Receipt of Monthly Status Report for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

*The Governing Board approved the monthly status report for fiscal year 2021 as submitted in Exhibit 14.*

**M. Approval of Sole Source Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022**

*The Governing Board approved the sole source designation for The Center for the Future of Arizona for the remainder of fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022.*

**N. Award of Contract for Fire Sprinkler System Maintenance, Repair and Related Services - Request for Proposals (RFP) 03-30-2021**

*The Governing Board approved AP Fire Protection as the highest qualified vendor and authorized the Administration to negotiate any other agreements or contract terms that the Administration determines to be fair and reasonable for the awarded contract. It has been determined that a multi-term contract is in the best interests of the District. The contract will be effective July 1, 2021 for the initial one-year term, with four one-year renewal options, total contract length not to exceed five years.*

**O. Award of Contract for Fire Extinguisher and Kitchen Hood Fire Suppression System Maintenance and Repair Based on Response to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 04-13-2021**

*The Governing Board approved to award a contract to Metro Fire based on their bid response to IFB 04-13-2021. This contract will be for fiscal year 2020-2021 with four one-year renewal options.*

**P. Approval of Out of State Travel**

*The Governing Board approved out of state travel requests as listed in Exhibit 15.*

**Q. Award of Contract for K-12 Textbook Adoption for English Language Arts (ELA) RFP #1-21-2021**

*The Governing Board approved Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Reading (K-5) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Literature (6-12) as the core English Language Arts textbooks beginning with the 2021-2022 school year as presented.*

**R. Approval to Distribute Bonus Monies Received Pursuant to A.R.S.§15-249.06(C)**

*The Governing Board approved the distribution of bonus monies received pursuant to A.R.S.§15-249.06(C) and as presented in Exhibit 16.*

**S. Arizona K12 Center Grant**

*The Governing Board approved the Arizona K12 Center grant as submitted in Exhibit 17.*

**T. Approval of Fireworks for Canyon del Oro High School Graduation Ceremonies**

*The Governing Board approved the proposed fireworks displays at Canyon del Oro High School graduation on May 18, 2021 as submitted in Exhibit 18.*

**U. Approval of Revision to the 2021-2022 Governing Board Meeting Schedule**

*The Governing Board approved the revision to the 2021-2022 Governing Board meeting schedule as presented in Exhibit 19.*

**V. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Additional Preschool Classes**

*The Governing Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for additional preschool classes as presented in Exhibit 20.*

**W. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Amphitheater High School Building H Hot Water Heater Replacement**

*The Governing Board approved the School Facilities Board (SFB) grant for Amphitheater High School building H hot water heater replacement as submitted in Exhibit 21.*

**X. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for La Cima Middle School Music Room HVAC Blower Replacement**

*The Governing Board approved the School Facilities Board (SFB) grant for La Cima Middle School music room HVAC blower replacement as submitted in Exhibit 22.*

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

**A. Executive Session for Discussion or Consultation with the Attorneys of the Public Body, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or (4), Concerning the Governing Board's "H Series" Policies**

*President Zibrat asked for a motion to hold Executive Session. Vice President Day moved to recess the Open Meeting to hold an Executive Session for Discussion of Items 7. A., 1. & 2. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor 5: President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Opposed - 0. President Zibrat proclaimed they were in Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.*

**8. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

*President Zibrat reconvened the public meeting at 7:18*

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>**

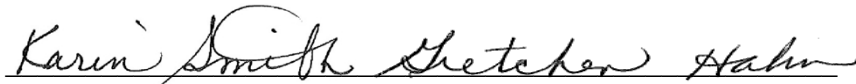
There were none.

**10. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Dr. Baker requested the Board consider allowing people to email their public comments to be read at Board meetings.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*President Zibrat asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Day so moved. President Zibrat seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Zibrat, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Roll call vote opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.*



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval  
Karin Smith, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board  
Gretchen Hahn, Secretary III, Governing Board Office

June 2, 2021

Date

June 8, 2021

Date

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Susan Zibrat, Governing Board President