



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

DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 2012

TITLE: Executive Session, Pursuant to § 38-431.03(A)(1), in Order to:

a) Interview Finalist Candidates for the Position of Superintendent

BACKGROUND: Since January, the Governing Board, utilizing the Arizona School Boards Association as a consultant, has been conducting a search for a new superintendent, following Dr. Balentine's announcement that she will be retiring at the conclusion of her current contract.

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.

This agenda item will allow for the interview of the finalist candidates in executive session. Following the Governing Board's interviews of the candidates, the candidates will also attend forums at Cross Middle School, in the Cafeteria as follows:

Thursday, April 12, 2012	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Employee Forum
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Thursday, April 12, 2012	6:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m. Community Forum
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Following these upcoming events, the Governing Board may meet in executive session on Friday, April 13, to go into executive session to discuss the candidates. Following executive session, the Board may 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: It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board convene an executive session for the purpose of interviewing the finalist applicants for the position of Superintendent, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).

INITIATED BY:



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Date: April 11, 2012



Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent