# Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting Amphitheater Public Schools Tuesday, June 8, 2021

A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, June 8, 2021, beginning at 6:00 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. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Vice President

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member

Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

## **Governing Board Members Absent**

Ms. Susan Zibrat, President

Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member

## **Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present**

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

Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education

Mr. Michael Bejarano, Associate Superintendent for Secondary 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 21st Century Education

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

Vice President Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Day invited Mr. Matt Munger to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 3. <u>ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT SPECIAL GOVERNING</u> BOARD MEETING

Vice President Day announced that the next Special Governing Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ, 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

#### 4. RECOGNITIONS

## A. Recognition of 2021 Ironwood Ridge High School State Track and Field Runner-Up

Superintendent Jaeger invited Ironwood Ridge High School Principal, Mr. Matt Munger, to introduce this recognition. Mr. Munger thanked the Governing Board and Superintendent Jaeger for recognizing their student athlete and informed them that Logan Marek was out of town with his family as is Coach Smith. Mr. Munger said that Logan has just finished his junior year at Ironwood Ridge High School and is a multi-sport athlete. He is a gifted, phenomenal distance runner, and has a GPA of 3.5. Logan was the State Runner Up in the 1600-meter race, with a time of 4:12.39, breaking an 11-year-old school record. Mr. Munger said Logan is a mentor to the younger students, a leader to his team and he looks forward to his upcoming year.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Mr. Munger was presented with certificates of recognition for Logan and Coach Smith.

## B. Recognition of 2021 Canyon del Oro High School State Track and Field Champion

Superintendent Jaeger invited Canyon del Oro High School Principal, Ms. Tara Bulleigh, to introduce this recognition. Ms. Bulleigh thanked the Governing Board and Superintendent Jaeger for taking the time to recognize the student athletes. She then invited Canyon del Oro's Athletic Director, Mr. Marco Dominguez and Track Head Coach, Ms. Michelle Gerard, to introduce Ethan Seppala.

Mr. Dominguez said that the spotlight belongs on the coach and the student athletes. He noted how challenging this year was because of the many changes to practice, mask-wearing, etc. He congratulated all the coaches and students who endured this year, and then invited Coach Gerard to introduce this year's champion.

Ms. Gerard introduced Ethan Seppala. Ethan is the State Champion in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 38.32 at the Arizona State Division II Track and Field Competition. She said Ethan is a four-year varsity track athlete and has played varsity football for two years. Ethan went to State in four events this year and broke two school records, 4 by 400 and the 300 hurdles. He was the recipient of the "Live Like Leso" award, an award given to the track athlete who exhibits the quality of being a good teammate, a hard worker, a good student, and funny. Ethan graduated with a 3.3 GPA and will be attending Northern Arizona University (NAU) studying Civil Engineering and will be a member of the NAU track team.

Ethan thanked the Governing Board and Superintendent Jaeger for this recognition. He came with his family and girlfriend.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Ethan and Coach Gerard were presented with a certificate of recognition. To mark the occasion, a group picture with Ethan, his guests, coach, assistant principal, principal, Governing Board, and Superintendent Jaeger was taken.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>

There were none.

#### 6. INFORMATION<sup>2</sup>

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

For Superintendent's Power Point Presentation see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger updated the Board on the AmpUp! Summer Program. The program is funded by the Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) and is the largest attended summer school in district history. There are 1,100 students participating in the elementary program, 713 in middle and high school, and 360 in the online summer school program.

Elementary students are involved in a program called the "Amazing Race." In each session, students "visit" different areas in the world. They learn about these destinations through hands-on, minds-on projects. So far, they have visited the Grand Canyon and Australia. At Copper Creek Elementary, students made bridges to help visitors cross the Grand Canyon. At Donaldson Elementary students made instruments to play and take advantage of the acoustics in the Sydney Opera House in Australia. Each student will take home a stamped passport, a suitcase with their projects, and four books to add to their home libraries.

Middle school students have a variety of choices, including a virtual tour of Tucson where they learned about destinations and businesses. They are learning about safety equipment, sewing machines, artwork, travel, and more. At the high school level, traditional summer school classes are offered, as well as new programs, including CTE courses. Students are enjoying the Early Childhood and Bioscience programs.

Amphi's Summer Institute is providing opportunities for professional development for staff, including the National Board Certified Teacher Pre-Candidacy workshop. Other sessions include training for how best to implement Picture Perfect STEM for K-5, i-Ready in grades 3 to 5, using data and resources to support and accelerate students, personalized competency-based learning for K-12, several technology-related classes, AVID for grades 6-12, sessions for music specialists in K-12, and Everyday Math for K-5.

Superintendent Jaeger then updated the Board on current public health metrics. He noted that Pima County is still in the yellow category for disease data, reminding the Board that the information is delayed two weeks. For the week of May 23, 2021, there were 26 cases per 100,000 individuals testing positive for COVID-19 which is down from the last report in May. Pima County is still in the Moderate Transmission category and will need to be below 10 cases per 100,000 individuals before being in the Low Transmission category.

Superintendent Jaeger reviewed the guidance for wearing masks. He said on April 19, 2021, Governor Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services rescinded their orders requiring schools and school districts to have a policy enforcing mask-wearing. Pima County repealed the local mask mandate on May 14, 2021. However, they still recommended that masks be worn in schools. On May 26, 2021, the District informed staff and families about updates to its regulations regarding face-coverings. The District continues to require all individuals to wear a cloth face-covering while indoors at any Amphitheater facility, including classrooms, while indoors at any District event, on school buses, and any District vehicle containing more than one person. He explained masks are not required when on the playground, play field, parking lot, or other outdoors area where six feet of physical distance can be maintained. When students are on campus for summer school, face-coverings must be worn in outdoor breezeways. However, employees do not have to wear a face-covering when moving through an outdoor breezeway at times when students are not on campus, as long as

a continuous physical distance of at least six feet from all other individuals can be maintained. While inside, students may remove face-coverings during times determined by a school administrator to be appropriate, including for eating and drinking, and other designated "face-covering breaks". He said employees can continue to remove face-coverings when alone in a classroom, as well as to eat and drink, but should continue to wear one in common areas, such as a staff lounge and bathrooms.

Superintendent Jaeger offered to answer any questions. There were none.

# **B.** Status of Construction Projects

Mr. Burns presented the following report on the Construction projects throughout the District. For detailed information on the Status of Construction Projects report see Exhibit 2.

Mr. Burns said that the Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) monies are dependent on funding from the state, and therefore some projects are not going forward at this time. He cautioned the Board that due to the skyrocketing costs of materials, when the project is to begin some of the vendors may ask for change orders, to reflect the increase in their costs.

Amphitheater High School (AHS) Bond projects include initial drawings for building H Preschool design, the installation of three water bottle fillers, exterior wrought iron fence painting and re-painting the fence between Library/Fine Arts and the Library/Nurses buildings. Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) projects include a structural evaluation of the 300 wing, and the AHS main gym roof replacement.

<u>Canyon del Oro High School</u> (CDO) Bond projects include east parking lot repaving, main central plant renovation, evaporative cooler replacement for the woodshop, locker room renovation, and the installation of a water bottle filler. SFB projects include campus roofing phase II for buildings BN, P and O and evaporative cooler replacements for the north gym.

<u>Ironwood Ridge High School</u> (IRHS) Bond projects include the installation of a water bottle filler. SFB projects include roofing replacement to buildings A and E which are 100% complete, buildings B, C and D which are 90% complete, and building F which is 15% complete. The weatherization design for buildings E and F has been submitted for approval.

Amphitheater Middle School (AMS) Bond projects include summer 2021 improvements to the art room including new sink, countertops and backsplash. Also, the installation of a water bottle filler, and the 600 building south Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement.

<u>Copper Creek Elementary School</u> Bond projects include summer 2021 kitchen air conditioning replacement, and the installation of three water bottle fillers. SFB projects include the multipurpose room (MPR) roof assessment.

<u>Coronado K-8 School</u> Bonds projects include the installation of four water bottle fillers and a fall break project to power wash and re-paint the exterior of the administration building.

<u>Cross Middle School</u> Bond projects include summer 2021 campus wide public address (PA) improvements by adding supplementary interior and exterior speakers, new underground cable, interior cable, wireless clocks and the installation of four water bottle fillers. SFB projects include the roof replacement.

<u>Donaldson Elementary School</u> Bond projects include the air conditioning replacement for building K and the installation of two water bottle fillers.

<u>El Hogar</u> Bond projects include building A carpet replacement, and buildings B and D HVAC replacement.

<u>Harelson Elementary School</u> Bond projects include the installation of three water bottle fillers. SFB projects include the design P.O. issued for the Funhouse weatherization.

<u>Holaway Elementary School</u> Bond projects include the installation of three water bottle fillers, east side security fence improvements, and the evaluation of single point of entry at the front office. The design is in process for the replacement of the main switchgear.

<u>Keeling Elementary School</u> Bond projects include the installation of three water bottle fillers.

<u>La Cima Middle School</u> Bond projects include the installation of three water bottle fillers.

Mesa Verde Elementary School SFB projects include the roof replacement.

<u>Painted Sky Elementary School</u> Bond projects include summer 2021 phase 2 exterior security fence painting and the installation of four water bottle fillers.

Prince Elementary School Bond projects include the installation of three water bottle fillers.

<u>Rillito Center</u> SFB projects include the approval of the design grant for buildings A and D weatherization.

Rio Vista Elementary School Bond projects include the installation of four water bottle fillers.

Walker Elementary School Bond projects include the installation of four water bottle fillers.

Wilson Elementary School Bond projects include the fire alarm system replacement which is 50% complete, classrooms 657 and 661 carpet installation, and the MPR and central plant conduit installation.

Mr. Burns asked if there were any questions. Ms. Cox Golder was concerned about the potential increase in costs from the contractors, and asked how long the prices on construction bids are valid. He responded that depending on how the contracts are written, they are typically in effect for 90 to 120 days.

Vice President Day thanked him for his report. There were no more questions.

#### C. Periodic Legislative Update

For the Education Bills Signed by Governor to Date information see Exhibit 3.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Ms. Tong to give a review of what is happening in the legislature.

Ms. Tong said that since her last update on May 11, 2021, there has been very little activity in the legislature. She spoke briefly about the Education Bills signed by the Governor to date, and encouraged Governing Board members and the community to look at the information that is on the agenda to see what has happened so far this year.

Ms. Tong concluded by saying they are still working on the budget, and hopefully when she presents the next update there will be more information.

#### 7. 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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Vice President Day asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A. - N. as presented. Ms. Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items A. - N. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor -3. Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, Mr. Kopec. Opposed -0. Consent Agenda Items A. - N. passed.

### A. Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel

Administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

### B. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

### **C.** Approval of Personnel Changes

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.

## D. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Leave(s) of absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 7.

#### E. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s)

Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 8.

# F. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for coaching volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 9.

### G. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Previous minutes for Governing Board Meetings April 13, 2021, April 27, 2021, and May 25, 2021 were approved as listed in Exhibits 10, 11, and 12.

# H. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,241,960.94

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 submitted in Exhibit 13.

Voucher#	Amount	Voucher#	Amount	Voucher#	Amount
1295	\$143,455.73	1296	\$146,191.50	1297	\$36,483.47
1298	\$73,866.60	1299	\$869,819.12	1300	\$64,083.59
1301	\$1,465.57	1302	\$3,526.50	1303	\$60,636.03
1305	\$304,757.03	1306	\$228,046.60	1307	\$29,020.29
1308	\$234,420.45	1309	\$44,315.46	1310	\$1,873.00

# I. Award of Contract for Security Guard Services - Request for Proposals (RFP) 05-06-2021

The Governing Board approved the award of contract for security guard services to Blackstone Security.

J. Correction of Contract Effective Date - 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 the correction to award a contract to Metro Fire based on their bid response to IFB 04-13-2021. This contract will be for fiscal year 2021-2022 with four one-year renewal options.

# K. Approval of One-Time Permission for Human Resources Manager and Payroll Manager to Sell Back Unused Vacation Days from FY 2020-2021 Due to Work Obligations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Governing Board approved the one-time permission for human resources manager and payroll manager to sell back unused vacation days from FY 2020-2021 due to work obligations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### L. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved request for out of state travel.

# M. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint Technological Education District No. 11

The Governing Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint TechnologicaEducation District No. 11 as presented in Exhibit 14.

# N. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Grant for Cross Middle School Roof Replacement Design Supplemental

The Governing Board approved the School Facilities Board (SFB) grant for Cross Middle School roof replacement design supplemental as submitted in Exhibit 15.

#### 8. STUDY

# A. Presentation of the Amphitheater Public Schools Technology Skills Scope and Sequence Articulated by Grade Level (K-12)

Vice President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the item. Superintendent Jaeger invited Lauren McIntyre, Director of Instructional Technology to present the report.

Ms. McIntyre said when she joined the District five years ago, she needed to learn more about the "Amphi Way". She felt the best way to accomplish that was to ask the teachers, since she needed to determine how technology is being integrated in the classroom and what students and teachers need to know.

Throughout the process, she learned that being able to incorporate technology in the classroom was dependent on the skill level of the students. She talked about the challenge's students of all grades encounter as they learn about technology. To be successful, students must first acquire the necessary technology skills in order to be able to learn from it. Ms. McIntyre said it was critical that all students in the District learn technology strands, concepts and skills. She said state and national standards were used by a team of instructional tech coaches to determine the specific needs of the District. She explained drafts were presented at each grade level, and staff were surveyed to see if any changes needed to be made. Ms. McIntyre said the result was the Technology Skills Scope and Sequence Articulated by Grade Level (K-12). The 65-page document has five strands, sixteen concepts, and 78 skills, with vertical alignment so that teachers can see what skills students have, and the additional skills that need to be covered. She said the document will help the District move forward, and will be adjusted as education standards and expectations change.

Ms. McIntyre concluded saying the adoption of the Technology Skills Scope and Sequence Articulated by Grade Level (K-12) document will assist the District in reaching a goal of the "Portrait of a Graduate".

She offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Vice President Day wanted to give her a "shoutout" and thanked her for being a lifeline to so many teachers, as they navigated teaching via Zoom. She also thanked her for the hard work in creating the Technology Skills Scope and Sequence.

Ms. Cox Golder echoed Vice President Day's comments.

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

There were none.

# 10. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kopek asked to have information about the new bus and bell schedule. Vice President Day asked for a review or study about athletic eligibility.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Day moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 3: Vice President Day, Ms. Cox Golder, and Mr. Kopec. Roll call vote opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 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	<u>June 21 , 2021</u> Date
Susan Zibrat, Governing Board President	June 22, 2021 Date