



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **May 25, 2021**

**TITLE:**            **Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Administration presents the candidates identified herein to the Governing Board for review and approval for hire for 2021-2022 school year. Appointments are current as of May 24, 2021.

**1. Appointment for Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education**

When the position of Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education became vacant, the position was advertised as open and the applicants reviewed. A committee of administrators screened four files of qualified candidates for the position. Candidates were screened by Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications; Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment; AJ Malis, Principal of Amphitheater High School; Matt Munger, Principal of Ironwood Ridge High School; Carol Tracy, Principal of Mesa Verde Elementary School; and Linda Haller, Assistant Director of Student Services.

Based on the file review, the following three candidates were brought forward for interview on May 14, 2021: Tassi Call, Cindy Lewis, and Kathryn Zanin. The interview committee consisted of the following individuals:

- Michelle Tong, Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel, Chair<sup>1</sup>
- Darlene Mansouri, Director of Federal Programs
- Tara Bulleigh, Principal of Canyon del Oro High School
- Elizabeth Jacome, Principal of Coronado K-8 School
- Julie Valenzuela, Principal of La Cima Middle School
- Vanessa Hill, REACH Co-Chair and Teacher, Rio Vista Elementary and Keeling Elementary
- Erin Englehard, Special Education Facilitator and Teacher, Copper Creek Elementary
- Elyse Greenberg, Kindergarten Teacher, Donaldson Elementary

Based on the ratings of the school-based committee, Tassi Call was recommended for a finalist interview with Superintendent Todd Jaeger.

The Superintendent recommends **Tassi Call** for the position of Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education for FY 2021-2022.

**2. Re-Appointment of ASRS Retiree Returning to Work Administrators**

In addition, Administration also recommends that the Governing Board approve issuing FY 2021-2022 contracts to the ASRS retired administrators presented on the attachment to this agenda item.

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<sup>1</sup> As Chair, Ms. Tong did not evaluate the interview candidates or serve as a voting member of the committee.

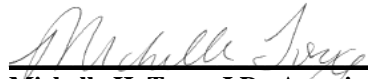
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the appointment(s) be approved as presented.

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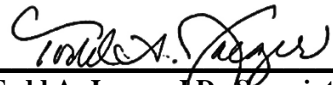
**INITIATED BY:**



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Michelle H. Tong, J.D., Associate to the Superintendent

Date: May 24, 2021



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Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

5/25/2021

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
APPOINTMENTS**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE	CT/CL	LOCATION	LEVEL	EXP CREDIT	ADD'L INFO	RECOMMENDED BY	COMMENT
Haller	Linda	Assistant Director of Student Se	CT-AD-RET	Rillito Center			Rehire		*\$75,150.65
Lopez	Roseanne	Associate Superintendent	CT-AD-RET	Wetmore Center			Rehire		*\$17,558.52
Call	Tassi	Associate Superintendent of Ele	CT-AD	Wetmore Center	CAB-A	0 Years	Promotion	Mr. Jaeger	*

*	2021-2022 School Year								
Addendum	Former employee or new hire receiving extra-curricular position	HSP	High School Principal	ADCT	Addendum Certified				
New	New hire filling a newly created position	MSP	Middle School Principal	ADCL	Addendum Classified				
Rehire	Former employee returning to a position in the district	ESP	Elementary School Principal	ADACS	Addendum Amphi Community Schools				
Replacement	New hire filling a vacated position	HSA	High School Assistant Principal	ADDM	Addendum Only				
Rescind	Declined position after appointment	MSA	Assistant Middle School Principal	CT-AD	Certified Administrative				
		ESA	Elementary Assistant Principal	CT	Certified				
		SAS	Support Administrator	CL-AD	Classified Administrative				
				CL	Classified				
				PR	Professional				
				ASW	Student Worker				

## TASSI CALL

### EDUCATION

University of Arizona Superintendent Certificate PreK-12	2016
Northern Arizona University Masters of Education, Educational Leadership	1999
University of Arizona Bachelor of Arts, Psychology	1994

### AWARDS

<b>Rodel Exemplary Principal</b> Mentored three Rodel Aspiring Principals over a two year period. After the mentorship, all three of my mentees received principalships and remain principals. Designed and delivered a workshop for Aspiring Principals, "Collaborative School Environments and Family and Community Involvement."	May 2011
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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Amphitheater Public School District</b> <b>Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education</b> Member of the Superintendent's Cabinet. Oversees Career and Technical Education, developing and evaluating all CTE programs in the District's middle and high schools. Directs and oversees the AVID program, K-12. Acts as a liaison between the District and various community and state committees and industry professionals. Coordinates local, state and federal CTE funding to enhance school reform and academic improvement, with the goal of preparing students for work and/or future education and training upon high school graduation. Collaborates with post-secondary institutions on dual enrollment, alternative pathways and transition programs. Supports CTE and AVID teachers with curriculum development and designs a variety of professional development for both certified and classified employees throughout the District. Lead facilitator on multiple committees throughout the District.	2017 to present
<b>Amphitheater Public School District</b> <b>Principal, Amphitheater Middle School and Prince Elementary School</b> Turnaround Principal at AMS. Reformed AMS from a school in third year corrective action, to a school labeled a high "C" from the state. Created systems that helped increase student achievement. Responsible for over 1,300 students and 150 certified and classified employees. Supported and led a multi-million dollar bond project by designing a new administration building, new classroom building and remodel of a historic gym on the AMS campus. Launched AVID schoolwide, K-8. Turnaround Principal at Keelling Elementary in 2015. Asked to go into the school and help restructure the academic programs and systems.	2010- 2017
<b>Amphitheater Public School District</b> <b>Principal, Prince Elementary School</b> Increased student achievement. Moved from a low "C" to a high "B" on the current state label system. Became a No Excuses University School. Led a committee of teachers and principals to develop a standards-based report card for the Amphitheater School District, K-5. Supported and led Multi-million dollar bond project, helped design a new building and remodel classrooms on the Prince Elementary campus.	2007-2010
<b>Amphitheater Public School District</b> <b>Assistant Principal, Coronado K-8</b> In four years, helped Coronado go from a "Performing" school to an "Excelling" school. Implemented new reading and math programs in the Elementary School. Responsible for professional development and evaluation of the programs. Began a PBIS model of reward system for students to create positive school environment.	2003-2007

<p><b>Amphitheater Public School District</b>  <b>Assistant to the School Administration, Amphitheater Middle School</b>                  Led the ELD department and helped design and implement new ELD curriculum and evaluated its effectiveness. Began a PBIS model of reward system for students to create a positive school environment. Developed and led professional development on aligning the standards and creating common assessments.</p>	<p><b>2002-2003</b></p>
<p><b>Amphitheater Public School District</b>  <b>Supervisor of Prince Elementary School, Prince Elementary School</b>                  Responsible for 150 students and 13 staff members. Developed curriculum, hiring standards and school budget. Responsible for teacher observations and performance evaluations.</p>	<p><b>1998-2002</b></p>
<p><b>Amphitheater Public School District</b>  <b>Teacher, Prince Elementary School</b>                  Taught both second and fifth grades. Schoolwide math facilitator. Designed and implemented curriculum structures to meet diverse needs of students. Community involvement through PTO and School Management Team. Career Ladder mentoring of other teachers at Prince.</p>	<p><b>1996-2002</b></p>
<p><b>Daisy Mae's Steak House</b>  <b>Manager</b>                  Managed 15 staff members during a shift period. Problem-solved customers' wants and needs. Responsible for staff training and evaluations. Worked with staff to improve their skills daily. Facilitated the daily running operations of a successful business.</p>	<p><b>1993-2004</b></p>

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

<p>Board Member, Amphitheater Foundation</p>	<p><b>2019 to present</b></p>
<p>Board Member, Zona Volleyball Club</p>	<p><b>2008 to present</b></p>
<p>Vice-President of the Board, Canyon del Oro Little League</p>	<p><b>2007-2010</b></p>

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Learning Forward
- National Association of Elementary School Principals, NAESP
- National Association of Secondary School Principals, NASSP
- Association for Career and Technical Education, ACTE

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST