

**Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

Governing Board Members Present

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

Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mr. Matthew Munger, 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. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Mr. Richard C. La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

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

President Day called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm and invited members of the audience to sign the guest register.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to Recess Open Meeting and Hold an Executive Session for Consideration and Determination of Appeal of Long-term Suspension/Expulsion Hearing Officer's Decision Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(A), as well as the Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Expulsion Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) Regarding, Student # 30063593

2. Discussion and Consultation with Representatives of the Governing Board In Order to Consider its Position and Instruct Its Representatives in the Meet and Confer Process Pertaining to Policy, Compensation and Benefits for Certificated, Professional Non-Teaching, Support and Administrative Staff Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(5)

President Day asked for a motion to hold Executive Session. Vice President Cox Golder moved that the Board go into an Executive Session to address the matters identified in item 2. of the Board's agenda and pursuant to the legal authorities listed on the agenda under item 2. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed–0.

President Day proclaimed they were in Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

3. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

President Day reconvened the public meeting at 6:10 pm.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Jaeger introduced Mr. Andrew Szczepaniak, Principal of Amphi Academy Online (AAO). Mr. Szczepaniak introduced Aven and Samantha, two AAO students who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Baker thanked Aven and Samantha for leading the pledge and presented them with certificates of recognition.

5. RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ART

Mr. Szczepaniak introduced Ms. Cheryl Cook and Ms. Bonnie Keene, teachers from AAO, to discuss the displayed artwork. They each spoke about how elementary and secondary students used different techniques and materials to create artwork representing the Amphi Academy Online mascot, the lightning bolt.

Dr. Baker presented Ms. Cook and Ms. Keene with certificates of recognition. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Samantha, Aven, Ms. Cook, Ms. Keene, and Mr. Szczepaniak to mark the occasion.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Day announced that the next Regular Governing Board Meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

7. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of 2023 Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) Fair Winners

For the complete Recognition of 2023 SARSEF Winners see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger noted it was now his favorite time of the meeting; when students and staff are recognized for their achievements. He said that they would begin with winners from the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) fair and that the District made a tremendous showing at this year's competition.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Stephanie Hillig, Principal of Copper Creek Elementary School to come forward. Ms. Hillig was accompanied by Copper Creek Elementary School teacher Ms. Weiber and two of her students. Their class project "Keep the Wildlife Off the Playground" earned them a First-Place award. Ms. Hillig spoke a little about the project and thanked the Amphi Foundation for providing needed supplies.

President Day presented Ms. Weiber's class with a certificate of recognition. A picture was taken of the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Hillig, Ms. Weiber, and the Copper Creek Elementary School students to mark the occasion.

Ms. JJ Letts, Principal of Coronado K-8 School was asked to come forward next. Ms. Letts explained that her two students, who each received special awards for their projects at SARSEF were unable to attend the meeting, but she was happy to accept the certificates of recognition on their behalf.

Superintendent Jaeger asked the representatives from Harelson Elementary School to come forward. Harelson Elementary School teachers, Lindsay Wong, Robyn Yewell, and Angela Sieminski spoke about their award-winning class projects. Several students were also present and spoke briefly about their projects as well.

President Day and Ms. Zibrat presented the group with their certificates of recognition. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Wong, Ms. Yewell, Ms. Sieminski, and the Harelson Elementary School students.

Superintendent Jaeger invited Michael McConnell, Principal of Innovation Academy (IA) to speak about his school's accomplishments. Mr. McConnell shared that Innovation Academy submitted sixty projects to SARSEF and forty-five were recognized with awards. He asked the IA students and teachers present to come forward. Each of the students and teachers introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their projects.

President Day presented certificates of recognition to the students and teachers from Innovation Academy. A picture was taken with them, Mr. McConnell, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Jaeger.

Annette Orelup from Keeling Elementary School was invited to address the Governing Board next. Ms. Orelup shared that she was extremely proud of Keeling Elementary School teachers and students who submitted fourteen projects to SARSEF and each received recognition of some kind. Preschool teacher Karissa Weiler was present with one of her students and spoke about their class project which won a First-Place prize.

Dr. Baker presented a certificate of recognition to Ms. Weiler for her class project and Ms. Orelup was given certificates to distribute to the classes not present this evening. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Orelup, and Ms. Weiler to mark the occasion.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Laurie Sheber, Prince Elementary School Principal to come forward. Ms. Sheber invited Prince Elementary School teacher, Ms. Morgan White and a few of her students to join her. Ms. Sheber spoke about the project titled, “Run, Run Fast As You Can” which studied the effects of physical exercise and its impact on classroom behavior.

Dr. Baker presented Ms. White with a certificate of recognition for her class. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Sheber, Ms. White and the Prince Elementary School students.

Chris Gutierrez, Principal of Cross Middle School came forward and shared that Cross Middle School received sixteen awards from SARSEF for their projects. Students Brody, Emmy, Emilie, and Victoria were present and each shared a little about their individual projects. Mr. Gutierrez thanked all of the parents who helped support the students in completing their projects.

Dr. Baker presented the students with certificates of recognition. A picture was taken of the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Mr. Gutierrez, and the Cross Middle School students to mark the occasion.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Canyon del Oro High School (CDO) Principal, Ms. Tara Bulleigh, to present to the Governing Board. Ms. Bulleigh introduced student, Caroline Wichers, who spoke about her project, “Balance and Body Type: Cambré” and shared her findings.

Mr. Kopec presented Caroline with a certificate of recognition and a picture was taken with Caroline, Ms. Bulleigh, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Jaeger.

Dr. Orante Jenkins, Principal of Ironwood Ridge High School (IRHS) shared that student Amy Senkerik was unable to attend the meeting. Her project “Biofilm Lithography for Patterning a Bacterial Diagnostic” received a special recognition from SARSEF. Dr. Jenkins accepted the certificate of recognition from Mr. Kopec on her behalf.

B. Recognition of 2023 SARSEF Top Elementary School

Superintendent Jaeger stated that the District was very proud of Keeling Elementary School and asked Ms. Call to speak about this recognition.

Ms. Call invited Annette Orelup, Keeling Elementary School Principal, to come forward. She stated that she challenged Ms. Orelup to increase the focus of STEM at her school and with help from Mr. McConnell from Innovation Academy and the District STEM Coordinator, Ms. Pam Vandivort, Keeling Elementary School submitted fourteen projects to SARSEF and won fourteen awards, thus being named the 2023 SARSEF Top Elementary School. Ms. Call commended Ms. Orelup and the Keeling Elementary School teachers for all of their hard work this year.

Mr. Kopec presented Ms. Orelup with a certificate of recognition for Keeling Elementary School. A picture was taken with Ms. Orelup, Superintendent Jaeger, and the Governing Board.

C. Recognition of 2023 SARSEF Endorsed School

Superintendent Jaeger asked Ms. Call to introduce this item. Ms. Call stated that she was proud to share that Harelson Elementary School was named as the 2023 SARSEF Endorsed School. She invited 6th grade Harelson Elementary School teacher, Lindsey Wong, to come forward to accept the recognition and explained that the award was given to a school that integrates science and engineering concepts schoolwide. Harelson Elementary School teachers Ms. Robyn Yewell and Ms. Angela Sieminski were also present.

Ms. Wong spoke about how students start scientific exploration on day one and don't stop all year long. She shared that her sixth-grade students worked with the Harelson Elementary School kindergarteners on science projects this year and hopes this encourages even more science fair participation in years to come.

Mr. Kopec presented Harelson Elementary School with a certificate of recognition. A picture was taken with Ms. Wong, Ms. Yewell, Ms. Sieminski, Superintendent Jaeger, and the Governing Board to mark the occasion.

D. Recognition of Canyon del Oro High School Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Superintendent Jaeger explained that he meets with the students regularly throughout the year and appreciates their input about their school and the District, on behalf of themselves and their peers. He asked Canyon del Oro High School Principal, Ms. Tara Bulleigh, to introduce the students. Ms. Bulleigh thanked the Board and stated that some students were unable to attend because of their commitments to other activities.

Ms. Bulleigh introduced each of the students in attendance and spoke about their time on the advisory council, involvement in extracurricular activities, favorite class at CDO and their future plans. The students present were seniors Gavin Bourland and Cristian Hernandez, Junior Ernie Alvarez, Sophomores Gabriel Lujan and Leeah Payne, and Freshmen Keelynn Anderson, Lucio Castellini, Anthony Jimenez, and Alivia Peru. A PowerPoint presentation was shown with the names and pictures of each of the advisory members.

Ms. Zibrat presented each of the students with a certificate of recognition. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Bulleigh, and the CDO Student Advisory Council members.

E. Recognition of La Cima Middle School 2023 Flowing Wells Invitational Tournament Middle School Champions

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. Armando Soto, Director of Interscholastic Activities, to introduce the sports recognitions. Mr. Soto asked long-time La Cima Middle School Wrestling Coach, Brian Donahue to come forward with his team.

Mr. Donahue stated 9 members of the 16-person team were present this evening. The students present were Daniel Santos, Ray Cardenas, Josh Zaragoza, Abraham Yepis, Diego Diaz, Carter Moffit, Peter Visconti, David Guerrero, and Alan Jimenez. He spoke about how well the team had done at other tournaments as well as the Flowing Wells Invitational where they competed against twenty other teams to take home the victory. Mr. Donahue thanked his Assistant Coach Mario Cardenas, Basil Molina, and La Cima Athletic Director, Nick Woodard.

President Day presented the students and coaches with certificates of recognition. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Coach Donahue, Coach Cardenas, and the La Cima Middle School students to mark the occasion.

F. Recognition of Canyon del Oro High School 2022-2023 Division II Boys' and Girls' Wrestling Individual State Champion and State Runner-Ups

Mr. Soto shared that the CDO wrestling coach has a history of producing wrestlers who earn first or second place at the state tournament. He introduced Coach David Sholes who thanked the Governing Board for the opportunity to recognize wrestler, Kayden Luke. Coach Sholes stated that Kayden won the Division II State Championship in the 215lb weight class and had an undefeated season at 51-0. Coach Sholes shared that Kayden hopes to play football and wrestle in college, and that he thanks his parents, coaches, and brother for their support.

Coach Sholes mentioned that the two runner ups, Charles Croci and Sophia Gilbert were unable to attend this evening, but they worked hard all season and CDO was lucky to have them on the team.

President Day presented the CDO wrestlers and coaches with certificates of recognition. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Coach Sholes, and Kayden to mark the occasion.

G. Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards

President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to present the awards.

Superintendent Jaeger explained that during the school year a certificated and a classified staff member are recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education to present the March classified recipient, Mariano Moreno, Lead Custodian at Harelson Elementary School. Ms. Call explained that Mr. Moreno was unable to attend the meeting tonight. His principal, Stephanie Hayes, nominated him and since she was also unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Call read the nomination.

A video presentation was shown honoring Mr. Moreno for the work he has done in the District.

Mr. Moreno will receive a certificate of recognition from the Governing Board, a Distinguished Service Award and a gift card donated by the Amphi Foundation.

Superintendent Jaeger invited Bethany Papajohn, Principal at Painted Sky Elementary School to come forward to introduce the March certificated employee, Distinguished Service Award winner, Heather Oliver, Interventionist from Painted Sky Elementary School. Ms. Papajohn was accompanied by the District ELA Coordinator, Heidi Radtke. Ms. Papajohn noted that unbeknownst to each other, they had both nominated Ms. Oliver for the recognition. Ms. Papajohn read her nomination.

A video presentation was shown honoring Ms. Oliver and the work she has done in the District.

Ms. Zibrat asked Ms. Oliver if she would like to share anything. Ms. Oliver thanked her daughter, sister, and Painted Sky Elementary School colleagues for attending the meeting to support her. Ms. Zibrat presented Ms. Oliver with a certificate of recognition from the Governing Board, a Distinguished Service Award and a gift card donated by the Amphi Foundation.

A picture was taken of the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Oliver, Ms. Papajohn, and Ms. Radtke to mark the occasion.

H. Recognition of the 2023 United Way Literacy Champion Award Winner

Superintendent Jaeger asked Ms. Call to introduce this recognition. Ms. Call stated she was excited to introduce Reading Interventionist from Prince Elementary School, Jennifer Campbell. She spoke about the Literacy Champion Award and read a portion of the nomination that was written by Ms. Radtke. Ms. Call also remarked that Ms. Campbell received a standing ovation at the United Way awards breakfast. Ms. Campbell stated that she spoke at the awards

ceremony about literacy being a civil right and the great equalizer.

Ms. Zibrat commented that she was also at the awards breakfast and that Ms. Campbell's acceptance speech was very moving and received a standing ovation from the audience. She presented Ms. Campbell with a certificate of recognition from the Governing Board. A picture was taken with Ms. Campbell, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Jaeger.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that before the meeting went any further, he wanted to take a moment to commend Samuel Henson, Web and Digital Media Specialist for the District who films and edits all of the video pieces shown at the Governing Board meetings.

I. Recognition of National Board Certified Teacher Recipients and Renewals

President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to present the item. Superintendent Jaeger stated he was excited to introduce Karyn Vick-Frantziskonis who has been a teacher in the District for many years, is currently a Curriculum and Instructional Support Specialist, and has been a champion for the National Board Certification Program.

Ms. Vick-Frantziskonis shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the history of the National Board certification, the rigorous application process, and District Statistics as it relates to National Board Certification. Ms. Vick-Frantziskonis also spoke about the renewal or Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process for teachers.

Ms. Vick-Frantziskonis introduced the teachers who were present: Nina Brown from Painted Sky Elementary School who was receiving her first Certification and Shay Humphries from Donaldson Elementary School, Christine Roche from Cross Middle School, Brianne Ronnie from Painted Sky Elementary School, Cynthia Russell from Walker Elementary School, and Elizabeth Yeager from CDO High School who all received their Maintenance of Certification.

Ms. Zibrat commented on the hard work and dedication involved. She presented certificates of recognition to the teachers and a picture was taken of them, Ms. Vick-Frantziskonis, the Governing Board and Superintendent Jaeger.

J. Recognition of STEM School of Excellence and Teacher Excellence Award Winners

Superintendent Jaeger asked Ms. Call to speak about this recognition. Ms. Call asked Michael McConnell, Principal at Innovation Academy to come forward. She spoke about the process of becoming a STEM School of Excellence and how Innovation Academy had received this distinction two years in a row for their commitment to providing a robust and integrative STEM program. Mr. McConnell thanked the Governing Board and also spoke about the rigorous application process. He noted that IA is one of 17 schools being recognized and they are the only public elementary school to receive this award twice back-to-back. Mr. McConnell gave accolades to his staff for their achievements as this was really an honor bestowed to them. He went on to recognize teacher Trish Patchin specifically as she was selected for the Goodheart-Wilcox Teacher Excellence Award. He stated the nomination was based on a discussion he heard Ms. Patchin having with her class. Ms. Patchin explained that her students were talking about dead citrus trees on their campus, and they began an investigation to find out what was causing this to happen. Their investigation led them to discover that the soil composition and improper drainage were the problems. She shared that the students and their families have changed the soil content and planted new trees. They will continue to monitor the replanted trees and apply new things they have learned about soil through the process.

Dr. Baker presented Mr. McConnell with a certificate of recognition for Innovation Academy and for Ms. Patchin for her award.

K. Recognition of the National Science Teaching Association, Corteva Excellence in Agricultural Science Education Award Winner

Mr. McConnell stated that because of Ms. Patchin's Goodheart-Wilcox Teacher Excellence Award and knowing the work she had done with her students and the trees on campus, he

encouraged her to complete the application packet for the National Science Teaching Association recognition. He noted that these awards are very competitive, but was pleased to find out that Ms. Patchin had indeed won the honor. She received the award at the NSTA conference last week.

Dr. Baker presented Ms. Patchin with another certificate of recognition. Ms. Patchin thanked her teaching partner, Ms. Cordell for her support.

A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Mr. McConnell, and Ms. Patchin to mark the occasion.

President Day stated the agenda order was going to be reordered and Item 10. Consent Agenda would be presented at this time. See below for motion and vote.

10. CONSENT AGENDA (Taken out of order)

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 Day asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion.

Superintendent Jaeger requested Item A. be held for separate consideration.

President Day asked for a motion. Vice President Cox Golder moved for Consent Agenda Items 10. B.-L. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 10. B.-L. passed.

Superintendent Jaeger recommended Rowdy Frederiksen for the position of Assistant Principal of Ironwood Ridge High School for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. He stated that Mr. Frederiksen is currently the Principal of Holaway Elementary School. He spoke about his educational background, teaching and work experience.

In addition, he recommended Susan Shoopman for the position of Assistant Principal of Wilson K-8 School for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. He said Ms. Shoopman is currently serving as an interim Assistant Principal at Wilson K-8 School. Superintendent Jaeger talked about her educational background, and prior teaching and administrative positions with the Amphitheater School District.

Superintendent Jaeger then recommended David Humphreys for the position of Principal of La Cima Middle School for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. He explained that Mr. Humphreys has been the interim Principal of La Cima Middle School since January. He spoke about his educational background, teaching, coaching and work experience with the District.

Vice President Cox Golder moved for Item 10. A. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Item 10. A. passed.

A picture of Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Frederiksen, Ms. Shoopman, the Governing Board and Superintendent Jaeger was taken to mark the occasion.

President Day called for an eleven-minute break for a reception and the opportunity to congratulate the newly appointed administrators and their families.

President Day reconvened the meeting at 8:35pm. She stated Vice President Cox Golder was no longer in attendance.

A. Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel

Administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 6.

B. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 7.

C. Approval of Personnel Changes

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 8.

D. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Leave(s) of absence were approved as listed in Exhibit 9.

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

Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 10.

F. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 11.

G. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved the February 28, 2023 and the March 7, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted in Exhibit 12-13.

H. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,503,179.10

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 14.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1294	\$100,087.63	1295	\$128,216.02	1296	\$125,290.11
1297	\$139,234.15	1298	\$172,248.85	1299	\$108,520.77
1301	38,321.24	1302	\$42,850.77	1303	\$3,177.72
1304	\$56,965.20	1305	\$1,529.18	1306	\$373,071.82
1307	\$122,718.34	1308	\$111,344.30	1309	\$608,463.37
1310	\$341.65	1311	\$55,795.32	1312	\$312,922.60
1314	\$2,080.06				

I. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 15.

J. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2022-2023

The Governing Board approved CDO Beach Volleyball for the 2022-2023 school year as submitted in Exhibit 16.

K. Approval of New Rates to Lease Off-Duty Police Officer with Vehicle from Tucson Police Department for Extracurricular Needs

The Governing Board approved New Rates to Lease Off-Duty Police Officer with Vehicle from Tucson Police Department for Extracurricular Needs.

L. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved requests for Out of State Travel as submitted in Exhibit 17.

8. INFORMATION (Resumed)

A. Superintendent's Report

For the Superintendent's PowerPoint Presentation see Exhibit 2.

President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to present his report.

He shared photos showing highlights of events around the District.

Superintendent Jaeger congratulated La Cima Middle School's wrestling team. They won the Southern Arizona Middle School Championship earlier this month. He thanked Head Coach, Brian Donahue and Assistant Coach, Mario Cardenas for their support in helping the Cardinals bring home their first-place trophy from the invitational tournament.

Superintendent Jaeger said the "5th Grade Drug Awareness Day" organized by the Oro Valley Police Department was held last week. He explained that the annual event gives students an opportunity to learn about the risks and dangers involved with illicit drugs. Students also got to see equipment and demonstrations from firefighters, police and other emergency workers.

Superintendent Jaeger reported that the District track meet took place at Canyon Del Oro High School earlier this month. Elementary students throughout the District competed in various track and field contests. He thanked CDO for hosting the event and all the physical education teachers that helped make it happen. He said the track meet was a great experience for the young athletes.

He revealed that the "Such A Good Sport" Award was a three-way tie. Superintendent Jaeger explained that Mr. Andrew Szczepaniak, Principal of Donaldson Elementary School and Amphi Academy Online was the "winner" of the Penny Wars at his school, and that meant he had to kiss a pig, much to the delight of his students. Before Spring Break, Wilson K-8 School held two spirit assemblies to celebrate their amazing success in raising \$12,000 for the American Heart Association through the "Kids Heart Challenge". The assemblies involved sliming the two assistant principals, Ms. Susan Shoopman and Mr. Darin Mapes.

Superintendent Jaeger extended a special thank you to Mr. Paul, a dedicated volunteer who donated a new marquee for Coronado K-8 School. Students were so excited to celebrate Mr. Paul, who has become an important member of the Coronado family. Mr. Paul told the crowd that he considers volunteering at Coronado "the best 'paying' job I've ever had." He also said he hopes his experience will inspire more people in the community to volunteer at a school.

Superintendent Jaeger talked about the 2nd Annual Guns and Hoses Kicks for a Cause Kickball Tournament. He said the fundraiser is organized by the Oro Valley Police Department to raise funds for Project Graduation at the three District high schools. Participants included teams from Golder Ranch Fire, Marana Police, Northwest Fire, Oro Valley Police, Tucson Fire, Tucson Police, and Pima County Sheriffs' Departments. Northwest Fire District was the winning team. He thanked everyone that played and attended the awesome event.

Superintendent Jaeger expressed his appreciation to the Amphi Foundation and the sponsors who helped create the recent Amphi Foundation Gala. Photos showed the student showcases, which are the main attraction to start the event, and the teacher and community member awards that are featured throughout the evening. He said for forty years, the Amphi Foundation has played a critical role in supporting students, educators, and the entire Amphi Community. He also thanked all who contributed to support that mission at the Gala.

B. Status of Construction Projects

For the Status of Construction Projects Report see Exhibit 3.

Superintendent Jaeger invited Mr. La Nasa to give an update about the construction projects in the District. Mr. La Nasa was pleased to report that some of the supply chain issues seem to be resolved, and over spring break many projects were completed.

Amphitheater High School (AHS) Bond projects include 100/200 wing classroom lighting, campus access control and west campus security fence improvements, 700 wing Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement, and backup generators for MDF rooms. Central plant (CP) # 1 pump replacement has been ordered. Main entrance

security upgrades will be done this summer. The public address (PA) system and fine arts building security fence painting has been completed. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) projects include the completion of HVAC improvements to the student center/bookstore, and classroom fan coil replacements in the 100 and 200 wing. Arizona School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) projects include the CP #2 and #3 hot water line replacement and CP #3 water treatment equipment repair, phase I east campus and phase II west campus roof assessments. Upcoming projects include the 300 wing structural repairs construction and building DN evaporative cooler to air conditioning (AC) conversion this summer.

Canyon del Oro High School (CDO) Bond projects include the main central plant renovation. The administrative building access controls improvements, installation of drinking fountain/bottle fillers and handicapped access at the varsity softball field have been completed. Improvements to building BN HVAC controls will be done over the summer. ESSER summer break project includes building BN HVAC improvements. SFOB projects include phase I west campus and phase II east campus weatherization assessment, and the north gym evaporative cooler to air conditioning conversion for fall of 2023.

Ironwood Ridge High School (IRHS) Bond projects include the completion of the irrigation well design, installation of drinking fountain/bottle fillers, building A access control and library lecture hall improvements. Adjacent Ways projects include the central plant fire lane pavement R & R over summer break. SFOB projects include weatherization of the academic buildings and mold remediation and restoration.

Amphitheater Middle School (AMS) ESSER projects include building 300 HVAC improvements during summer break.

Copper Creek Elementary School Bond projects include the central plant cooling tower and pump upgrades design. SFOB projects include the MPR roof replacement.

Coronado K-8 School Bond projects include the boys and girls locker room HVAC improvements and band room carpet replacement. The CP chilled water pump and activity gym entrance canopy replacement have been completed.

Cross Middle School Bond projects include ongoing parking lot improvements. The installation of drinking fountain/bottle fillers has been completed. Adjacent Ways projects include fire and bus lane improvements to be completed over summer break. ESSER projects include the completion of building 600 HVAC improvements. SFOB projects include the campus weatherization assessment and roof replacement to the 500 building, MPR and administration buildings. Roof replacements to the 100, 200, 300, 400, 600 and 700 buildings have been completed.

Donaldson Elementary School Bond projects include the completion of building A exterior painting and the installation of drinking fountain/bottle fillers.

Harelson Elementary School Bond projects include PA system and clocks upgrades. ESSER projects include the completion of building A HVAC improvements. SFOB projects include the campus roof assessment.

Holaway Elementary School Bond projects include campus and administration office access controls improvements.

Innovation Academy Bond projects include the campus HVAC system evaluation and fence improvements.

Keeling Elementary School Bond projects include the installation of campus HVAC controls. Building A HVAC replacements have been completed.

La Cima Middle School ESSER projects include the central plant chiller replacement. SFOB projects include mold remediation and restoration and the campus weatherization and roof assessment.

Mesa Verde Elementary School Bond projects include the competition of the installation of drinking fountain/bottle fillers. SFOB projects include the east, west, administration and MPR campus roof replacements.

Nash Elementary School Bond projects include the kitchen HVAC replacement. The exterior painting and site improvements have been completed. ESSER projects include building I HVAC improvements. SFOB projects include campus roof assessment and CP water treatment equipment repair.

Painted Sky Elementary School ESSER projects include the HVAC replacement for classrooms 114, 115 and 116. SFOB projects include the fire alarm replacement.

Prince Elementary School Bond projects include building C ductwork, flooring and lighting. ESSER projects include building C HVAC improvements. SFOB projects include CP water treatment equipment repair.

Rillito Center Bond projects include the installation of administration office and campus access controls. Security fence improvements have been completed.

Rio Vista Elementary School ESSER projects include building C multizone AC replacement.

Walker Elementary School Bond projects include building F HVAC improvements. ESSER projects include buildings B, C, D and E HVAC improvements. SFOB projects include CP water treatment equipment repair.

Wilson K-8 School Bond projects include the central plant hot water pump and HVAC improvements to the south MPR and locker room. ESSER projects include the CP cooling tower replacement, and upgrades to the campus HVAC controls. SFOB projects include the MPR stage HVAC and roof replacement, the campus weatherization assessment and the campus building hot water line replacement.

Mr. La Nasa then offered to answer any questions. There were none. President Day thanked him for his report.

C. Auditor General’s School District Spending Analysis—Fiscal Year 2022

For the Auditor General’s School District Spending Analysis—Fiscal Year 2022 report see Exhibit 4.

President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the item. He explained that the Auditor General of Arizona (“AG”) does an annual analysis of school district spending. He introduced Mr. Little to present the information as it pertains to the District.

Mr. Little stated that the AG report focuses on how schools spend their funds, but does not address limitations or restrictions on funding, nor consider inflation, increased wages, relative costs among districts, etc. He said presentations in years past centered on dollars in the classroom comparisons, but with the relative environments and conditions of each school district being so unique different, the comparison of expenditures can be confusing and difficult. This year, the report also focused on a comparison of student performance between peer districts. The report compared achievement data (the percent of students passing state assessments in Math, English and Science) of nine “peer” school districts that are similar to Amphitheater (unified school districts with poverty rates of 15% or more which are located in cities and suburbs). The results of the AG comparisons were that Amphi outperformed all of its peer districts. He concluded by saying that, regardless of spending comparisons, the District is doing well on academic achievement, which is what we are here for.

He offered to answer any questions. President Day thanked him for the report and commented it was good to know the District was doing so well. There were no questions.

D. Periodic Legislative Review

For the Periodic Legislative Review see Exhibit 5.

President Day asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the item. He commented on the length of the meeting and deferred to Ms. Tong, who explained that the Periodic Legislative Review report was posted online. She said her next updated report will be in two weeks, and recommended the Governing Board members read the report and she can answer any questions at the next meeting. There were no objections.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Green is an Amphi employee, parent, and an officer of the Amphi Education Association. She thanked the Meet and Confer teams, including the facilitators, Ms. Call and Mr. Gutierrez, as well as the team leads, Ms. Tong and Mr. La Nasa for their efforts during the meet and confer process. Ms. Green stated that the meet and confer process can be challenging given the limitations of the state, but she appreciated the support of the Governing Board and the District Team.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented earlier in the meeting. See above for complete information.

11. STUDY

A. Study of Calendar Options for School Year 2024-2025

For the Calendar Options for School Year 2024-2025 see Exhibit 18.

Superintendent Jaeger said this is time of year that the Governing Board is presented with the school calendar for two years out, for approval. He asked Ms. Tong to present the options for the 2024-2025 school year.

She explained that in years past, the District started school in the second week of August. In very recent years, this changed to begin classes during the first week of August. She stated that feedback received by the District suggests that the earlier start was not as favorable to staff and families. A survey recently sent to families showed a significant preference for beginning school in the second week of August. In addition, discussions occurring with staff representatives during the meet and confer process disclosed that the later start date was also preferred by most employees.

Ms. Tong stated this was a study item and will be approved at another meeting. She asked for their guidance as to which calendar option to submit for their approval.

Mr. Kopec stated that since option 2 was chosen by families and staff, it was his preference also.

President Day commented that the later last day of school and graduation (option 2) might have an impact on students and families that need to travel for competitions, jobs, etc.

Dr. Baker felt a later start was the best option, because it was the preference of staff and families.

Ms. Zibrat said her choice was also option 2.

12. STUDY/ACTION

A. Approval of Joint Partial Recommendation from Meet and Confer Committee Concerning Paid Holidays and Corresponding Necessitated Changes to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Calendar

For the Joint Partial Recommendation from Meet and Confer Committee Concerning Paid Holidays and Corresponding Necessitated Changes to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Calendar see Exhibit 19.

Superintendent Jaeger said he was pleased with the speed of the meet and confer process and resolutions that were reached this year. He asked Ms. Tong to explain the item. She also thanked the teams for their hard work and said this change is for the upcoming school year. Ms. Tong noted this item was for their study and vote this evening. She then gave a review of

the timeline of the committee process. She said the recommendations were for one additional teacher workday and another holiday (the day before Thanksgiving) for all qualified staff. Ms. Tong shared the staff survey results; which showed the majority of responses supporting the changes. She asked for direction from the Governing Board.

President Day asked for a motion. Mr. Kopec moved to pass and adopt the Joint Partial Recommendation from Meet and Confer Committee Concerning Paid Holidays and Corresponding Necessitated Changes to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Calendar. President Day seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed-0. Item 12. A. passed.

B. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance & Sale of School Improvement Bonds of the Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona and the Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance & Sale of Refunding Bonds of the Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona

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Superintendent Jaeger explained there were two topics being presented: the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds and issuance and sale of refunding bonds. He asked Mr. Little to talk about the bonds. Mr. Little said this would be the final sale of the 2016 bonds and the second resolution is for potentially refinancing bonds. He explained at this time, the current bond market may be favorable to refinance, but until the market can be explored it is not known whether the change will be financially advantageous. He stated per the guidelines set forth in the resolution, it is only feasible if the refinancing will save the District \$400,000. Mr. Little said the first step is to see if the refinance is viable, and the second step could be another bond sale in the future.

Mr. Kopec moved to pass and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance & Sale of School Improvement Bonds of the Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona and the Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance & Sale of Refunding Bonds of the Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona. President Day seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed-0. Item 12. B. passed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

14. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Day moved to adjourn. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval
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Gretchen Hahn, Secretary III, Governing Board Office

April 24, 2023

Date

April 25, 2023

Date

Deanna M. Day M. Ed, Governing Board President