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**CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tucson, Arizona**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Carole Siegler Boardroom at Valley View Early Learning Center
3435 E. Sunrise Drive - Tucson, Arizona
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - 6:30 PM, Doors Opened at 6:00 PM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF MEETING

On January 20, 2026, the announcement of the meeting was posted at Catalina Foothills High School, Esperero Canyon Middle School, Orange Grove Middle School, Ventana Vista Elementary School, Canyon View Elementary School, Manzanita Elementary School, Sunrise Drive Elementary School, Valley View Early Learning Center, and on the Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) website (www.cfsd16.org).

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Amy Krauss, President
Tom Logue, Vice President
Jacquelyn Davoli, Member
Eileen Jackson, Member
Gina Mehmert, Member

District Administration:

Denise Bartlett, Superintendent
Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent
Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Lynn Pence, Director of Educational Technology
Judi Dauman, Ventana Vista Elementary School Principal

District Personnel:

Noah Mickey-Colman, STEM Integration Specialist
Amie Sams, Administrative Assistant

Visitors Present:

Lindsay Dyer, Ben Fyock, Ethan Fyock, Callan Johnston, Connor Johnston, David Johnston

Joining Online:

Approximately 4 visitors attended the meeting through the YouTube live link.

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Amy Krauss called to order the governing board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Krauss led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Rules of Order for Governing Board Meetings

President Krauss read the Rules of Order for governing board meetings.

1.4. Super Volunteer Recognition – David Johnston, Ventana Vista Elementary School

The governing board recognized Mr. David Johnston for his nearly five years of extraordinary service to the Ventana Vista Elementary School (VVES) learning community. As shared by VVES Principal Judi Dauman in her nomination letter and echoed during the governing board recognition, Mr. Johnston has been a constant and dependable presence, generously giving countless hours, often on a near-daily basis, to support students, staff, and programs across campus. As noted by Board Member Jacquelyn Davoli, Mr. Johnston's service embodies the true spirit of community, fostering fellowship, shared purpose, and genuine care for others in ways that extend far beyond traditional volunteerism.

Mr. Johnston has played an especially critical role in the school's robotics program, where his initiative and dedication have saved hundreds of hours of staff time. From building and organizing robotics tables and materials to sorting tens of thousands of LEGO pieces and preparing kits for classroom lessons and First LEGO League teams, his behind-the-scenes work has helped create an inviting, well-prepared learning environment. His efforts allow teachers to focus more fully on instruction, resulting in deeper learning experiences for students. He also regularly steps into classrooms to support students whenever other volunteers are unavailable.

Beyond robotics, Mr. Johnston assists wherever help is needed, from campus beautification projects and classroom activities to responding immediately in urgent situations. He is known not only for his reliability and strong work ethic, but also for building meaningful connections within the school community, sharing his enthusiasm for sports, and consistently approaching every task with a positive attitude and generous spirit. He volunteers not for recognition, but because he genuinely cares about the students, staff, and families of Ventana Vista.

Mr. Johnston exemplifies the spirit of service, generosity, and selflessness that the Super Volunteer award was created to honor, making a lasting impact on Ventana Vista Elementary and the broader CFSD community. Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Johnston and his family members in the audience. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, he was presented with a certificate and a commemorative key chain.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Tom Logue and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved the following items on the consent agenda: 3.1 the governing board January 13, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented; 3.2 the expense voucher memorandum, as presented; 3.3 the field trip request memorandum, as presented; 3.4 the fundraising request memorandum, as presented; 3.5 the personnel memorandum, as presented; 3.6 the acceptance, with gratitude, of the gifts and donations memorandum, as presented; 3.7 the adoption of fees for tax credit-eligible activities, as presented, (this action also grants authority to waive the assessment of all or part of any fee if it creates an economic hardship for the family); 3.8 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007926 for the replacement of an air conditioning unit at Orange Grove Middle School in the estimated amount of \$50,000.00, as presented; 3.9 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007937 for the replacement of elevators at Catalina Foothills High School in the estimated amount of \$1,200,000.00, as presented; 3.10 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007959 for the replacement of a hot water boiler at Ventana Vista Elementary School in the estimated amount of \$225,000.00, as presented; 3.11 the School Facilities Division award to Progressive Roofing for change order one for an increase in material costs and change order two for additional costs for the re-roofing project at Sunrise Drive Elementary School in the amount of \$115,347.40, as presented; and 3.12 the award to Kittle Design and Construction for a new ADA sidewalk and building improvements and relocation of a drinking fountain at Canyon View Elementary School in the amount of \$172,748.00, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

3.1. **Approval of January 13, 2026, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum**

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the regular governing board meeting minutes for January 13, 2026, as presented.

3.2. **Approval of Expense Voucher Memorandum**

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following expense vouchers:

Expense Voucher		Amount
26095	\$	44,997.19
26096		232,167.69

26097		116,545.49
26098		80,670.72
26100		170,807.96
26101		79,253.21
26102		765,905.19

3.3. Approval of the Field Trip Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the field trip request memorandum, as presented.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LEARNING NEXUS	WHERE	DATE(S)	*FEE
Manzanita Elementary School (MZES) 2 nd Grade	Shamrock Farms Tour	Students will learn that goods and services are produced and consumed locally and be able to explain how goods and services are produced locally and in other parts of the world.	Stanfield, AZ	04/28/2026	\$0.00
Ventana Vista Elementary School (VVES) 3 rd Grade	Biosphere 2	Students will participate in a hands-on experience to learn about different ecosystems and the interdependence of living organisms within those ecosystems.	Oracle, AZ	02/20/2026	\$12.00
VVES 2 nd Grade	Shamrock Farms Tour	Students will describe occupations needed in a global economy, identify goods and services produced in Arizona, and gain an understanding of the distribution chain that occurs in our economy.	Stanfield, AZ	04/15/2026	\$0.00

3.4. Approval of the Fundraising Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the fundraising request memorandum, as presented.

NAME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE	LOCATION	DATE(S)	GROSS REVENUES	NET INCOME
Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)						
Family Faculty Organization (FFO)	See's Candies sales	To raise funds for teacher appreciation.	Off campus/ online	03/01/2026 to 04/01/2026	\$500.00	\$500.00
Ventana Vista Elementary School (VVES)						
FFO	Color Run, including dunk tank, food truck, and carnival games	To raise funds to support field trip and event costs.	On campus	03/14/2026	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

3.5. Approval of the Personnel Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the personnel, as presented.

CLASSIFIED STAFF	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	COACH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hires • Rehire • Resignations • Status Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hire • Rehires • Resignation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hires • Rehires • Volunteer

3.6. Approval of Gifts and Donation Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board accepted, with gratitude, the following gifts, and donations:

DATE	DONOR	SCHOOL	PURPOSE/ITEM	AMOUNT
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1/8/2026	Melissa Lazarevic	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$25.00
1/8/2026	Melissa Lazarevic	Manzanita Elementary School	Instruction	\$25.00
1/8/2026	Gergely Kota	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$20.00
1/8/2026	Microsoft Matching Gift	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$20.00
1/8/2026	Izzet Safer	Sunrise Drive Elementary School	Instruction	\$300.00
1/8/2026	AppFolio Matching Gift	Sunrise Drive Elementary School	Instruction	\$273.75
1/8/2026	Gergely Kota	Catalina Foothills High School	Science Olympiad	\$20.00
1/8/2026	Microsoft Matching Gift	Catalina Foothills High School	Science Olympiad	\$20.00
1/8/2026	Matthew Riley	Sunrise Drive Elementary School	Orchestra	\$400.00
1/8/2026	RTX Matching Gift	Sunrise Drive Elementary School	Orchestra	\$400.00
1/8/2026	Anonymous	Murphey Administration Center	Executive Administration	\$24.28
1/15/2026	CFHS Band Boosters	Catalina Foothills High School Band	Instructional Expenses	\$5,000.00
1/15/2026	Tucson Values Teachers	Catalina Foothills High School Band	Instructional Expenses	\$2,500.00
			TOTAL	\$9,028.03

3.7. Approval of 3rd Quarter Tax Credit Eligible Fees

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the adoption of the fees for tax credit-eligible activities, as presented. This action also grants authority to waive the assessment of all or part of any fee if it creates an economic hardship for the family.

3.8. Approval of the Terms and Conditions for the Acceptance of Monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007926 for the Replacement of an Air Conditioning Unit at Orange Grove Middle School in the Estimated Amount of \$50,000.00

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007926 for the replacement of an air conditioning unit at Orange Grove Middle School in the estimated amount of \$50,000.00, as presented.

3.9. Approval of the Terms and Conditions for the Acceptance of Monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007937 for the Replacement of Elevators at Catalina Foothills High School in the Estimated Amount of \$1,200,000.00

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007937 for the replacement of elevators at Catalina Foothills High School in the estimated amount of \$1,200,000.00, as presented.

3.10. Approval of the Terms and Conditions for the Acceptance of Monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007959 for the Replacement of a Hot Water Boiler at Ventana Vista Elementary School in the Estimated Amount of \$225,000.00

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-007959 for the replacement of a hot water boiler at Ventana Vista Elementary School in the estimated amount of \$225,000.00, as presented.

3.11. Approval of the School Facilities Division Award to Progressive Roofing for Change Order One for an Increase in Material Costs and Change Order Two for Additional Costs for the Re-Roofing Project at Sunrise Drive Elementary School in the Amount of \$115,347.40

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the School Facilities Division award to Progressive Roofing for change order one for an increase in material costs and change order two for additional costs for the re-roofing project at Sunrise Drive Elementary School in the amount of \$115,347.40, as presented.

3.12. Approval of the Award to Kittle Design and Construction for a New ADA Sidewalk and Building Improvements and Relocation of a Drinking Fountain at Canyon View Elementary School in the Amount of \$172,748.00

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the award to Kittle Design and Construction for a new ADA sidewalk and building improvements and relocation of a drinking fountain at Canyon View Elementary School in the amount of \$172,748.00, as presented.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4.1. Approval of Revisions to High School Courses and Programs for 2026-2027 (second reading)

Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment Sheryl Castro presented the second reading of proposed revisions to high school courses and programs for the 2026–2027 school year, including several clarifications in response to governing board discussion at the January 13 regular meeting. Ms. Castro confirmed that eligibility for Academic Recognition Awards will be based on weighted GPAs, with students required to meet the qualifying GPA in both semesters and provided examples to illustrate how mixed semester GPAs would be applied. For the Peer Classroom Mentor Program, teacher permission was added as a prerequisite, along with a 2.0 GPA instead of a 2.5 GPA. Ms. Castro further clarified the counselor and teacher led placement process, noting that some student requests may be denied based on academic needs or lack of alignment with classroom skill requirements. The Peer Classroom Mentor Program course description was refined to emphasize that students need to demonstrate content knowledge and academic readiness to serve as a mentor. District administration clarified that the Early Childhood Education dual-credit pathway allows students to earn three Pima Community College (PCC) credits at each level, for up to 15 college credits across the pathway, reflecting updated alignment following PCC's accreditation review.

Other proposed revisions remain unchanged from the first reading, including updated *Spanish 1 and 2* course descriptions emphasizing cultural competence and real-world communication, clarification that beginners may enroll in *Small Ensembles*, the renaming of *Cardio Fitness* to *Fit Fusion* to reflect a comprehensive approach to cardiorespiratory fitness, and updated enrollment guidelines for *Lifetime Sports and Fitness* to improve equitable access while allowing flexibility with teacher approval.

Board members expressed appreciation for Ms. Castro's responsiveness to their prior feedback.

Upon a motion by Gina Mehmert, and a second by Eileen Jackson, the governing board approved the revisions to the high school courses and programs for implementation in the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

5. **DISCUSSION / REPORTS**

5.1. Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed Governor Katie Hobbs' proposed budget and potential action related to Proposition 123, noting education funding decisions remain contingent on state budget approval.

6. **AGENDA PLANNING**

There were no requests for future agenda considerations.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7.1. Executive Session, security or safety, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(9) - Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures or systems relating to, or having an impact on, the security or safety of buildings, facilities, operations, critical infrastructure information and information technology maintained by the public body. Records, documentation, notes, or other materials made by, or provided to, the representatives pursuant to this paragraph are confidential and exempt from public disclosure under this chapter and title 39, chapter 1.

Note: The board will move out of executive session and adjourn the meeting. There will be no other action taken at this meeting.

Upon a motion by Eileen Jackson and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board moved into executive session for discussion of security or safety, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(9) at 7:01 p.m.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

The governing board moved out of executive session at 8:41 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Eileen Jackson, and a second by Tom Logue, the governing board adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

Approved: February 10, 2026

Tom Logue, Vice President