



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **January 13, 2015**

**TITLE:**    **Administration of Oath of Office to Newly-Elected Governing Board Members**

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**BACKGROUND:**

State law requires that officers and employees of the state, including its political subdivisions, take a loyalty oath of office. This requirement includes individuals appointed or elected to school district Governing Boards.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-231, the Oath of Office states: “I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Arizona; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Governing Board Member for Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10, according to the best of my abilities, so help me God (or, so I do affirm).

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-426, Board members are also required to execute the oath in writing before a Notary Public which shall then be forwarded to the Pima County School Superintendent. It should be noted that both Mrs. Grant and Mr. Leska have previously subscribed the oath of office in accordance with law, prior to January 1, 2015.

Board members newly elected or appointed to a first term, or re-elected to a new term, are required to state and execute the oath of office. Board members continuing their existing term of office are not required to restate and re-execute the oath.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Each newly elected Board member (Mrs. Grant and Mr. Leska) should state the oath of office, which may be administered by any person of their choosing.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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**Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent**

**Date: January 7, 2015**

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**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**