



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: July 28, 2020

TITLE: Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel

BACKGROUND: On July 14, 2020, the Governing Board approved a plan to reopen Amphitheater Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The plan includes two learning modalities for students: (1) in person instruction, which will begin in a remote by necessity phase until the public health department determines that it is safe for students to return to physical buildings, and (2) online instruction by request, which permits students to remain online even after the public health department has declared it safe for students to return to physical buildings. Families are currently registering for their choice between these options.

Amphitheater Public Schools has offered online instruction to students for many years through the Amphitheater Academy Online school. Amphitheater Academy Online is an Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) program authorized by the Arizona Department of Education to provide K-12 online instruction.

While demand during the past several years was focused on middle and high school online instruction, requests for elementary online instruction have increased substantially since the Board approved schools reopening earlier this month. The elementary students enrolling in Amphitheater Academy Online are widespread between the elementary schools. The overall workloads for the individual elementary principals will not be decreased sufficiently to justify assigning a current elementary principal to supervise the elementary portion of the online school. Therefore, Administration recommends the appointment of a part-time (.5 Full Time Equivalency) Elementary Principal to administer the elementary section of the Amphitheater Academy Online.

With school less than two weeks away, it is important that this Elementary Principal be in place as soon as possible. Therefore, Administration recommends the appointment of an interim to fill the position for FY 2020-2021 since there is insufficient time to undergo a competitive search to fill the vacancy. Wendy Biallas Odell served as Principal of Painted Sky Elementary School before she retired from the District in May 2019. Roseanne Lopez, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education, interviewed Ms. Biallas Odell on Thursday, July 24, 2020, for the position of Amphitheater Academy Online Elementary Principal and recommends that she be appointed into the position on an interim basis for FY 2020-2021.

Superintendent Todd Jaeger recommends **Wendy Biallas Odell** for the position of Elementary Principal for the Amphitheater Academy Online for FY 2020-2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of Administration that the Governing Board approve this administrative appointment as presented.

INITIATED BY:


Michelle H. Tong, J.D.

Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: July 27, 2020


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

7/28/2020

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
APPOINTMENTS**

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | TITLE | CT/CL | LOCATION | LEVEL | EXP CREDIT | ADD'L INFO | CERTIFIED | RECOMMENDED BY | COMMENT |
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| Biallas-Odell | Wendy | Principal | CT-AD | Amphi Academy Online | ESP | | New | | Dr. Lopez | \$41,931.50 |

* 2019-2020 School Year
 Addendum Former employee or new hire receiving extra-curricular position
 New New hire filling a newly created position
 Rehire Former employee returning to a position in the district
 Replacement New hire filling a vacated position
 Rescind Declined position after appointment

HSP High School Principal
 MSP Middle School Principal
 ESP Elementary School Principal
 HSA High School Assistant Principal
 MSA Assistant Middle School Principal
 ESA Elementary Assistant Principal
 SAS Support Administrator

ADCT Addendum Certified
 ADCL Addendum Classified
 ADACS Addendum Amphi Community Schools
 ADDM Addendum Only
 CT-AD Certified Administrative
 CT Certified
 CL-AD Classified Administrative
 CL Classified
 PR Professional
 ASW Student Worker

WENDY BIALLAS – ODELL

EDUCATION:

- Doctorate of Philosophy** *University of Minnesota* Minneapolis, MN ABD
- *Major – Educational Policy and Administration*
 - *Coursework completed*
- Master of Science** *Mankato State University* Mankato, MN August 1990
- *Major – Curriculum and Instruction*
 - *Concentration – Elementary Education*
- Bachelor of Science in Teaching** *Mankato State University* Mankato, MN June 1988
- *Major – Elementary Education*
 - *Concentration – Mathematics*
- Bachelor of Science** *Mankato State University* Mankato, MN August 1986
- *Major – Mathematics and Computer Science*

LICENSURES:

- MN Teacher License** – Elementary (1-6)
MN Administrative License – Elementary School Principal/District Superintendent
AZ Administrative License – Elementary School Principal/District Superintendent
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Elementary Principal *Amphitheater Public Schools* Oro Valley, AZ 2015-2019
Painted Sky Elementary

Director: *Osseo Area Schools* Maple Grove, MN 2012 - 2015
Curriculum & Instruction

Responsibilities:
Curriculum & Instruction,
Culturally Relevant Pedagogy,
Standards-based Grading,
Staff Development,
Digital Learning and
Middle Level Redesign

Elementary Principal *Osseo Area Schools* Maple Grove, MN 2003-2012
Fernbrook Elementary
Fair Oaks Elementary

Minneapolis School District Minneapolis, MN 1999-2003
Seward Montessori School (K-8)

Assistant Superintendent *Mahtomedi School District* Mahtomedi, MN 1997-1999

Responsibilities:
Curriculum & Instruction,
K-12 Principal Supervision.