

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

Governing Board Members Present

Dr. Scott K. Baker, President
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Vice President
Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Member-*telephonically*
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M. Ed., Member

Governing Board Member Absent

Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member

Superintendent's Cabinet Members

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services
Mr. Richard C. La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

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

President Baker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the guest register.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Baker asked Michelle Valenzuela to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Baker announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

4. INFORMATION

A. Review of 2024-2025 Property Tax Rates

Superintendent Jaeger said he wanted to present this information due to the upcoming bond and override elections. He asked Mr. Little to review the tax rates in greater detail.

Mr. Little stated that Pima County Board of Supervisors recently adopted the 2024-2025 property tax rates. He explained that overall, the District's tax structures look very good and that he would compare Amphi rates and changes with other surrounding districts.

He announced that Amphi has the third lowest overall tax rate in Pima County, but noted that the two districts with the lower tax rates happen to have the highest wealth and far fewer students. Overall, Amphi's rate dropped about 3.62%.

Mr. Little also referenced a report from Pima County that showed school districts' average rate of property evaluation growth was 4.40%. He explained that the Districts' goal for the debt servicing of bonds is to keep the rates stable. There are built-in declining levy amounts to avoid an increase to taxpayer rates.

He offered to answer any questions.

Ms. Day commented that throughout her many years as a board member she has noticed that Amphi taxes have always been kept low. She asked if he could offer an explanation.

Mr. Little noted that each district is unique and has different needs. He felt that there are many factors to be considered, but in general Amphi’s financial planning has been to maintain a stable tax rate, rather than plan to increase rates in the future.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. Little to clarify what the financial impact of the proposed override and bonds would be to the voters/taxpayers. Mr. Little said the upcoming proposed override and bonds will not increase property taxes for the District, and the rates will continue to remain stable.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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 Baker asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion or comment. There were none.

Ms. Day moved for Consent Agenda Items 6. A.-P. be approved as presented. Vice President Zibrat seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 4. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder and Ms. Day. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 6. A.-P. passed.

A. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

Non-administrative personnel appointments were approved as listed in Exhibit 1.

B. Approval of Personnel Changes

Certified and classified personnel changes were approved as listed in Exhibit 2.

C. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

Leave(s) of Absences were approved as listed in Exhibit 3.

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

Separations and terminations were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.

E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

Stipend for Coaching Volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted in Exhibit 6.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,305,039.86

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 7.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1391	\$22,948.38	1392	\$36,799.94	1033	\$249,438.21
1034	\$514,006.80	1035	\$19,382.37	1036	\$44,754.47
1037	\$275,206.20	1038	\$10,063.06	1393	\$16,454.30
1394	\$32,376.82	1039	\$115,720.42	1040	\$490,072.40
1041	\$95,068.21	1042	\$10,123.41	1043	\$84,707.74
1044	\$283,044.66	1045	\$4,872.47		

H. Acceptance of Gifts

Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 8.

I. Receipt of July 2024 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved Receipt of July 2024 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 9.

J. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2024-2025

The Governing Board approved IRHS Pomline Booster Club, Ironwood Ridge Cross Country/Track and Ironwood Ridge Boys Basketball for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted in Exhibit 10.

K. Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com

The Governing Board approved Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com.

L. Approval of Authorized Signatories on District Checking Accounts for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

The Governing Board approved Authorized Signatories on District Checking Accounts for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year as submitted in Exhibit 11.

M. Approval of School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) FY 2025 Capital Plan

The Governing Board approved School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) FY 2025 Capital Plan as submitted in Exhibit 12.

N. Approval of Supplemental Texts and Materials

The Governing Board approved Supplemental Texts and Materials as submitted in Exhibit 13.

O. Approval of Fireworks for Canyon del Oro High School and Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming Games and Graduation

The Governing Board approved Fireworks for Canyon del Oro High School and Ironwood Ridge High School Homecoming Games and Graduation as submitted in Exhibit 14.

P. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved requests for Out of State Travel as listed in Exhibit 15.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Day requested a discussion or study item regarding the processes and procedures for determining high school GPA's weighted, non-weighted and class ranks. She also asked to include any anomalies that may occur and how they are resolved.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Day moved to adjourn. Vice President Zibrat seconded. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor-4. President Baker, Vice President Zibrat, Ms. Cox Golder and Ms. Day. Opposed – 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Jen Anderson (Gretchen) Hahn

Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval
Jennifer Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board
Gretchen Hahn, Governing Board Office Secretary

September 4, 2024
Date

Scott K. Baker, Ph. D., Governing Board President

September 10, 2024
Date