

**Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

A Regular public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, beginning at 6:00 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. Vicki Cox Golder, President
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Vice President
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Member
Dr. Michael Gemma, Member
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

Superintendent's Cabinet Members

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Mr. Richard La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Executive Director of Student Services
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cox Golder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Gemma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Cox Golder announced that the next Special Governing Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705, in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

4. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of the Amphitheater High School Girls Track State Champion

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. Tyrone Cephers, Athletic Director at Amphi High to come forward. Mr. Cephers introduced track coach Stanley Richardson. Coach Richardson asked Monica Verrett, Girls Triple Jump State Champion to come forward. He shared that Monica is a hard worker, excellent student, and a pleasure to coach. Coach Richardson noted that Monica placed 6th in the Great Southwest Track and Field Classic which is a national meet. Monica set a school record with her jump of 38'3" and plans to attend Pima Community College this fall.

Vice President Kopec presented Monica with a certificate of recognition. A photo was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Mr. Cephers, Coach Richardson, and Monica to mark the occasion.

B. Recognition of Canyon del Oro High School 2026 5A Softball State Champion

Superintendent Jaeger explained that Canyon del Oro High School Principal, Ms. Tara Bulleigh would introduce the next three recognitions.

Ms. Bulleigh introduced softball coach, Ms. Kelly Fowler. Coach Fowler extended gratitude for support and noted that there were 19 freshmen on this year's team. She shared that the four seniors on the team displayed positive leadership which greatly contributed to the team's success this season.

Each of the girls introduced themselves and shared their highlight of the season. The team's pitcher, Savanna, gave a brief speech summarizing the season and expressing gratitude. Coach Fowler shared information on post-season awards and thanked her assistant coaches for their efforts.

Dr. Gemma congratulated the team and emphasized the importance of the support of parents and the community. He presented certificates of recognition to the team members and coaches. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Bulleigh, Coach Fowler, and the team members to mark the occasion.

C. Recognition of Canyon del Oro High School Track State Runner up and Division Champions

Ms. Bulleigh introduced track coach Ms. Jessica Wheatley.

Coach Wheatley introduced Zylei who was the Division II Runner Up for Pole Vault. Coach Wheatley praised Zylei for her performance given that it is such a technical event and she has only competed for two years. She noted Zylei's work ethic and grit. Coach Wheatley introduced Zachary who was also a Division II Runner Up for Pole Vault. She spoke about Zachary's ability to put forth maximum effort and that he even competed with an injury. Lastly, she introduced Karsten who was a Division II state Champion for 100 meter hurdles and the All State Runner Up. Coach shared that Karsten has been on the track team for four years and during that time has worked hard and inspired others. Coach Wheatley stated Karsten has broken several school records, placed first at the Great Southwest Track and Field Classic and that she plans to attend the University of Utah this fall.

Karsten shared her favorite memory from the season.

Vice President Kopec congratulated the students and presented certificates of recognition. A photo was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Bulleigh, Coach Wheatley, Assistant Coaches, and the students.

D. Recognition of Canyon del Oro 2026 Division II Girls Tennis Doubles State Runner Up

Ms. Bulleigh introduced Assistant Tennis Coaches Linda Lucas and Steve Cook. Coach Lucas spoke about the tennis team's successful season and strong showing at the Division II state competition both as a team and for doubles partners Avery and Emma. She introduced Emma who shared that she had a lot of fun getting to know her partner this season and she plans to play Division I tennis at college in the fall.

Ms. Day praised the girls' efforts and extended congratulations. She presented Emma with a certificate of recognition. A picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Ms. Bulleigh, Coach Lucas, Coach Cook, and Emma to mark the occasion.

E. Recognition of Ironwood Ridge High School Beach Volleyball Pairs State Runner Up

Superintendent Jaeger introduced Athletic Director David Garwacki. Mr. Garwacki called upon Beach Volleyball Coach Bill Lang to introduce his players Kallie and Marcella. Coach Lang spoke about the structure of gameplay for the state competition for teams and pairs and the amazing job both girls did in their matches. He noted that both girls are also excellent students and Kallie was named Section Player of the Year.

Marcella and Kallie expressed their gratitude and shared highlights from their season.

Ms. Zibrat presented certificates of recognition and a picture was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Mr. Garwacki, Coach Lang, Kallie and Marcella.

F. Recognition of Ironwood Ridge High School Track State Champion and Runner Up

Mr. Garwacki introduced Coach Mike Smith and athletes Isaac and Jett.

Coach Smith spoke about Isaac and Jett's hard work through the season, multiple broken school records, and amazing performances in the State competition even while having back to back events. He noted that while

Isaac and Jett are each other's competition, they also support each other. Isaac will be attending Pima Community College next year and Jett will be returning for his senior year at Ironwood Ridge.

Jett expressed gratitude for support from family, coaches, and teammates and thanked the Board for this opportunity.

Vice President Kopec presented certificates of recognition and a photo was taken with the Governing Board, Superintendent Jaeger, Mr. Garwacki, Coach Smith, Isaac, and Jett.

President Cox Golder called for a seven minute break. The meeting resumed at 6:57pm.

5. INFORMATION

A. Superintendent's Report

For the Superintendent's Report PowerPoint see Exhibit 1.

Superintendent Jaeger shared highlights of recent events in the District:

- Class of 2026 had 971 graduates slated to attend multiple universities, community colleges, trade schools, or entering the military. It also included 64 Department of Education Seals, and over \$18 million in scholarships awarded
- Pictures were displayed from each of the graduation ceremonies from the three high schools
- Rillito Center graduated one student who has attended since he was three years old. Family and staff were on hand to celebrate
- Teams from Innovation Academy, Painted Sky, Donaldson, Cross and CDO competed at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa last month

Superintendent Jaeger offered to answer any questions. There were none.

B. Status of Construction Projects

For the Status of Construction Projects PowerPoint see Exhibit 2.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. La Nasa to deliver his monthly report detailing construction projects in the District. Mr. La Nasa noted the summer is always a busy time for construction projects while students are not in school and shared details about the following projects:

- Amphitheater High School track replacement using Bond funds
- Ironwood Ridge High School Auxiliary Gym floor refinishing using Bond funds
- Painted Sky Elementary School boiler replacements using Building Renewal Grant Funds
- Rio Vista Elementary School drop off reconfiguration and parking lot restoration using Adjacent Ways and Bond funds

Mr. La Nasa noted that May funding totaled \$199,662 bringing the 2025-2026 year grant funding total to \$7,652,941 which is 3.8% of the \$200 million budget allocation. He offered to answer any questions. There were none.

Superintendent Jaeger praised Mr. La Nasa and his team for securing such a significant portion of the available grant allocation.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time, but Ms. Anderson noted that there was a request for public comment related to a later agenda item.

7. 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 Cox Golder asked if any items needed to be pulled for further discussion or comment. There were none.

Vice President Kopec moved for Consent Agenda items 7. A-Q be approved as presented. Dr Gemma seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, Dr. Gemma, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda items 7.A.-Q. passed.

A. Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel

The Governing Board approved the Appointment of Administrative Personnel as submitted in Exhibit 3.

B. Approval of Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

The Governing Board approved the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel as submitted in Exhibit 4.

C. Approval of Personnel Changes

The Governing Board approved Personnel Changes as submitted in Exhibit 5.

D. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

The Governing Board approved Leave(s) of Absence as submitted in Exhibit 6.

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

The Governing Board approved Separation(s) and Termination(s) as submitted in Exhibit 7.

F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved minutes from the May 26, 2026 meeting as submitted in Exhibit 8.

G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding \$1,144,979.63

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 9.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1322	\$22,602.91	1323	\$76,109.69	1324	\$24,509.83
1325	\$107,022.10	1327	\$133,148.87	1328	\$40,094.03
1329	\$15,128.87	1330	\$386,677.85	1331	\$88,887.00
1332	\$144,913.85	1333	\$39,859.11	1334	\$23,274.86
1335	\$42,750.66				

H. Acceptance of Gifts

The Governing Board accepted gifts as submitted in Exhibit 10.

I. Receipt of April 2026 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved April 2026 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 11.

J. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) – 2026-2027

The Governing Board approved IRHS Wrestling Booster, IRHS Ridge Boys BBall Booster, CDO Volleyball Booster, and CDO Parent Organization as submitted in Exhibit 12.

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

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

L. Approval of Lease Agreement with Specialized Education Services, Inc.

The Governing Board approved the Lease Agreement with Specialized Education Services, Inc. as submitted in Exhibit 13.

M. Approval of the Amphitheater Teacher Performance Evaluation System for the 2026-2027 School Year

The Governing Board approved the Amphitheater Teacher Performance Evaluation System for the 2026-2027 School Year as submitted in Exhibit 14.

N. Approval of Proposition 301 Teacher Performance Pay Awards and Administrative Performance Pay Awards for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

The Governing Board approved Proposition 301 Teacher Performance Pay Awards and Administrative Performance Pay Awards for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year as submitted in Exhibit 15.

O. Approval of Summer Institute Teacher Stipends

The Governing Board approved Summer Institute Teacher Stipends.

P. Approval of Supplemental Texts and Materials

The Governing Board approved Supplemental Texts and Materials as submitted in Exhibit 16.

Q. Approval of Out of State Travel

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

8. STUDY

A. Study Update on District Facility Rental Program Revisions

For the Study Update on District Facility Rental Program Revisions PowerPoint and Amphitheater Facility Use Manual 26-27-Draft see Exhibit 18.

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. La Nasa to present this item.

Mr. La Nasa began with an overview of the presentation including why this issue is being reviewed, key areas of focus, next steps, and a time for discussion and questions.

Mr. La Nasa explained the purpose of the Facility Use Policy Manual and Fee Schedule and the four user group classifications:

- Class I – School related, student-centered groups that exist for the sole purpose of contributing to the success of Amphitheater students, governmental entities conducting community or official business within the District and District departments.
- Class II – Non-profit organizations
- Class III – Commercial, profit-making organizations
- Class IV – Organizations with which the District has a reciprocal and long-standing relationship, which support of the District's Missions and Values. These organizations require Governing Board Approval

Mr. La Nasa went on to show the proposed fee schedules and waivers for each of the classifications and pointed out that the fee waiver schedule varies depending on if the Class I user is hosting a fundraiser or non-fundraiser activity. He went on to share the proposed 2026-2027 Facilities Fee Schedule and noted that there are no increases from last year's fee schedule.

Mr. La Nasa outlined the next steps which include gathering feedback from the Governing Board and making suggested revisions before reviewing the Policy Manual and Fee Schedule with a user group committee comprised of individuals from district administration, school administration, district user groups, and booster groups. Once all revisions have been made it is the Administration's intention present the final Facilities Use Policy Manual & Fee Schedule for the 2026 – 2027 School Year and User Group IV organization list to the Governing Board for approval at the July 14, 2026 Governing Board Meeting.

President Cox Golder acknowledged there was a public comment related to this issue.

Marianna Sherman shared that her husband is a beach volleyball coach who also runs a non-profit group that rents space from the District. She shared several points of the presentation that she is requesting clarification on. She asked about student clubs district accounts, the need for a process for disputing a rental invoice, and clarification on how to become an approved Class IV user group. Ms. Sherman noted that her group has two outstanding invoices with charges that are incorrect and needs follow-up from District personnel to resolve these.

The Governing Board and District Administration began a discussion about the facility rental revisions. Below is a summary.

Dr. Gemma thanked Mr. La Nasa and Mr. Little for their work on this item. He asked about District funds available for non-AIA groups, funds generated by activity fees, and what kind of account money donated by a non-profit like the Amphi Foundation goes into and about general funds supporting co-curricular activities. He also asked if groups who fundraise could direct their funds to the District in order to take advantage of the rental fee waiver.

Mr. Little explained activity fees go into auxiliary accounts which are District funds controlled by each school. He noted that while schools have discretion as to how they are used, fees must be applied to the activity they are charged for. Mr. Little explained that tax credit funds have to go to the programmatic area to which the donor specifies, but non-specified tax credits are awarded by site councils. He went on to say that student fundraising and booster funds go into non-District accounts and that money from the Amphi Foundation would go into a District account. Mr. Little stated that funds raised by student groups and boosters probably could be directed to District accounts, but groups haven't done that because once funds are with the District, they are subject to procurement guidelines.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that donations to the District are always approved by the Governing Board. He also spoke about the use of general funds and the possibility of inequity among the schools due to programmatic differences. Superintendent Jaeger explained that there are times athletic and non-athletic groups attend events such as invitationals and out of state competitions where they are responsible to fundraise the money to attend these extra activities and competitions.

Mr. Munger spoke about athletic and non-athletic groups both participating in fundraising. He noted that students participating in sports pay a \$100 activity fee per sport whereas students in non-AIA groups such as band pay a much smaller class fee.

Ms. Day expressed concern about fundraising in athletics being linked to playing time.

Mr. Munger stated that there are checks in place to ensure that students are not excluded from activities due to their inability to pay or raise funds.

Dr. Gemma expressed the desire for more information and equity among student groups.

Ms. Day asked that minutes be taken at the committee meetings that review the facility rental manual.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT


There was no public comment.

10. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Dr Gemma asked for an update on school consolidations.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President moved to adjourn. President Cox Golder seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor -5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Dr. Gemma, Ms. Day, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed -0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval
Jen Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

June 19, 2026
Date

Vicki Cox Golder, Governing Board President

June 23, 2026
Date