



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

DATE OF MEETING: **July 26, 2022**

TITLE: **Approval of Appointment of Administrative Personnel**

BACKGROUND:

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve its recommended candidate for the position of Equity and Safety Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator for Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23. The position has been advertised and the qualified applicants interviewed by a panel consisting of the following members:

- Michelle Tong, Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel
- Armando Soto, Director of Interscholastics
- Kristie Stevens, Ironwood Ridge High School Assistant Principal
- Jessica Jarrett, Amphitheater Middle School Assistant Principal
- John Hastings, Human Resources Manager

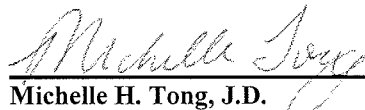
The interview panel interviewed candidates Elizabeth Rusiecki and Rolf Averill and, thereafter, recommended that Superintendent Todd Jaeger likewise interview both candidates. The Superintendent interviewed Ms. Rusiecki and Mr. Averill on Monday, July 25, 2022.

Superintendent Todd Jaeger recommends **Elizabeth Rusiecki** for the position of Equity and Safety Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator for FY 22-23.

RECOMMENDATION:

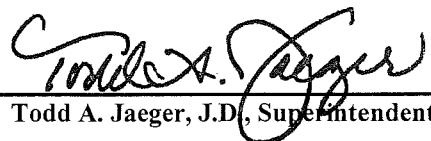
Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the administrative appointments as presented in this agenda item.

INITIATED BY:



Michelle H. Tong, J.D.
Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: July 25, 2022


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

7/26/2022

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING APPOINTMENTS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TITLE	CT/CL	LOCATION	LEVEL	EXP CREDIT	ADD'L INFO	RECOMMENDED BY	COMMENT
Carlson	John	Equity & Safety Compliance Officer	CL-AD	Wetmore Center			Rescind		
Rusiecki	Elizabeth	Equity & Safety Compliance Officer	CL-AD	Wetmore Center	ESA	0 years	Promotion	Ms. Tong	

*	2022-2023 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

Elizabeth Rusiecki

Qualifications Summary

A lifelong communicator, advocate of education, equality and inclusion. My twenty years in and out of education reinforce a belief that knowledge – and empathy – are our most powerful guiding principles. I recently departed the private sector for more meaningful, mindful and gratifying ways to put my passions to work.

Communication

- ♦ Deadline-driven, independent, career writer, with experience in journalism, public information, public relations, marketing and municipalities.
- ♦ Passionate communicator on the page and in person. Strong work ethic, exceptional attention to detail.
- ♦ Information-driven, knowledge seeking rapid learner.

Collaboration

- ♦ Passionate and dedicated team player eager to share my communication skills in a lively, dynamic workplace.
- ♦ Friendly, accessible, outgoing and eager to absorb the talent and knowledge of those around me.

Compliance

- ♦ Brought to life and energized Amphitheater Public School district's first-ever Pandemic Compliance and Mitigation office.
- ♦ Ensure a 12,000-student district is in compliance with county, state and federal pandemic guidance.

Discretion

- ♦ Unquestionable, impartial career-spanning discretion, from journalist to Public Information Officer, from access to a \$14 million annual consumer platform or the health records of an entire school district.
- ♦ As a neighborhood association Communications Director, work with Tucson Police Department and City Council Ward reps to report, document and divert crime and disseminate information to residents.

Professional Experience

**Amphitheater Public Schools
Pandemic Compliance and Mitigation Officer**

November, 2021 – Present

In a newly-created role to address the district's pandemic response, ensure a 14,000-student, 2000-employee school district is in compliance with county, state and federal COVID-19 guidance.

- Entering - and defining - this role for the first time, analyzed the district's COVID-19 reporting strategy across 22 schools to develop a daily reporting system that allows the district to comply with Pima County reporting guidelines, track the pandemic throughout the district, and ensure the safety of our school community.
- Act as a liaison between school contact tracers, school health offices, principals and the Student Health Services Department and district leadership. Work closely with the Associate to the Superintendent.
- Train school representatives how to identify and report positive COVID-19 students and staff, how to identify and notify close contacts, and keep school personnel up to date on pandemic policies and mitigation, changes to protocol and county sanitary measures, and how to reflect such changes in an ever-evolving pandemic.

Freelance Contractor
Writer, Marketer and Brander

2010 – November, 2021

Successful, full time freelance writer, brand curator, storyteller and small business brander with expertise in both the big beauty and clean beauty spaces with clients from local glossies to university law review magazines.

- Executed concept to consumer story and brand development for a range of clients, from startups to established brands. This role demanded 24/7, 365 access to founders, team members and coworkers, often in highly stressful, deadline accountable situations.
- Digital Jill of all Trades, from social media curation to website management, content creator to newsletter creation and and visual branding.

Mesa Public Schools
Substitute Teacher and Reading/Writing Aide

2005 - 2008

Popular K-6 substitute teacher, eventually given a solo classroom to meet the needs of students struggling with their reading and writing skills.

- Within confines of my own classroom, workshopped with groups of 5th and 6th graders to boost writing and reading skills through conferencing, prompting, tutoring and game play.
- Highly requested K-6 substitute teacher.

Amphitheater Public Schools
Substitute Teacher

2002 - 2005

Popular K-5 substitute teacher, often accepting long-term assignments at Copper Creek Elementary School. Also consistently volunteered as a class parent.

Volunteer Experience

- Communications Director, Oak Flower Neighborhood Association, Tucson, Arizona
- Previously: Cofounder, SAFE House Domestic Violence Center, Henderson Nevada
- Previously: Boys and Girls Club and American Cancer Society of Southern Nevada

2020 to Present

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1990

Community College Coursework in Journalism
Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona, 1984+