

## **DRAFT Minutes**

### **AMPHITHEATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Tucson, Arizona**

#### **MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

##### **Place, Date and Time of Meeting**

Wetmore Center, 701 West Wetmore Road, April 12, 2012; 9:00 a.m.

##### **Board Members Present**

Mrs. Diana Boros, President  
Mrs. Susan Zibrat, Vice President  
Dr. Kent Paul Barrabee, Member  
Mr. Jeff Grant, Member  
Dr. Linda Loomis, Member

##### **Central Administrators Present**

Dr. Vicki McLeod Balentine, Superintendent

##### **OPENING OF MEETING**

##### **Call to Order and Signing of Visitors' Register**

Mrs. Boros called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.

##### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Boros led the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### **Announcement of Date and Place of Next Regular Governing Board Meeting:**

Mrs. Boros announced the next special meeting of the Governing Board: Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

Note: Ms. Karen Beckvar, Director of Leadership Development, serving as the ASBA Consultant in the Superintendent's Search process, was in attendance and was available for Board member questions.

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **A. Motion to Recess Open Meeting and Hold an Executive Session to:**

**Permit the Board to Interview Finalist Candidates for the Position of Superintendent, Pursuant to § 38-431.03(A)(1).**

*Board Book information: Since January, the Governing Board, utilizing the Arizona School Boards Association as a consultant, has been conducting a search for a new superintendent, following Dr. Balentine's announcement that she will be retiring at the conclusion of her current contract.*

*The search process has, to date, included opportunities for input from the community, district staff, and students through several forums. During these forums, parents, students, District staff, school principals, PTOs/Site Councils, the Amphitheater Education Association, and the general community, provided the Governing Board with input regarding the qualities and characteristics sought in a new superintendent. In addition, an internet based survey was administered as an additional mechanism for similar input.*

*At the Board's meeting of February 1, 2012, the Governing Board and its consultant utilized input from the forums to develop a "profile" for the new superintendent – qualifications, characteristics, skills and abilities sought in applicants. This profile and other information about the District and community were used by the consultant to formulate a brochure that advertised the position and solicited applicants.*

*The position was advertised nationally beginning in early February, and applications were accepted through March 21<sup>st</sup>. On March 27, the Governing Board met to review files and identify candidates for interview. Three candidates were selected for interview by the Governing Board. The search consultant was then directed to contact these interview finalists to arrange interviews and tours of district facilities/schools and schedule public and employee forums for the candidates. The public and employee forums will allow the community an opportunity to meet and ask questions (through the consultant) of the candidates.*

*This agenda item will allow for the interview of the finalist candidates in executive session. Following the Governing Board's interviews of the candidates, the candidates will also attend forums at Cross Middle School, in the Cafeteria as follows:*

*Thursday, April 12, 2012 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Employee Forum*

*Thursday, April 12, 2012 6:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m. Community Forum*

*Following these upcoming events, the Governing Board may meet in executive session on Friday, April 13, to go into executive session to discuss the candidates. Following executive session, the Board may vote, in public session, as to a candidate selected for the vacancy. Further direction may also be given to staff or the consultant at that time.*

A motion was made by Mr. Grant that the Board recess into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for the purpose of interviewing finalist candidates: Steve Chestnut, Ed.D., Patrick Sweeney, Ed.D., and Patrick Nelson, as presented. Mrs. Boros seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0. Mrs. Boros called a recess at 9:02 a.m.

**B. Motion to Close Executive Session and Reconvene Open Meeting**

At approximately 3:40 p.m. Mrs. Boros declared the meeting into open session.

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Board Member requests.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Boros declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:41 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zibrat, Vice President

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Date

Approved: TBA