

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting  
Amphitheater Public Schools  
Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

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A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 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**

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, President  
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Vice President  
Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member  
Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member  
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

**Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present**

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent  
Ms. Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education  
Ms. Michelle H. Tong, J. D., Associate to the Superintendent and Legal Counsel  
Mr. Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum and Assessment  
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Richard C. La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support  
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications  
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education

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

President Cox Golder 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 Cox Golder asked Michelle Valenzuela to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Cox Golder announced that the next Regular Governing Board Meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

**5. 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 for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-O. Vice President Day moved for Consent Agenda Items A.- O. be approved as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items A.- O 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 absence 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 Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$1,503,050.14**

*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 6.*

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1002	\$12,178.50	1023	\$167,121.14	1024	\$42,353.91
1025	\$943.45	1030	\$345.43	1031	\$56,162.15
1032	\$40,895.00	1033	\$122,988.47	1376	\$37,964.17
1377	\$98,388.50	1378	\$1,276.74	1379	\$85.87
1380	\$105,155.28	1381	\$8,361.04	1382	\$52,770.11
1034	\$159,305.94	1035	\$4,582.11	1036	\$282,495.28
1037	\$34,098.74	1041	\$99,973.44	1042	\$173,116.77
1043	\$2,488.10				

**G. Acceptance of Gifts**

*Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as submitted in Exhibit 7.*

**H. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) - 2022-2023**

*The Governing Board approved Lulu Walker Elementary PTO for the 2022-2023 school year as submitted in Exhibit 8.*

**I. Award of Contract for Recycle/Disposal of Surplus Electronic Equipment - Based Upon Responses to Request for Quote (RFQ) 7142022**

*The Governing Board approved Award of Contract for Recycle/Disposal of Surplus Electronic Equipment - Based Upon Responses to Request for Quote (RFQ) 7142022 as submitted in Exhibit 9.*

**J. Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property via PublicSurplus.com**

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

**K. Approval of Rate Increase for Tucson Police Department Special Duty Law Enforcement Services**

*The Governing Board approved the Rate Increase for Tucson Police Department Special Duty Law Enforcement Services as submitted in Exhibit 10.*

**L. Approval of Career and Technical Education Placement Survey Additional Pay**

*The Governing Board approved Career and Technical Education Placement Survey Additional Pay.*

**M. Approval of Student Fee Rates Charged Pursuant to Governing Board Policy JQ, A.R.S. §15-342 (24), and A.R.S. § 15-1142**

*The Governing Board approved the Student Fee Rates Charged Pursuant to Governing Board Policy JQ, A.R.S. §15-342 (24), and A.R.S. § 15-1142 as submitted in Exhibit 11.*

**N. Approval of Supplemental Texts and Materials**

*The Governing Board approved Supplemental Texts and Materials as submitted in Exhibit 12.*

**O. Approval of Out of State Travel**

*The Governing Board approved Out of State Travel requests as submitted in Exhibit 13.*

**6. STUDY**

**A. Review of 2022-2023 Property Tax Rates**

*For the Review of 2022-2023 Property Tax Rates see Exhibit 14.*

President Cox Golder asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the item. He explained that the Board must annually review the property tax rates, and that the information presented will also include a comparison with rates of other local district property tax rates for perspective. He asked Mr. Little to provide the details.

Mr. Little explained that the Pima County Board of Supervisors set the fiscal year 2022 property tax rates on August 16, 2022. He showed charts depicting a comparison of Amphitheater School District and other area school district property tax rates. The rates ranged from 7.15 to 4.30, with the Amphitheater rate at 5.16.

Mr. Little presented another chart and gave a detailed explanation of the primary, secondary and combined tax rates for the area school districts. He spoke about the components of the primary tax rates, which include Maintenance and Operation, Adjacent Ways and Dropout Prevention. These items are set by formula and are not voter approved. Items from the secondary tax rates, however, are voter approved items and include Class B bonds, desegregation levies, and override funding.

Mr. Little compared the secondary rates of other area school districts. He said Amphi does not have the lowest tax rate, but is very competitive. Mr. Little expected most taxpayers will receive their tax bills in September, and the District is prepared to answer any questions. He said their actual tax amount is dependent upon their property value(s). He offered to answer any questions.

President Cox Golder asked if he thought the desegregation funding the District receives will continue. Mr. Little responded the funding is always at risk, because it is dependent on the legislature's continuation of the law allowing it. He felt it is less of an issue now that it is applied to the secondary rate.

Superintendent Jaeger noted that the District has not raised the desegregation rate for over 30 years, even though desegregation costs may have increased.

Mr. Little stated the District is thankful for the continued funding, and commented that eventually we may have to fight the legislature for it.

President Cox Golder thanked him for the report.

**7. STUDY/ACTION**

**A. Approval for Modifications to the Retention Stipend for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

President Cox Golder asked Superintendent Jaeger to introduce the item. He recapped that the Governing Board had previously approved the use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to pay retention stipends to employees that stayed during the pandemic. He explained that the specific payment details have now been outlined, and asked

Mr. Little to provide the recommendation.

Mr. Little said this item is being presented to clarify and enhance the Governing Board's initial action. He explained that the funds must be "committed" by September 30, 2022, and the best way to comply is to pay the retention stipend in one single payment, versus the proposed two payments. Reconciliation of the ESSER II budget and expenditures has revealed that additional funds have become available and can be used to increase the retention stipend from 4.0% to 4.2%. He stated an additional recommendation relates to the required ESSER documentation needed for the payment for substitutes. Their payment will not use ESSER funds, instead the retention stipend will be added to their pay rate. This will start in September and occur during each pay cycle from the maintenance and operations fund.

Mr. Little then read the recommendation:

The administration recommends the Governing Board approve the revision to the ESSER II and III plans. The specific changes will include the increase in the retention percentage amount to 4.2% for this fiscal year, the consolidation of this year's retention stipends into a single payment in September, and the change in the 4.2% retention stipend payments for substitutes to each pay cycle from their normal funding sources starting with the first paycheck in September.

He offered to answer any questions.

Vice President Day said she applauded using the extra funds for the initial intent, which was to compensate employees for their efforts.

*Vice President Day moved to accept the Modifications to the Retention Stipend for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as presented. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Motion passed.*

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**A. Discussion and Consideration of Matters Pertaining to School Safety Operations and/or School Safety Plans or Programs, Which May Also Include Discussion or Consultation: (1) for Legal Advice with the Attorney for the Public Body, and/or (2) with Designated Representatives of the Public Body about Security Plans, Procedures, Assessments, Measures or Systems Relating to, or Having an Impact on, the Security or Safety of Buildings, Facilities, Operations, Critical Infrastructure Information and Information Technology Maintained by the Public Body, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (8) and/or (9), and**

**B. Discussion Pertaining to the Employment of the Superintendent, and in Accordance with His Terms of Employment May Include an Annual Evaluation of His Performance, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)**

*President Cox Golder asked for a motion to hold Executive Session. Vice President Day moved that the Board go into an Executive Session to address the matters identified in item 8. of the Board's agenda and pursuant to the legal authorities listed under the agenda under item 8. Mr. Kopec seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5: President Cox Golder, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed–0.*

*President Cox Golder proclaimed they were in Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.*

## **9. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

President Cox Golder reconvened the public meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

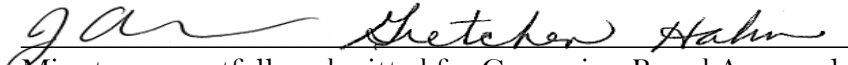
There were none.

**11. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*Vice President Day made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice vote in favor- 5: President Cox Golder, Vice President Day, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed - 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*



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

September 26, 2022

Date

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Vicki Cox Golder, Governing Board President

September 27, 2022

Date