



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 2011

TITLE: Selection of Governing Board Delegate and Alternate for Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly; Determination of Governing Board Position on ASBA Legislative Action Agenda Items; Direction to Delegate and Alternate

BACKGROUND: The Arizona School Boards Association, of which the District is a member, is holding its ASBA Delegate Assembly on June 25, 2011. The purpose of this annual assembly is to develop ASBA's legislative action agenda for next fiscal year's legislative sessions (rather than the current sessions). The assembly meets each year to consider input from districts across the state on action agenda items that have been culled from written proposals from district for inclusion in the organization's official agenda.

While all superintendents and governing board members from member districts are invited to and may participate in the discussions held during the Assembly, each member district is only permitted one vote on each matter presented to the assembly for a vote.

Thus, one component of this item is the selection of the Board's official and voting delegate to the assembly. The Board is also advised to select an alternate delegate who would be authorized to attend the assembly, along with the delegate, and to vote in the event the delegate was unable to do so for some reason.

After doing so, the Board may through discussion and/or motion direct the delegate and alternate delegate how to vote or otherwise represent the interests of the Board in the development of the official ASBA political agenda. A copy of the current (2011) ASBA agenda is attached for reference and discussion.

In addition to playing a role in the development of the ASBA legislative agenda through appointment of its delegate and alternated delegate to the assembly, the Governing Board also develops and pursues its own legislative agenda. The Board's legislative agenda for the District need not, and sometimes does not, comport with the ASBA agenda.

At its October 5, 2010 meeting, for example, the Board determined the following as Amphitheater Legislative Priorities for the current 2012 Legislative Session(s):

1. Increase Funding for K-12 Education
2. Provide Adequate Support for Special Education
3. Eliminate All Student Tuition Organization Tax Credits
4. Eliminate the Extracurricular Tax Credit Program
5. Expand Career Ladder Funding
6. Maintain Desegregation Funding
7. Provide Adequate Funding to Serve English Language Learners
8. Establish a Reliable and Adequate Source of Funding for the School Facilities Board
9. Provide User-friendly and Practical Reporting Requirements and Provide Funding Support for the Same
10. Protect and Support Education Due Process Rights

At tonight's meeting, as it has in the past, it is presumed that the Governing Board would direct submission of these Amphitheater priorities to ASBA as legislative agenda items.

Prior to the Board's consideration of this item, individual Board members may also identify other proposals that they would like the Board as a whole to advance to ASBA. A blank ASBA form has therefore been provided to allow individual members to develop proposals. Board members will observe a small, unimportant graphical deviation from the form in the action items that have already been prepared on behalf of the Board.

General Counsel is, of course, also available and able to assist by drafting proposals for individual members who have a topic or issue of concern they wish to see addressed and have staff develop into a proposal for the Board consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: This Administration recommends that the Governing Board:

1. Appoint a delegate from the Board membership to attend the ASBA Legislative Conference and Delegate Assembly and vote on behalf of the Board;
2. Appoint an alternate delegate from the Board membership to attend the ASBA Legislative Conference and Delegate Assembly and, in the absence of the delegate, vote on behalf of the Board;
3. Provide direction, as it determines, to the delegate and alternate delegate on legislative matters of concern to the Board and/or provide direction on how the delegate or alternate delegate should vote on matters;
4. Determine, as appropriate, the action agenda items to be submitted to ASBA for consideration by the assembly for inclusion in the official ASBA Legislative Action Agenda for the 2011-2012 legislative sessions.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: April 6, 2011



Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent