

**Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting**  
**Amphitheater Public Schools**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

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A Regular Public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held Tuesday, June 9, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 West Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ in the Leadership & Professional Development Center. The meeting was held under COVID-19 pandemic related conditions.

**Governing Board Members Present**

*(Members who attended telephonically are in italics)*

Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., President

*Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, Vice President – via telephone*

*Dr. Scott K. Baker, Member – via telephone*

*Mr. Matthew A. Kopec, Member – via telephone*

Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

**Superintendent's Cabinet Members Present**

*(Members who attended via WebEx live streaming are in italics)*

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education

*Mr. Michael Bejarano, 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. Kristin McGraw, Director of Student Services

Ms. Tassi Call, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education

Mr. James Burns, Executive Manager of Operational Support

*Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications*

*Dr. Shannon McKinney, Director of Curriculum and Assessment*

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

President Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited members of the audience to sign the visitors' register.

*President Day reviewed directives regarding Arizona Governor Ducey's announcement that all Arizona schools are to be closed for the rest of the school year due to the COVID-19 health crisis. She noted that Arizona law permits Board members to attend meetings by videoconference or telephone. In addition, she requested that all persons present to exercise safe social distancing for this Board meeting.*

*There was a quorum at this meeting. Some Board members attended this meeting through telephonic means. This meeting was live streamed for the public.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Day asked Dr. Lopez to lead the Pledge.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

President Day announced that the next Special Governing Board meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Darlene Rowe, teacher at Coronado K-8 School, spoke about several of the professional development classes that she was taking this summer. She said that she hopes the District will train staff in social emotional learning and trauma informed practices. She also mentioned that she and Amphitheater Education Association (AEA/AmphiEA) called members to do a well check and gather information. The overall response was positive. Ms. Rowe asked several questions regarding the reopening of schools including special funding for special education; how will special needs students social distance; will they be required to wear a mask; and how will one-on-one aides socially distance themselves?

Ms. Lisa Millerd, AEA President and teacher at Amphitheater High School, talked about the history of teacher unions and the importance of AEA. She said AEA is here to serve the interests of the membership, and they are trained to represent employees during negotiations for compensation, benefits, and working conditions. AEA serves as advocates when difficult situations arise between employees and their supervisor. AEA brings employee concerns and solutions to District leadership. Ms. Millerd said AEA, with the District, shares the vision and mission to provide a quality education. All employees are entitled be treated fairly and with respect. She said that students and employees are to be honored for their cultural and racial differences.

Ms. Rebecca Green, AEA Vice President and teacher at Coronado K-8 School, said that she is still learning her role as AEA Vice President and will speak up for kids and colleagues. She talked about the positive impact she felt as she attended a Blue Ribbon committee meeting for reopening schools. She said the diversity of the team and the facilitation led to some strong working ideas for kids. She left the meeting feeling hopeful and inspired. Ms. Green said she would like to build a collaborative relationship between AEA and the District. She asked that the District administration have an internal conversation to identify steps to build a strong collaborative relationship between AmphiEA and the District. She said at the next AmphiEA Board meeting she will do the same.

### **2. INFORMATION**

#### **A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Jaeger mentioned that the current pandemic prohibited the traditional graduation ceremonies. High school staff put together individual graduation ceremonies. Students and staff followed Center for Disease Control and Prevention/Arizona Department of Health Services (CDC/ADHS) guidelines as each senior and four family members progressed through a staging process. This individual process allowed for professional photos and personal photo ops. It was not our usual, but the positive differences may influence future graduations as well. Feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive. Superintendent Jaeger thanked the principals and staff teams at

each school who made this happen. Superintendent Jaeger expressed his disappointment, and the Board's, that they were not able to be a part of this year's ceremonies, but if they attended that would have reduced family members able to attend. He thanked the Amphitheater Foundation for sponsoring our graduation broadcasts on KOLD-TV. These airings gave our graduates and their friends and families an additional opportunity to celebrate, and served as the vehicles through which we could deliver the traditional speeches from our senior class leaders, President Day, the principals, and Superintendent Jaeger.

Superintendent Jaeger showed several promotion celebrations from several of the elementary and middle schools through a Power Point Presentation.

He shared information on the District's new child care vendor, AlphaBest. The District issued a letter to parents and staff providing an update regarding the new child care along with their contact information. Information also was sent out in the District newsletter and a media press release. AlphaBest is in communication with parents and is actively hiring staff.

Superintendent Jaeger explained the new Blue Ribbon Task Force for Reopening School. There were 230 applicants interested in assisting with the task force. Ten subcommittees are being formed with a large task force advisory panel. There will also be future surveys of the broader public and employee groups. Superintendent's Cabinet and administration have been studying issues simultaneously with and through the support of Task Force members.

He noted that in order to meet predictable and potential needs in a competitive and crowded marketplace, certain items have been ordered, these include 4,000 ChromeBooks to meet student needs and 700 cameras for classrooms. A Zoom licensure has also been acquired.

Summer Professional Development Institute is underway for on-site and at-home learners (hybrid).

He mentioned that summer meals are continuing to be distributed to students through an updated schedule. Free meals kits are handed out every Tuesday and Thursday. These kits will feed the child for the entire week, thus saving multiple or daily trips for students to pick up their meals. The District has provided nearly 300,000 meals to date since the closure of our schools. These meals are for anyone, 18 years old and younger, regardless of enrollment or free/reduced meal status. Superintendent Jaeger thanked Amphi Food Service for their service to our community.

Due to the COVID-19 Phase 1 restrictions, which has not allowed traditional (in-building) summer school and summer extracurricular activities, the District has offered an online summer school session only.

Superintendent Jaeger said that he was invited to meet with Governing Ducey at a roundtable of sixteen K-12 education leaders on June 8, 2020. State Superintendent Kathy Hoffman, ADHS Director Dr. Cara Christ, and Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) Director Mike Faust also attended. Superintendent Jaeger relayed concerns of parents, teachers and staff, as well as District concerns. Governor Ducey was very receptive and expressed empathy and understanding of their concerns and voiced support of our needs. Superintendent Jaeger was grateful for the opportunity to participate.

Superintendent Jaeger talk about upcoming events including regular and recurring meetings. On June 10, 2020 he will meet with the Amphi Education Association President Lisa Millerd and Vice President (Support Staff) Robert Wacker. He will be sharing an update on the reopening processes and issues as well as seeking their input. Also, June 10, he will hold a Cabinet meeting focusing on reopening the schools and communication with community regarding the progress of the Task Force. Weekly meetings with area superintendents regarding pandemic, and school reopening related matters, continue. Weekly meetings with the Pima County Health Department leadership also continues. Superintendent Jaeger told the Board that the first survey of the broader community regarding reopening schools will be sent out in the near future.

Superintendent Jaeger reminded the Board of the District's summer schedule which began June 1 and will continue through July 17. Staff who work during the summer will be working 10-hour workdays, Monday through Thursday.

Lastly, Superintendent Jaeger gave a shout-out to the Amphi food Service. They have partnered with the Community Food Bank and the Arizona National Guard to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to our families when they pick up their student meals. In May, pallets of produce were delivered to Amphi Middle School. The hope is to offer this service on a regular basis at schools around the District.

## **B. Status of Bond Projects**

Superintendent Jaeger asked Mr. Burns to share current Bond projects.

Mr. Burns gave an update on the following projects.

*For detailed information see Exhibit 12.*

Amphitheater High School (AHS) Bonds projects include the exterior painting to the 100 wing north fascia, which is complete. Asphalt repairs are in progress to the parking lot and baseball fields. The library renovation of three new air-conditioning (A/C) units, new carpet, and lighting upgrades in two classrooms are in progress. School Facilities Board (SFB) projects in progress include the structural evaluation of the 300 wing and the main gym roof replacement. The welding lab in building 800 is 98% complete.

Canyon del Oro High School (CDO) Bond projects of the main switchgear modernization is now complete. Upcoming projects include the T building fan coil improvements, replacing the main water backflow valve, and replacing existing shingles on the grounds building. SFB campus roofing to buildings E, J, and K are near completion. The SFB has approved the design document for the campus roofing, phase II. The Adjacent Ways projects paving and curb install to the fire lane by tennis courts is now complete.

Ironwood Ridge High School (IRHS) completed Bond projects include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking lot improvements, sinks and faucet replacement in the science classrooms, replacement of the water heater and expansion tank, the track repairs and resurfacing, and the installation of the double gates for access to the softball field. Office for Civil Rights (OCR) mandated repairs of the science tables is also complete. SFB projects in progress include the roofing on buildings A and F.

Amphitheater Middle School Bond projects underway include the Public Address (PA) system improvements, a Maker Space in room 806 B, and the weight room remodel. Lastly, the roof sealing work on the 800 building is now complete.

Copper Creek Elementary Bond projects include the central plant chiller replacement, which is near completion.

Coronado K-8 School Bond projects include the lighting replacement in rooms 5-10, which is complete. Upcoming projects include the exterior lighting fixture replacement, exterior paint improvements to the elementary buildings, administration building A/C unit replacements, and the east side security fence re-painting. SFB projects include the Multipurpose Room (MPR) roof replacement, which is 90% complete.

Cross Middle School Bond projects include a Maker Space in room 403, which is near completion. SFB projects in progress include the MPR Heating/Ventilation/Air/Conditioning (HVAC) and roof replacement.

Donaldson Elementary Bond projects include a Maker Space in room F-1, which is complete. Upcoming projects in building E include the HVAC controls, interior ceiling painting, and classroom lighting upgrades.

Harelson Elementary Bond projects underway are the mechanical hot water replacement and a Maker Space in room 7 B. SFB projects in progress are the roof & HVAC for the Funhouse.

Holaway Elementary Bond projects underway include a Maker Space in room 19 and the west side security fence and hallway lighting improvements.

Keeling Elementary Bond projects include the carpet replacement in room 230, which is now complete.

La Cima Middle School upcoming Bond projects include the exterior door replacement.

Mesa Verde Elementary Bond projects underway include the interior painting of the MPR. The carpet replacement in rooms 10, 13, 14 is now complete. The SFB roof replacement project is in process.

Painted Sky Elementary Bond projects include the fire alarm replacement design, which is now complete.

Prince Elementary upcoming Bond projects include a Maker Space in rooms 19-20 and the classroom flooring improvements for classrooms 21-25.

Rillito Center Bond projects include the green house and sensory room improvements, a new sign in front of the school, and a new water fountain with a bottle filler. Future SFB projects include the campus re-roofing.

Rio Vista Elementary Bond projects include the MPR stage vinyl composition tile (VCT) floor replacement, which is complete.

Walker Elementary Bond projects in progress include the A/C replacement for the Pre-K building.

Wilson K-8 School Bond projects include the fire alarm system replacement design, which is complete.

Ms. Zibrat thanked Mr. Burns and his crew for the projects and the work that was able to be done during the school closures.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Details of agenda items, supporting documents, and presentations are available in the electronic BoardBook by clicking on the hyperlink below.*

<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=1000433>

*Ms. Zibrat moved for Consent Agenda Items A. – K. be approved as presented. Vice President Cox Golder seconded the motion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec, and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 0. Consent Agenda Items A.-K. 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)**

*Separation(s) and Termination(s) were approved as listed in Exhibit 4.*

#### **E. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers**

*Stipends for coaching volunteers were approved as listed in Exhibit 5.*

#### **F. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

*The Governing Board approved the minutes for the May 26, 2020 Board meeting as submitted in Exhibit 6.*

#### **G. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$2,027,111.42**

*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 listed in Exhibit 7.*

Voucher		Voucher		Voucher	
Voucher #	Amount	#	Amount	#	Amount
331	\$140,915.48	332	\$9,967.93	333	\$181,123.39
334	\$160,648.43	335	\$42,130.35	1316	\$45,018.55
1317	\$172,524.22	1318	\$83,197.61	1319	\$73,399.61
1320	\$321,929.27	1321	\$88,022.31	1322	\$26,034.64
1323	\$299,543.56	1324	\$10,618.45	1325	\$29,777.49
1327	\$17,927.50	1328	\$210,406.39	1329	\$27,968.31
1330	\$3,930.05	1331	\$1,070.10	1332	\$80,957.78

**H. Receipt of April 2020 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances**

*The Governing Board approved the report on school auxiliary and club balances as listed in Exhibit 8.*

**I. Acceptance of Gifts**

*Gifts were accepted by the Governing Board as listed in Exhibit 9.*

**J. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint Technological Education District No. 11.**

*The Governing Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County Joint Technological Education District No. 11 as listed in Exhibit 10.*

**K. Approval of the Amphitheater Teacher Performance Evaluation (ATPES) for the 2020-2021 School Year**

*The Governing Board approved the Amphitheater Teacher Performance Evaluation (ATPES) for the 2020-2021 school year as presented in Exhibit 11.*

**4. STUDY**

**A. Study of Governing Board Policy JFAA (Admissions of Resident Students) with Accompanying Exhibits and Policy JFAB (Admissions of Nonresident Students) with Accompanying Exhibits**

Superintendent Jaeger asked Ms. Tong to present these policies to the Board.

Ms. Tong explained that this item is presented at this time for the Board's study only. The Board may direct further revisions as it feels are appropriate. The revised policy and regulation will be brought back at a later date for the Board's approval.

These revisions are proposed to maintain consistency with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Arizona Residency Guidelines, which were changed earlier this year. Ms. Tong explained the changes and new additions to Policy JFAA (Admissions of Resident Students) with exhibits JFAA-EA and JFAA-EB and Policy JFAB (Admissions of Nonresident Students) with exhibits JFAB-EA and JFAB-EB. These were presented to the Board in Exhibit 14.

**PUBLIC COMMENT<sup>1</sup>**

There were none.

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*President Day made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Zibrat seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll call vote in favor - 5: President Day, Vice President Cox Golder, Dr. Baker, Mr. Kopec and Ms. Zibrat. Roll call vote opposed - 0.*

*The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.*

  
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*Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval*

*Karin Smith*  
*Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board*

July 8, 2020  
Date

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Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Governing Board President

July 14, 2020  
Date