



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** August 2, 2011

**TITLE:** Discussion of Arizona School Board Association Positions and Activities and Governing Board Input

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**BACKGROUND:** The District and the Governing Board are members of the Arizona School Board Association. More than 240 school districts across the State of Arizona participate in the same organization. ASBA provides the following statements regarding its vision, mission and governance:

**Our Vision**

Quality leadership and advocacy for children in public schools.

**Our Mission**

Promoting community volunteer governance of public education and continuous improvement of student success by providing leadership and assistance to public school governing boards.

**Governance & Organization**

ASBA is a non-partisan, non-profit organization governed by its members through direct action and an elected Board of Directors. At the annual Delegate Assembly, held in June, all board members have a voice in setting the policies and direction of the association. The Board of Directors is composed of elected officers and 17 County Directors—one for each county in Arizona, with two for Pima and Maricopa Counties due to their higher populations. Officers are elected to one-year terms by the full membership at the ASBA Annual Meeting. County Directors are elected to two-year terms at the County Workshops. All must be current school board members.

(Source: <http://www.azsba.org/static/index.cfm?action=group&contentID=16>). A copy of the organization's by laws is also available through their website at: <http://www.azsba.org/docs/ASBABylaws9-09.pdf>.

ASBA's offers a variety of services and programs to its members, including but not limited to: leadership development, board member training, policy development and services, and legislative services (lobbying).

Each year, ASBA holds delegate/member assemblies for the purpose of soliciting input from the membership concerning ASBA's organizational policies and activities. As the Board will recall, one important aspect of this each year is the request for feedback and input into ASBA's legislative/lobbying agenda.

Dr. Barrabee, Member of the Board, has recently served as the Governing Board's delegate to the ASBA's delegate assembly for the development of the organization's legislative agenda for the coming legislative session(s).

This item will permit Dr. Barrabee to brief the other Board Members on his recent experience at the ASBA delegate assembly and allow for Governing Board discussion and input regarding issues raised at the assembly. This will inform and guide future participation in ASBA and its events.

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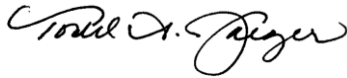
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is presented for study and discussion at this time only. No action is recommended or permitted at this time.

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**INITIATED BY:**



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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: August 1, 2011



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Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent