



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

DATE OF MEETING: November 15, 2016

TITLE: Study and Determination of Voting Position on Proposed Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaw Changes and Approval of Electronic Voting Designee

BACKGROUND:

The ASBA has received six (6) proposed changes to their bylaws. The proposed changes will be voted on by an electronic vote of the membership using a procedure adopted by the ASBA Board of Directors. A change to the bylaws requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all ASBA member district boards. Electronic voting will begin on November 4, 2016 and close on December 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Results will be announced at the annual meeting on December 6, 2016.

This item is submitted for the Board to discuss the proposed changes, determine their voting position on the changes, and to assign one designee to cast the Board's electronic vote. The voting designee may be a member of the board, the board secretary or the superintendent.

Attached is the ASBA packet including a memo, information on amendment of bylaws, electronic voting procedures, a model agenda and the proposed ASBA bylaw changes in clean and redlined versions. The Proposals submitted were:

Proposal A - ASBA Governance Committee proposes that if any director or officer on the ASBA Board of Directors misses more than one meeting in a given year it will be deemed to [that] they have vacated their office.

- Explanation - *There is currently discretion by the Board of Directors to take this action only for unexcused absences.*

Proposal B - Chino Valley USD recommends that a bylaw may be amended or repealed by 2/3 of the member boards that are VOTING instead of by 2/3 vote of the entire membership.

- Explanation - *The concern is that the current method is too high of a threshold to enact bylaw changes.*

Proposal C - The ASBA Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC) proposal will allow a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors for the President and Past President of the HNAIC and one for the President of the Black Caucus.

- Explanation - *There is currently one seat on the ASBA Board for the HNAIC President only. The HNAIC seeks greater representation on the ASBA Board.*

Proposal D - ASBA Governance Committee proposes a change that would require a candidate wishing to run from the floor for an Executive Officer position must [to] provide written notification to the Nominating Committee and Executive Director one week prior to the annual membership meeting.

- Explanation - *There is concern by the ASBA Governance Committee that those chosen by the Nominating Committee be given notice out of fairness so that both sides will have an opportunity to marshal support.*

Proposal E - Maricopa USD proposes the elimination of running from the floor for candidates who seek a position on the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee should provide two or more nominees for each open seat on the Executive Committee to be voted on at the annual membership meeting.

- Explanation - *Concern that running from the floor creates unfairness for those that have gone through the process of applying for an officer position; concerns that the Nominating Committee give the membership a full range of choices.*

Proposal F - Oracle ESD proposes the elimination of running from the floor for candidates who seek a position on the Executive Committee.

- Explanation - *Concern that running from the floor creates unfairness for those that have gone through the process of applying for an officer position.*

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the board determine their position, vote on the six (6) proposed bylaws and assign a designee to cast the Board's electronic vote.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: November 4, 2016

Patrick Nelson

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