

DATE OF MEETING: January 12, 2021

TITLE: Administration of Oath of Office to Re-Elected Governing Board Members

BACKGROUND:

A.R.S. §38-231 requires school district governing board members and employees to take a loyalty oath of office. School district governing board members must take the oath at or before commencement of their term of office. The oath reads as follows:

"I, ______, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of the Governing Board for Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10, according to the best of my abilities, so help me God (or so I do affirm)."

A.R.S. §15-426 further requires school district governing board members to execute the oath in writing before a Notary Public and forward it to the Pima County School Superintendent.

In accordance with these laws, re-elected Board members Dr. Scott K. Baker, Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, and Ms. Deanna M. Day subscribed their oath of office before a notary public in December 2020 before their term of office began on January 1, 2021. Their signed and notarized oaths have been forwarded to the Pima County School Superintendent.

Because their oaths were administered separately outside of a public meeting, the re-elected Board members also have the option to take the oath again publically during the January 12, 2021 Governing Board meeting. This agenda item is provided to permit the three (3) re-elected Board members to take the oath of office during the Board meeting.

Each re-elected Board member has selected family members to administer the oath to them at the meeting. Dr. Baker will be administered his oath of office by his wife Windy Baker. Ms. Cox Golder will be administered her oath of office by her grandchildren, Avery and Greyson Golder. Ms. Day will be administered her oath of office by her grandchildren, Drew Deneke and Abigail Deneke.

RECOMMENDATION:

Dr. Scott K. Baker, Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, and Ms. Deanna M. Day should state the loyalty oath of office required by A.R.S. §38-231, which may be administered by the person of their choosing.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: January 4, 2021