



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

DATE OF MEETING: April 24, 2012

TITLE: Appointment of the Superintendent of Amphitheater Unified School District, Effective July 1, 2012

BACKGROUND: Since January, the Governing Board has been conducting a search for a new superintendent, following Dr. Balentine's announcement that she will be retiring at the conclusion of her current contract. After obtaining public input as to the qualities sought in a superintendent, the position was advertised nationally and applications were accepted through March 21st.

Ultimately, the Governing Board selected three candidates for interview:

- Dr. Steve Chestnut, currently Superintendent of Selah School District, in Selah, WA.
- Mr. Patrick Nelson, currently Associate Superintendent for School Operations, Amphitheater Public Schools, Tucson, AZ.
- Dr. Patrick Sweeney, currently Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Support – Secondary, Paradise Valley School District, Paradise Valley, AZ.

The Governing Board interviewed these candidates on April 12 in executive session. Following their interviews with the Board, the three candidates also participated in public forums, held at Cross Middle School on April 12.

The Governing Board met in executive session, on April 13, to discuss and review the candidates and their qualifications for the position of Superintendent and to discuss, consult with, and direct legal counsel regarding the negotiation of contract terms with potential finalists for the position.

By action under this item, the Governing Board may appoint a candidate to the position of Superintendent, effective July 1, 2012, following Dr. Balentine's retirement. A form of motion is proposed below.

RECOMMENDATION: To appoint a candidate for the position of Superintendent effective on July 1, 2012, it is recommended that a motion be made and approved in the following form:

I move that _____ [name of candidate] _____ be appointed as Superintendent of Amphitheater Unified School District for a term beginning July 1, 2012 and continuing through June 30, 2015, and that legal counsel be directed to present a written contract of employment for the new Superintendent for the Board's consideration and/or approval at a future Board meeting.

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: April 23, 2012

Vicki Balentine

Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent