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CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tucson, Arizona

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Carole Siegler Boardroom at Valley View Early Learning Center
3435 E. Sunrise Drive - Tucson, Arizona
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 6:30 PM, Doors Opened at 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF MEETING

On May 4, 2026, the announcement of the meeting was posted at Catalina Foothills High School, Esperero Canyon Middle School, Orange Grove Middle School, Ventana Vista Elementary School, Canyon View Elementary School, Manzanita Elementary School, Sunrise Drive Elementary School, Valley View Early Learning Center, and on the Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) website (www.cfsd16.org).

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Amy Krauss, President
Tom Logue, Vice President
Jacquelyn Davoli, Member
Eileen Jackson, Member
Gina Mehmert, Member

District Administration:

Denise Bartlett, Superintendent
Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent
Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Julie Farbarik, Director of Community Relations
Travis Kolter, Director of Community Schools
Lynn Pence, Director of Educational Technology
Lisa Taetle, Director of Finance

District Personnel:

Jeffrey Good, Catalina Foothills High School Instrumental Music Teacher
Amie Sams, Administrative Assistant

Visitors Present:

Tosh Martin, Amy Morales-Baum, Amanda Rellora, Reece Rellora, Hayden Talattof

Joining Online:

Approximately 21 visitors attended the regular meeting through the YouTube live link.

1. **OPENING – 4:30 PM**

1.1. **Call to Order**

President Amy Krauss called to order the governing board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2.1. **Executive Session, personnel, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) - Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body - Annual Performance Review of Superintendent.**

Upon a motion by Eileen Jackson and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board moved into executive session for discussion of personnel, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) at 4:31 p.m.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

3. **OPENING (CONTINUED) – 6:30 PM**

3.1. Welcome

President Krauss welcomed the public.

3.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Krauss led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.3. Rules of Order for Governing Board Meetings

President Krauss read the Rules of Order for governing board meetings.

3.4. Outstanding Achievements

Superintendent Denise Bartlett shared the following outstanding achievements of CFSD students and staff:

Catalina Foothills High School Choir

Over the April 11-12 weekend, members of the Catalina Foothills High School Choir program traveled to California under the direction of Mr. Jeffrey Evans to participate in the 2026 Forum Music Festival. The trip included a choral clinic at the University of Southern California with Dr. Emily Sung, a backstage recording session at Disney with clinician and professional recording artist Vangie Gunn-Goodwin, and cultural enrichment activities, including a performance of Spamalot at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood and a visit to The Getty.

Both performing choirs (CFHS Choir and CFHS Change of Pace) were awarded gold at the festival.

In addition, two individual honors were presented by the adjudicators. Junior Abigail Carnahan and Senior Alexis Perry were recognized for their duet performance. Senior Carter Ferrell was recognized for his artistry in premiering an original composition for Chorus and Piano, performed by Change of Pace with collaborative pianist Jacqueline Foley.

The following students represented Catalina Foothills High School on this trip:

Sunita Adhikari, Jillian Bea, Owen Becker, Sophie Bian, Ivy Buffalo, Rylee Bush, Abigail Carnahan, Mariah Coats, Lily Coletta, Massimiliano Costa, Thomas Coss, Hannah Dominguez Angulo, Nora Fadel, Carter Ferrell, Addison Fluegel, Jacqueline Foley, Layla Fraser, Abigail Garcia, Isabella Garcia, Riley Goetsch, Charlotte Gordon, Zachary Green, Elliya Griver, Jay Groves, Sarina Herrington, Harper Hisey, Sophia Hudgens, Angela Jomey, Alexandra Kapke, Laney Lee-Hilton, Sebastian Mehl-Dominguez, Belladonna Melton, Emma Moseke, Carlos Navarro, Trillium Newcomb, Snowe Nguyen, Stephie Norvilus, Thomas Ogden, Sophia Maria Oliveira, Anna Palmer, Fernanda Partida Guillen, Alexis Perry, Azailea Peterson, Anakin Ramirez, Alex Riddle, Eli Schmidt, Janice Silva Florian, Aspen Sinclair, Louisa Stine, Kellen Tanner, Ada Tenbroeck, Joseph Towe, Luis Urtaza, Avisia Victory, Nathaniel Wiley, Victoria Wilson, Elise Woolley, Xavier Zazueta

Congratulations to them, Mr. Evans, and the entire CFHS Choir program on this achievement.

Arizona Science Teachers Association Spotlights Kevin Duong

Congratulations to physics teacher Kevin Duong, who has been spotlighted by the Arizona Science Teachers Association!

ASTA put it perfectly: "*Kevin's dedication to bringing complex concepts to life is sparking curiosity and shaping the next generation of scientists and engineers in Arizona.*" Kevin's love for physics is contagious, and his students are better thinkers, problem-solvers, and scientists because of him.

Thank you, Kevin, for the energy, expertise, and heart you bring to CFHS every day.

CFHS Science Olympiad Team Places Third in the State

On April 11, the Catalina Foothills High School Science Olympiad team competed in the State Science Olympiad competition hosted by Arizona State University, earning third place overall in the state. Several team members also medaled in individual events.

Four second place finishes: Emilee Shepard and Braeden Gracy in Circuit Lab, and Gabi Malo-Molina and Ava Terpning in Material Science.

Six third place finishes: Braeden Gracy in Robot Tour; Alex Wagenheim and Gabi Malo-Molina in Water Quality; Alex Wagenheim and Mackenzie Badie in Chiropterology; and Liz Povsner in Electric Vehicle.

The 20-member team is coached by CFHS teachers Kevin Duong and Kristin Vanderford. Team members are Alexa Amer, Mackenzie Badie, Isobel Cooper, Braeden Gracy, Lilliana Kalish, Alexander Lehrman, Gabi Malo-Molina, Fritz McGee, Quin Mekkelsen, Justin Newberg, Liz Povsner, Enoch Rogers, Emilee Shepard, Hailey Sircy, Isabelle Summers, Hugo Surdeanu, Ava Terpning, Faith Thomas, Caitlyn Trail, and Alex Wagenheim.

CFSD congratulates the Science Olympiad team, their coaches, and all of the students who represented Catalina Foothills High School at the state level.

CFHS Orchestras at the ABODA State Festival

Both Catalina Foothills High School orchestras took the stage at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association (ABODA) State Band and Orchestra Festival on April 30. State is the top tier of ABODA's adjudicated festival circuit, open only to ensembles that have already earned a Superior rating at the Area level. Serving more than 1,000 school music programs and over 30,000 students across Arizona, an invitation to State is itself a recognition of what these students have built.

Symphonic Strings earned a Superior with Distinction, ABODA's highest possible rating, for the second consecutive year.

Concert Orchestra earned a Superior at State. This was the first time in the history of the CFHS orchestra program that the Concert Orchestra has performed at the State festival, and the first State Superior the ensemble has ever brought home.

Both results reflect the steady, demanding work our students have done all year under the leadership of orchestra director Ryan Watson.

Congratulations to the following Falcons:

Symphonic Strings Andrea Adler, Connor Beckett, Sophie Bian, Brayden Carroll, Braeden Gracy, John Kettelle, Gordon Kim, Evangeline Kolonelos, Lucas Leonard, Gabi Malo-Molina, Elena McKaig, Quin Mekkelsen, Oliver Moeller, Vivi Nguyen, Milo Peters, Azailea Peterson, Tomas Salazar, Vivienne Shehab, Joseph Wang, Kaelen Wilt

Concert Orchestra Momoko Abe, Alpha Joyce Blanco, Johnathan Cadenhead, Michael Carrasco, Zayleigh Clark, Hope Craig, Violet Eider, Lydia Gendel, Leah Ghotmi, Lina Green, Molly Guarrera, Nathaniel Hance-Terrazas, Joshua Holden, Oreana Johnson, Jason Liu, Marcodario Luzania, Julie Marrs, Analia Matias, Emily Meagher, Ariadna Moreno Hernandez, Samuel Nasser, Elliot Orchard, Leonardo Osorio Torres, Ana Laura Passos, Ava Raymond, Bailey Redmond, Quinn Rogan, Isabella Rowe, Sergius Sakali, Stella Schenten, Tiana Simmons, Mason Sloss, Storey Staples, Nora Stevens, Cortez Tam, Evan Velasco Resendiz

We are so proud of your hard work and what you accomplished this year.

KEYS Interns

Three Catalina Foothills High School students have been selected for the University of Arizona BIO5 Institute's Keep Engaging Youth in Science (KEYS) Research Internship 2026 cohort. Isobel Cooper, Bailey Moffett, and Alex Wagenheim are among 60 students chosen from a pool of more than 500 applicants statewide. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, the KEYS program places high-achieving Arizona students alongside university researchers in Tucson, at UA's Phoenix campus, and virtually. The cohort will present their work at the KEYS Research Showcase on July 17th at the Health Sciences Innovation Building at the University of Arizona. Congratulations to Isobel, Bailey, and Alex on this remarkable distinction.

Two Esperero Canyon Middle School Educators Selected for Recognition at Evening to Empower Ed

Esperero Canyon Middle School counselor Garrett Wilton and special education teacher Lyndee Jones were recognized by the Southern Arizona Education Council at the 2026 Evening to Empower Ed, at the official education awards celebration of Pima County and the City of Tucson on May 1st at the Pima Community College Aviation Technology Center.

Mr. Wilton has been named the 2026 Counselor of the Year, an award that recognizes an individual whose work has set a standard of excellence and inspired lasting impact in supporting students. He was selected from nominees across Pima County school districts.

Ms. Jones has been selected for recognition as an outstanding educator for her work in special education at Esperero Canyon.

The Evening to Empower Ed builds on the 35-year legacy of the Crystal Apple Awards and celebrates outstanding educators, students, and community leaders from across the region.

CFSD congratulates Mr. Wilton and Ms. Jones on this well-deserved recognition.

Orange Grove Middle School Wins Arizona State Championship in Personal Finance & Economics

Orange Grove Middle School has been named the Arizona State Champion in the middle school division of the National Personal Finance Challenge and National Economics Challenge, hosted by the Arizona Council on Economic Education (ACEE).

Competing against nearly 2,000 students from public, charter, and private schools across Arizona, the OGMS team advanced through regional rounds to the state finals, where they tackled real-world challenges including Arizona's semiconductor industry, public land use to support education, and long-term financial planning for a multigenerational family. ACEE President and CEO Elena Zee describes the competition as "the spelling bee of finance."

Congratulations to the OGMS State Championship Team: Jenna Appel, Josh Bowden, Molly Bowden, Casey Casper, Sullivan Cohn, Graham Cooper, Ryan Curley, Miles Goodrich, Gabriel Grandner, August LeRoy, Calum Newman, Hannah Regan, Isabelle Richardson, Haylin Rock, Giuliana Trombetta, and Paige Warfield, and to advisors Ms. Dawn Willman and Mr. Collin Flynn for their outstanding preparation and dedication.

CFSD Schools Shine at the 2026 Arizona Scholastic State Chess Championship

Two CFSD elementary schools brought home top honors from the 2026 Arizona Scholastic State Chess Championship, held April 25–26 at Harelson Elementary School and hosted by the Southern Arizona Chess Association. After a weekend of intense competition, with seven matches played over two days for our youngest competitors, Ventana Vista and Sunrise Drive both finished among the top teams in the state.

Ventana Vista — K–3 State Co-Champions

Ventana Vista Elementary School has been named 2026 Arizona Scholastic State Co-Champion in the K–3 division. The VV team finished tied for first place with Fruchthendler Elementary, with Fruchthendler taking home the 1st place trophy on tiebreaks. Both schools share the title of state co-champion.

This victory is especially meaningful because it spans the entire K–3 field, bringing together students across four grade levels into a single competitive division. It builds on Ventana Vista's strong showing in the fall, when VV teams claimed first place in their individual grade-level competitions.

Congratulations to the Ventana Vista K–3 State Co-Champion Team: Ian Moore, Nik Jain, Varden Pokhrel, Angelos Kyriacou, Evan Harvey, Liam Anderson, and Ethan Hudlow.

Sunrise Drive — Team and Individual Honors

Sunrise Drive Elementary School earned 2nd place in the K–1 division, with team members Gavin Levin, Jackson Benson, and Arthur Lam representing the school over two days of competition. Sunrise Drive also

brought home two individual honors a 3rd and a 6th place. Third grader Aiden Liu finished 3rd place in the K–3 division, and Gavin Levin earned 6th place in the K–1 division.

A heartfelt thank you to Coach Ken Larson, who guides the chess players at both Ventana Vista and Sunrise Drive. The dedication it takes to sit across a chessboard for seven matches in two days is no small thing, and our students rose to the challenge.

Congratulations to all of our CFSD chess competitors!

CFHS Tennis Wins State Championship and State Runner-Up Titles

On May 9, both the CFHS Boys and Girls Tennis teams competed in the Division II state championship matches at the Paseo Racquet Center in Scottsdale. The Boys Tennis team claimed the state title, defeating top-seeded Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep 5-0. The Girls Tennis team finished as state runners-up after falling to Salpointe Catholic in the championship match.

Boys Tennis: Back-to-Back Division II State Champions

The No. 2-seeded Falcons completed an undefeated 16-0 season with their 5-0 victory over Notre Dame Prep in the final. The win marks the 19th state championship in program history and the team's second consecutive state title. The Falcons' tournament run included a 6-0 win over Ironwood Ridge in the opening round, a 5-0 win over Cactus Shadows in the quarterfinals, a 5-1 win over Eastmark in the semifinals, and the 5-0 sweep of Notre Dame Prep in the championship match.

First-year head coach Nick Uphoff led the program to the title in his inaugural season at the helm. The roster combined senior leadership with emerging talent: seniors Malik Campbell, Finn Griffis, and Aaron Zeldin closed out their CFHS careers as state champions, while four freshmen contributed throughout the season.

The 2026 boys state championship roster: Santiago Astengo Jaime (Jr), Ahmed Bozdogan (Jr), Damon Brown (Jr), Malik Campbell (Sr), Andrew Eddy (Fr), Matthew Eddy (Jr), Mauro Escudero (Fr), Rajen Fadia (So), Finn Griffis (Sr), Emil LeBauer (Jr), Kai Sadalla (Jr), Alexander Tehrani (Fr), Rene Vidal (Fr), and Aaron Zeldin (Sr).

Girls Tennis: Division II State Runners-Up

The CFHS Girls Tennis team, under head coach Daniel Root, advanced to the Division II state championship after entering the tournament as the No. 9-ranked team in the division. The Falcons edged Horizon 5-3 in the semifinals on May 8 to reach the championship match. In the title match, the Falcons fell to Salpointe Catholic 5-0 and finished the season 9-3 overall.

The 2026 girls state runners-up roster: Jazmin Arora (So), Adelina Centofante (Fr), Samantha Hickman (Sr), Avari Himmelberger (Fr), Sophia Howell (Jr), Abigail Jack (Jr), Ainsley Johnson (Fr), Amile Kaiser (Sr), Maddie Kumar (Jr), Annie Marquiz (Fr), Brianna Mildebrant (Jr), Emma Mireles (Sr), Gracie Petrow (Sr), Lily Rubin (So), Soleil Sakali (Jr), Sophia Sakali (Jr), Della Stoldt (So), and Audrey Wassell (Fr).

Having both CFHS tennis programs reach the Division II state final on the same day reflects the depth and sustained excellence of tennis at Catalina Foothills High School. CFSD congratulates Coach Uphoff, Coach Root, the assistant coaches, every player on both rosters, and the families who supported the teams throughout the season.

3.5. CFSD Foundation Semi-Annual Gift to the District

Catalina Foothills School District Foundation President Amy Morales-Baum presented the Foundation's semi-annual gift to the district, highlighting the collective support of volunteers, families, businesses, and community members who help invest in students, educators, and schools. She celebrated the CFSD Foundation's growth in board membership and fundraising efforts, thanked community sponsors and supporters, and emphasized the shared belief that investing in educators strengthens both students and the broader community.

CFSD Board Member Gina Mehmert accepted the donation on behalf of the district and praised the Foundation's longstanding partnership and impact since its founding in 1983. She emphasized the important role the

Foundation plays financially to help CFSD attract and retain outstanding educators, noting the positive effect teacher stability has on student achievement and the community as a whole. CFSD board members expressed their appreciation for the Foundation board members and volunteers whose dedication and fundraising efforts continue to support opportunities for students and staff. Information about the CFSD Foundation is available at: www.cfsdfoundation.org

3.6. Deep Learning Showcase (A Celebration of Quality Teaching) – *Striking a Chord: What Guitar Has Taught Us About Learning*, Catalina Foothills High School Guitar Program

The governing board premiered the Foothills Film *Striking a Chord: What Guitar Has Taught Us About Learning*, which spotlighted the Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) guitar program. In the film, created by Director of Community Relations Julie Farbarik, students describe how learning guitar has taught them far more than music. Students shared they have learned the value of showing up and practicing every day, even when it becomes frustrating, and how pushing through those moments has made them stronger learners both in and out of the classroom. They credited the discipline of daily practice with improving their focus, grades, and even fine motor coordination. Under the guidance of CFHS Instrumental Music Teacher Jeff Good and through the resources provided by the guitar program, students shared the class has shown them that commitment and perseverance are skills that carry into every aspect of life.

Board members engaged Mr. Good and the student musicians in the audience, Sophomore Tosh Martin, Juniors Hayden Talattof and Reece Rellora, in discussion about the growth of the Catalina Foothills High School guitar program, the positive impact of the district's dedicated guitar and orchestra facility, and the Catalina Foothills community's support of bonds and overrides that made the space possible. Students shared their favorite musical pieces and experiences with classical guitar, while board members highlighted the perseverance required to develop musical skills and expressed appreciation to the students and Mr. Good for showcasing the value of deep learning opportunities in CFSD.

[The *Striking a Chord: What Guitar Has Taught Us About Learning* video](#) was made available to the community on the CFSD website and YouTube channel.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A board member requested to pull consent agenda items 5.4 the fundraising request memorandum and 5.11 the expenditures for replacement technology - deferred payment agreement with Apple Financial Services, and a board member requested to pull consent agenda item 5.5 the personnel memorandum.

Upon a motion by Tom Logue and a second by Eileen Jackson, the governing board approved the following items on the consent agenda: 5.1 the governing board April 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented; 5.2 the expense voucher memorandum, as presented; 5.3 the field trip request memorandum, as presented; 5.6 the acceptance, with gratitude, of the gifts and donations memorandum, as presented; 5.7 the administrative contracts for 2026-2027, as presented; 5.8 the cooperative purchase list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented; 5.9 the sole source vendor list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented; 5.10 the expenditures for the purchase of new student devices from CDW, LLC in the amount of \$874,102.46 for replacement technology at the elementary schools, as presented; and 5.12 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-008095 for the replacement of an air conditioning unit at Esperero Canyon Middle School in the estimated amount of \$48,487.00, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5.4

Board members discussed the collaborative “Tucson Sugar Skulls” fundraiser involving multiple school Family Faculty Organizations (FFOs). Discussion noted that the idea originated with a Sunrise Drive Elementary family and expanded through the District FFO (DFFO) structure into a districtwide CFSD event, reflecting the continued collaboration, information sharing, and coordinated efforts among school FFOs.

Upon a motion by Tom Logue and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board approved consent agenda item 5.4 the fundraising request memorandum, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5.5

A board member highlighted the district’s summer and after-school programs as valuable employment opportunities for current and former high school students, noting strong student retention, the benefits of intergenerational connections with younger students, and the positive skills and experience gained through these roles.

Upon a motion by Tom Logue and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board approved consent agenda item 5.5 the personnel memorandum, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5.11

A board member asked for clarification on the types of devices being purchased and the shift from a leasing model to a deferred purchase arrangement. Superintendent Bartlett explained that the district is moving away from leasing and will instead purchase devices outright in stages, beginning with elementary and bringing forward middle school and high school purchases at a later date. The plan includes purchasing 1,500 Chromebooks to replace models that have reached end of support, while repurposing still-functional older elementary Chromebooks for use in middle and high schools. The purchase also includes 570 iPads for PreK students and Kindergarten through first grade students at the elementary schools, and 400 MacBooks for staff. Dr. Bartlett noted that the long-term instructional goal is to provide iPads for PreK, Kindergarten, and first grade students and Chromebooks for grades 2–12, supported by warranties and voter-approved capital override funds to sustain district technology needs, with the transition occurring incrementally year by year.

Upon a motion by Tom Logue and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved consent agenda item 5.11 the deferred payment purchase agreement with Apple Financial Services in the amount of \$779,744.79 for the district-wide technology replacement cycle, noting that the final payment obligation will be offset by an estimated Apple Trade-in Credit of \$715,296.00, as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

5.1. Approval of April 21, 2026, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the regular governing board meeting minutes for April 21, 2026, as presented.

5.2. Approval of Expense Voucher Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following expense vouchers:

Expense Voucher		Amount
26144	\$	1,694,191.17
26149		85,028.36
26150		164,110.91
26151		495,066.68
26152		1,748,941.17
26153		132,992.19
26154		9,115.41

26155		53,934.56
26156		85,969.31
26158		45,943.36
26159		202,955.12

5.3. Approval of the Field Trip Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the field trip request memorandum, as presented.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LEARNING NEXUS	WHERE	DATE(S)	*FEE
Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Girls Basketball	Team camp	Students will apply game strategies, build teamwork, and enhance their skills while competing against out-of-state teams.	San Diego, CA	06/12/2026 to 06/14/2026	\$0.00
CFHS Boys Basketball	Summer basketball tournament	Students will build teamwork and sportsmanship while advancing their skills through competitive play.	Phoenix, AZ	06/19/2026 to 06/21/2026	\$0.00
CFHS Boys Basketball	High school basketball tournament	Students will build teamwork and sportsmanship while advancing their skills through competitive play.	San Diego, CA	06/25/2026 to 06/28/2026	\$0.00

5.4. Approval of the Fundraising Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the fundraising request memorandum, as presented.

NAME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE	LOCATION	DATE(S)	GROSS REVENUES	NET INCOME
Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)						
CFHS Touchdown Club	50/50 raffle sales by parents/guardians	To raise funds for coach stipends.	Off campus	05/30/2026	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
CFHS Family Faculty Organization (FFO)	Ticket sales for Tucson Sugar Skulls indoor football game	To raise funds to provide resources and supplies to teachers, staff, and students.	Off campus/online	05/13/2026 to 05/30/2026	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
CFHS FFO	Grad Night ticket sales and sponsorships	To raise funds to offset the cost of the Grad Night event to keep seniors safe.	On/off campus/online	August 2026 to May 2027	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
CFHS FFO	Parking space raffle	To raise funds to support ongoing school activities.	Off campus/online	07/27/2026 to 08/02/2026	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
CFHS FFO	Falcon store/ spirit wear sales	To raise funds to support school activities and foster school spirit.	On/off campus/online	August 2026 to May 2027	\$20,000.00	5,000.00
CFHS FFO	Memory brick sales	To raise funds to support school activities and foster school spirit.	Off campus/online	June 2026 to May 2027	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
CFHS FFO	Falcon fund direct donation campaign	To raise funds in support of teachers and staff grant requests.	Off campus/online	June 2026 to May 2027	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
CFHS FFO	The community/parents can purchase a "Happy Birthday message" to be displayed on the high school marquee.	To raise money to support the FFO for ongoing school activities.	On campus	August 2026	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

CFHS FFO	Parking space raffle for graduation	To raise funds to support ongoing school activities.	Off campus/ online	May 2027	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
CFHS FFO	Fall Fling	To raise funds to support ongoing school activities.	On campus	August 2026	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
CFHS FFO	See's Candies sales	To raise funds to support ongoing school activities.	Off campus/ online	January 2027 to May 2027	\$500.00	\$500.00
Esperero Canyon Middle School (ECMS)						
ECMS FFO	Direct donation campaign	To raise funds for general and elective grants, classroom supplies, and school improvements.	On/Off campus/ online	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
ECMS FFO	Direct donation request for 8 th field trip	To raise funds for 8 th grade end-of-year field trip in May 2027.	On/Off campus/ online	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
ECMS FFO	Basha's Community Support Card	To raise funds for principal's discretionary fund.	Off campus	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$100.00	\$100.00
ECMS FFO	Fry's Community Rewards Program	To raise funds for National Junior Honor Society and student council.	Off campus	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$100.00	\$100.00
ECMS FFO	Box Tops for Education	To raise funds for bus driver appreciation event.	Off campus/ online	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$50.00	\$50.00
ECMS FFO	Big Brother Big Sister of Southern Arizona clothing donation drive	To raise funds for New Teacher Orientation t-shirts, Teacher of the Year event, and professional development.	On campus	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$300.00	\$300.00
ECMS FFO	Dine outs at various restaurants	To raise funds for teacher/staff meals and appreciation.	Off campus	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$50.00	\$50.00
ECMS FFO	EduKits sales	To raise funds for technology TTM/Gizmo.	On/off campus/ online	05/13/2026 to 04/30/2027	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
ECMS FFO	Spirit wear and merchandise sales	To raise funds for FFO expenses: Zoom etc.	On/off campus/ online	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$250.00	\$250.00
ECMS FFO	Silent Disco (10/16/2026)	To raise funds for general grants, classroom fund, and school improvement fund.	Off campus/ online	09/28/2026 to 10/18/2026	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
ECMS FFO	Book fair	To raise funds for school library books and classroom books.	On/off campus/ online	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
ECMS FFO	Merchandise sales for band	To raise funds for band student achievement awards and supplies (reeds, valve oil, replacement parts, etc.).	Off campus/ online	07/01/2026 to 06/30/2027	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00

Orange Grove Middle School (OGMS)						
OGMS FFO	Ticket sales for Tucson Sugar Skulls indoor football game	To raise funds for Panther Pride, providing resources and supplies to teachers, staff, and students.	Off campus/online	05/13/2026 to 05/30/2026	\$100.00	\$100.00
Manzanita Elementary School (MZES)						
MZES FFO	Ticket sales for Tucson Sugar Skulls indoor football game	To raise funds for events, field trips, grants, and community building.	Off campus/online	05/13/2026 to 05/30/2026	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sunrise Drive Elementary School (SDES)						
SDES FFO	Ticket sales for Tucson Sugar Skulls indoor football game	To raise funds for Spirit of Sunrise expenses, such as events, field trips, grants, and community building.	Off campus/online	05/13/2026 to 05/30/2026	\$100.00	\$100.00
Ventana Vista Elementary School (VVES)						
VVES FFO	Ticket sales for Tucson Sugar Skulls indoor football game	To raise funds for Bobcat Bucks to support teacher grants for classroom supplies and school needs.	Off campus/online	05/13/2026 to 05/30/2026	\$100.00	\$100.00

5.5. Approval of the Personnel Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the personnel, as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE	CERTIFIED STAFF	CLASSIFIED STAFF	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	COACH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hires • Correction - Released from 25-26 contract – not recommended • Resignation • Status Changes • Rehire • Release from 26-27 contract-recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hires • Rehires • Resignations • Correction • Status Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hires • Rehires • Resignations • Termination – Employer initiated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehire

5.6. Approval of Gifts and Donation Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board accepted, with gratitude, the following gifts, and donations:

DATE	DONOR	SCHOOL	PURPOSE/ITEM	AMOUNT
4/14/2026	Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Family Faculty Organization (FFO)	Catalina Foothills High School	Library Donation	\$600.00
4/21/2026	CFHS Band Boosters	Catalina Foothills High School	Band	\$3,500.00
4/27/2026	Peyton Baca	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$15.00
4/27/2026	Costco Matching Gift	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$10.50
			TOTAL	\$4,125.50

5.7. Approval of Administrative Contracts for 2026-2027

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the administrative contracts for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.

- 5.8. Approval of the Cooperative Purchase List for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the cooperative purchase list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.
- 5.9. Approval of the Sole Source Vendor List for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the sole source vendor list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.
- 5.10. Approval of Expenditures for Replacement Technology from CDW, LLC
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the purchase of new student devices from CDW, LLC in the amount of \$874,102.46 for replacement technology at the elementary schools, as presented.
- 5.11. Approval of Expenditures for Replacement Technology – Deferred Payment Agreement with Apple Financial Services
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the deferred payment purchase agreement with Apple Financial Services in the amount of \$779,744.79 for the district-wide technology replacement cycle, noting that the final payment obligation will be offset by an estimated Apple Trade-in Credit of \$715,296.00, as presented.
- 5.12. Approval of the Terms and Conditions for the Acceptance of Monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-008095 for the Replacement of an Air Conditioning Unit at Esperero Canyon Middle School in the Estimated Amount of \$48,487.00
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number BRG-008095 for the replacement of an air conditioning unit at Esperero Canyon Middle School in the estimated amount of \$48,487.00, as presented.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. Consideration of Revisions to the Facility Rental Rate Schedule per Policy KF *Community Use of School Facilities* (first reading)
Director of Community Schools Travis Kolter presented the proposed 2026-2027 facility rental rate schedule during the governing board's annual review per Policy KF, *Community Use of School Facilities*. The proposed facility rental rate schedule for the 2026–2027 school year includes no changes to current rental rates, based on stable utility costs. However, it reinforces provisions to recover any future utility increases through rental agreements and maintains the existing \$1 million liability and \$1 million property damage insurance requirements for all renters. The new schedule also reflects minor technical updates, including revised titles, the removal of a space that has never been available for rent, and the addition of a new rentable space.

A board member requested clarification regarding the distinctions among Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 renters. In response, Mr. Kolter explained that Class 1 renters are district-related user groups such as school FFOs for which facility use fees are waived, although they remain responsible for any direct employee costs. Class 2 renters include primarily district student- and family-based organizations, such as Boys/Girls Scouts or youth sports programs. Class 3 renters are nonprofit organizations, including churches and arts organizations with 501(c)(3) status. Class 4 renters are for-profit users, which are infrequent and may include private instructors or tournament organizers, and are charged the full commercial rental rate.

Board members expressed support for the proposal, noting appreciation that rental rates will remain unchanged and emphasizing the district's intent to recover costs rather than generate revenue while maintaining access to public facilities. They also underscored the importance of continued monitoring of utility costs and adjusting rates if increases occur, with clarification that any urgent mid-year adjustments would likely require board review and approval.

The proposed revisions to the facility rental rate schedule per policy KF, *Community Use of School Facilities* will return to the agenda at the next regular governing board meeting on May 26.
 - 6.2. Public Hearing on Revisions to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Revision #2)
President Krauss opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and informed all who were in attendance that the hearing provided the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget. There were no public comments. The public hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

6.3. Approval of Revisions to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Revision #2)

Director of Finance Lisa Taetle presented the second revision of the district's 2026 expenditure budget for the governing board's review. Key changes to the budget since the board's approval of Revision #1 on August 26, 2025, included an increase of \$894,671 in the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Fund, primarily due to an increase of approximately 143 students in 2026 Average Daily Membership (ADM) and the inclusion of one-time funding allocations for District Additional Assistance (DAA) and the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRPL) Group B weight supplement. There was also a \$333,182 increase in Federal Projects funding tied to updated federal grant allocations. Expenditure adjustments within the M&O Fund included reductions in purchased services due to the absence of election and contracted psychology costs. There was a reclassification-related increase associated with the Director of Community Relations compensation, which is processed through Education Services Inc, (ESI), and a reallocation of funds to support food service equipment. Within the Unrestricted Capital Outlay Fund, changes included a decrease in capital override due to reduced carryforward from prior-year expenditures, alongside increased property expenditures for the purchase of facilities vehicles and additional food service equipment to meet program requirements. Bond project expenditures decreased by approximately \$3.4 million following project re-evaluation, with funds reallocated to future projects including kitchen renovations planned for FY 2027 at Manzanita Elementary School and Sunrise Drive Elementary School. Building Renewal Grant funding increased by \$8.9 million to support ongoing construction and renovation projects. Additional adjustments included a \$300,000 increase in Auxiliary Operations to support out-of-state student performances and an increase of approximately \$740,000 in the Revenue Control Limit (RCL), incorporating one-time funding allocations. Overall, FY 2026 Budget (Revision #2) aligns the District's budget with current enrollment trends, updated revenue projections, and refined expenditure estimates to maintain fiscal accuracy and operational responsiveness.

Board members asked questions and provided comments regarding enrollment-driven revenue increases, facilities vehicle purchases, and the significant rise in Building Renewal Grant funding. Ms. Taetle explained that the District intentionally used conservative enrollment projections during budget development, resulting in additional revenue when actual Average Daily Membership exceeded projections by approximately 143 students. Ms. Taetle also clarified that the purchase of three new facilities vehicles involved replacing aging work trucks, including vehicles dating back to 2010, due to increased maintenance costs and operational needs. Additional discussion focused on the substantial increase in Building Renewal Grant funding, which was awarded intermittently throughout the year by the Arizona School Facilities Oversight Board to support ongoing construction and renovation projects. The grants preserve local capital and bond funds for other district priorities and future facility improvements.

Upon a motion by Gina Mehmert, and a second by Eileen Jackson, the governing board approved the revisions to the fiscal year 2026 expenditure budget (revision #2), as presented.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION / REPORTS

7.1. Fiscal Year 2027 Maintenance and Operations (M & O) Budget Discussion

Since the governing board's April 21 review, the proposed FY 2027 M&O budget has been updated to reflect a few minor adjustments. These included a small increase to the transfer supporting the M&O budget to align with updated expenditure needs, as well as a slight decrease in Classroom Site Fund revenue due to a routine adjustment in student count calculations. Additional updates reflected finalized costs for prepaid services such as liability insurance and legal support, along with a modest increase in E-Rate consulting services to support the District's access to federal telecommunications discounts. Minor adjustments were also made within the Classroom Site Fund to maintain a balanced budget, and funding tied to a previously vacant position has been shifted to FY 2027 to support staffing in the coming school year. The proposed updates are technical in nature and ensure the budget remains accurate, balanced, and aligned with current operational needs and goals. The updated [M&O straw budget](#) is available for viewing on the CFSD website as part of the May 12, governing board agenda item 7.1.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding several of the proposed FY 2027 M&O budget adjustments, including the use of prior-year weighted student counts in calculating Classroom Site Fund revenue, the increase

to prepaid liability insurance costs, and the reallocation of funds tied to a vacant position. Ms. Taetle explained that the Classroom Site Fund adjustment was formula-driven based on weighted average student count, including Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) enrollment; that the insurance increase reflected finalized prepaid premium rates from the District's insurance provider Arizona School Risk Retention Trust; and that the staffing adjustment resulted from a lapse in employment in a vacant position, with the unused funds shifted into FY 2027 to fully support the position next year.

Board members also discussed the anticipated timeline for adoption of the FY 2027 budget in light of the delayed state budget process. Ms. Taetle noted that preliminary budget forms are expected from the state at the end of May, with the Board's first proposed budget review for approval at the June 9 regular meeting. Ms. Taetle further explained that because the proposed budget cannot be modified before adoption, the District will likely adopt the budget using preliminary state figures and later revise it once the state's budget is finalized.

The fiscal year 2027 M&O budget discussion will be an agenda topic at the next board meeting on May 26.

7.2. Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Board members discussed how the Arizona State Legislature remains out of session without an approved state budget.

8. **AGENDA PLANNING**

There were no requests for future agenda considerations.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (CONTINUED)**

- 9.1. Executive Session, personnel, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) - Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body - Annual Performance Review of Superintendent.

Note: The board will move out of executive session and adjourn the meeting. There will be no other action taken at this meeting.

Upon a motion by Tom Logue and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board moved to reconvene into executive session for discussion of personnel, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) at 7:54 p.m. for the superintendent's annual performance review.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Krauss concluded the executive session at 8:57 p.m.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Tom Logue, and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Jacquelyn Davoli – Yea; Eileen Jackson – Yea; Amy Krauss – Yea; Tom Logue – Yea; Gina Mehmert – Yea; Motion carried 5-0.

Approved: May 26, 2026

Tom Logue, Vice President