



**Minutes of Special Board Meeting of the Governing Board
Joseph City Unified School District
District Office Board Room, 8176 N. Westover, Joseph City, AZ 86032
Friday, April 17, 2026**

Members present

Eldon Larsen, President; Dayton Flake, Clerk; Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

Administrators present

None

Others present

Dr. Jeff Smith, ASBA

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.A. Call to Order

Eldon Larsen called the meeting to order.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

1.B. Roll Call

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance

1.D. Invocation

1.E. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Eldon Larsen to approve the agenda as presented; second by Dayton Flake

Final Resolution: Motion passed

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Dayton Flake, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

2. PANEL ORIENTATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT FINALIST INTERVIEWS

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Eldon Larsen to convene an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) to conduct second interviews of candidates for the position of district Superintendent; Second by Karsten Flake

Final Resolution: Motion passed

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Dayton Flake, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

Time: 1:39 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 4:34 p.m. to reconvene at the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium.

4. RECONVENE AT JOSEPH CITY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR COMMUNITY MEETING

Board members reconvened in open session at 5:00 p.m. in the B.G. Bennett Auditorium located at 4629 East 2nd North, Joseph City, AZ 86032, where the community had an opportunity to meet the superintendent finalists and ask questions.

5. RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM

At the conclusion the Community Meeting the Governing Board reconvened the meeting at the District Office Board Room.

Motion by Eldon Larsen to reconvene into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss candidates for the position of district Superintendent; Second by Karsten Flake

Final Resolution: Motion passed

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Dayton Flake, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

Time: 6:41 p.m.

Reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE

Motion to enter into contract negotiations with Superintendent Candidate, Shannon Harvilla by Eldon Larsen; second by Karsten Flake.

Final Resolution: Motion passed

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Dayton Flake, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

7. ADJOURNMENT

Call to adjourn the meeting by Eldon Larsen; second by Lexi Nelson

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Dayton Flake, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

Time: 7:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

Board Clerk or President