

**Minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting
Amphitheater Public Schools
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

A Special public meeting of the Governing Board of Amphitheater Public Schools was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705 in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Vicki Cox Golder, President
Ms. Matthew A. Kopec, Vice President
Ms. Deanna M. Day, M.Ed., Member
Dr. Michael Gemma, Member
Ms. Susan Zibrat, Member

Superintendent's Cabinet Members

Mr. Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mr. John Hastings, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Jacome, Director of Curriculum & Assessment
Ms. Kristin McGraw, Executive Director of Student Services
Mr. Richard La Nasa, Executive Manager of Operational Support
Ms. Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education
Ms. Michelle Valenzuela, Director of Communications

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Cox Golder called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cox Golder asked Superintendent Jaeger to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

President Cox Golder announced that the next Regular Governing Board meeting will take place Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00p.m., at the Wetmore Center, 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson AZ 85705 in the Leadership & Professional Development Center.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Will Seely is a parent of three students in the District including one son who has been attending Rillito Center. He spoke about his son's strengths and about previous concerns he had regarding District personnel. Mr. Seely went on to explain that the staff at Rillito helped him build community, routine, and trust following the prior concerns. He stated his belief that moving their son from Rillito at this time would take away an important source of stability. Mr. Seely asked that his son be seen as more than a number, policy, or enrollment decision and allow him to remain at Rillito Center for the next school year.

Lisa Seely is a parent and employee of the District. She asked the District to reconsider allowing her son to remain enrolled at Rillito for the next school year. Ms. Seely spoke about having documentation of her son's enrollment being approved at various times over the last year including her belief that he was listed as a Rillito student for the next school year. She stated their family has made decisions based on these approvals and that since her son is a current student, has siblings in the District, and a parent who is an employee that should support his enrollment at Rillito. She concluded that families should be able to trust what is reflected in the enrollment system and asked that the Board allow their son to continue his education in a community he is already a part of.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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President Cox Golder asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion or comment. Superintendent Jaeger noted that the action in item 5.B. regarding Ms. Emily Rios is withdrawn.

Vice President Kopec moved for Consent Agenda Items 5. A– Q. be approved as presented. Dr. Gemma seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor – 5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, Dr. Gemma, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed – 0. Consent Agenda Items 5. A– Q. passed.

Superintendent Jaeger introduced Ms. Meg Tully who was appointed to fill the vacancy of Assistant Principal at Ironwood Ridge High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

A. Approval of the Appointment of Administrative Personnel

The Governing Board approved the Appointment of Administrative Personnel as submitted in Exhibit 1.

B. Approval of the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel

The Governing Board approved the Appointment of Non-Administrative Personnel as submitted in Exhibit 2.

C. Approval of Personnel Changes

The Governing Board approved Personnel Changes as submitted in Exhibit 3.

D. Approval of Leave(s) of Absence

The Governing Board approved Leave(s) of Absence as submitted in Exhibit 4.

E. Approval of Separation(s) and Termination(s)

The Governing Board approved Separation(s) and Termination(s) as submitted in Exhibit 5.

F. Approval of Stipend for Coaching Volunteers

The Governing Board approved Stipend for Coaching Volunteers as submitted in Exhibit 6.

G. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

The Governing Board approved minutes from the June 9, 2026 Governing Board meeting as submitted in Exhibit 7.

H. Approval of Revision to the 2026-2027 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board approved Revision to the 2026-2027 Governing Board Meeting Schedule as submitted in Exhibit 8.

I. Approval of Vouchers Totaling and Not Exceeding Approximately \$1,622,993.84

A copy of vouchers for goods and services received by the Amphitheater Public Schools and recommended for payment has been provided to the Governing Board. The following vouchers were approved as presented and payment authorized as submitted in Exhibit 9.

Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount	Voucher #	Amount
1336	\$232,152.67	1337	\$129,009.75	1338	\$74,321.16
1339	\$69,838.33	1341	\$101,421.11	1342	\$142,451.84
1345	\$62,087.28	1340	\$14,547.05	1346	\$103,479.19
1347	\$27,562.62	1348	\$294,640.64	1349	\$160,769.19
1350	\$3,034.42	1351	\$207,678.59		

J. Acceptance of Gifts

The Governing Board approved Acceptance of Gifts as submitted in Exhibit 10.

K. Receipt of the May 2026 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances

The Governing Board approved Receipt of the May 2026 Report on School Auxiliary and Club Balances as submitted in Exhibit 11.

L. Approval of Parent Support Organization(s) – 2026-2027

The Governing Board approved CDO Spiritline Booster as submitted in Exhibit 12.

M. Approval of Multi-Term Contracts for Fiscal Year 2027

The Governing Board approved Multi-Term Contracts for Fiscal Year 2027 as submitted in Exhibit 13.

N. Approval of Sole Source Purchasing Contracts for Fiscal Year 2027

The Governing Board approved Sole Source Purchasing Contracts for Fiscal Year 2027.

O. Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Contracts for Fiscal Year 2027

The Governing Board approved Cooperative Purchasing Contracts for Fiscal Year 2027.

P. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint Technological Education District No. 11

The Governing Board approved Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pima County Joint Technological Education District No. 11 as submitted in Exhibit 14.

Q. Approval of Out of State Travel

The Governing Board approved Out of State Travel as submitted in Exhibit 15.

6. STUDY/ACTION

A. Study and Approval of the Proposed Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

For the Proposed Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 see Exhibit 16.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that this is the time to approve the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and noted that the District only just received the state's budget for next year which includes a 2% inflationary factor. He noted there may be other things such as voter initiatives that could further affect the budget, but he would have more about this at the next Board meeting. He recommended the Board approve this proposed budget at this time. The Adoption of the budget will occur at the next meeting.

Dr. Gemma asked about the increase in administration FTE with the closure of four schools.

Superintendent Jaeger explained that administration costs also includes clerical personnel not just administrative personnel. He went on to say that there has been some adjustment as to who qualifies under the definition of administration, so some personnel may have been moved under this category. Superintendent Jaeger reiterated that the District has significantly reduced its number of actual administrators with the closing of schools. *[Clarification since board meeting occurred: the number of administrative FTE shown in the proposed budget was actually a typographical error, and has since been corrected in the budget to be adopted at the July 14, 2026 Governing Board meeting].*

Dr. Gemma asked about the 4.0 FTE under District Athletics.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that refers to Athletic Directors and the lone Interscholastic employee who is the Equipment Manager.

Dr. Gemma asked about the budget for Athletics.

Superintendent Jaeger stated it falls under Maintenance and Operations, but that specific information can be provided prior to the budget adoption.

President Cox Golder asked when the deadline was for budget adoption. Superintendent Jaeger said it was July 15th.

Vice President Kopec asked about the potential impact of the Pima County Treasurer vacancy.

Superintendent Jaeger stated that he did not anticipate that it would have any measurable impact on District finances, but revenues may be taken to pay a debt owed by Pima County where there was some miscalculations of tax rates.

President Cox Golder asked if we would be notified if revenues are withheld.

Superintendent Jaeger said they do not have to notify us. He noted that it may be \$80-100,000 to cover the errors made by the county and that money is already taken into consideration should that occur.

Vice President Kopec asked that there be information at the next meeting about the implications of the non-renewal of Prop 123.

Vice President Kopec moved to approve the Proposed Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Ms. Zibrat seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor -5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, Dr. Gemma, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed -0. Study/Action Agenda Item 6.A. passed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

Dr. Gemma asked about the item on school consolidations. Superintendent Jaeger stated that would be forthcoming.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Kopec moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Day seconded the motion. Voice vote in favor -5. President Cox Golder, Vice President Kopec, Ms. Day, Dr. Gemma, and Ms. Zibrat. Opposed -0. The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.



Minutes respectfully submitted for Governing Board Approval
Jen Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

July 6, 2026
Date

Vicki Cox Golder, Governing Board President

July 14, 2026
Date