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**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN ARS 38-431.02,  
 NOTICES OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY POSTED

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**  
**Board Room 6:00 PM - Doors Open 5:30 PM**

**I. REGULAR MEETING**

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Adoption of agenda – Policy Ref. BEDB

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

E. Public participation at Board meetings

Members of the public wishing to appear before the Governing Board concerning an item on the agenda must fill out a request form and give it to the board secretary. Presentations are limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes. At the discretion of the Governing Board President, the number of presentations may be limited. Due to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Governing Board cannot discuss or take any action on items not listed on the agenda.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS**

\*A. Approval of minutes – Policy Ref. BEDG (Enclosure)  
 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 6, 2023.

\*B. Ratification of vouchers – Policy Ref. DK (Enclosure)  
 For the information of the audience, we follow a closely controlled procedure for processing vouchers when expending district monies. Vouchers (schedules of payments to vendors and/or employees), along with the supporting documentation, are prepared for review and signature by the Governing Board Clerk. The total vouchers reviewed were:

| <u>Date Reviewed</u> | <u>Expense Voucher</u> | <u>Payroll Voucher</u> | <u>Aux/Tax Credit Voucher</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11/27/2023           | N/A                    | 5,344,076.41           | N/A                           |

**Note:** As a matter of information to the audience, prior to any Governing Board meeting, Board members receive the agenda along with the extensive background material which they study individually before action is taken at the meeting. Routine matters will be asterisked and approved as consent agenda items. Any member of the Governing Board may remove items from the consent agenda. Some or all Governing Board members may appear telephonically. The Governing Board reserves the right to convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A) (3) for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney for any item listed on the agenda. The attorney may appear virtually, telephonically or in person.

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## Vouchers (continued)

| <u>Date Reviewed</u> | <u>Expense Voucher</u>                                     | <u>Payroll Voucher</u> | <u>Aux/Tax Credit Voucher</u>    |
|----------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11/28/2023           | 54,616.61<br>1,309,415.24<br>401,133.48<br>100.88          | N/A                    | N/A                              |
| 11/30/2023           | N/A  | N/A                    | 71,058.64<br>749.89<br>11,865.50 |
| 12/04/2023           | 61,848.51<br>147,106.07<br>523,888.82<br>391.30            | N/A                    | N/A                              |
| 12/06/2023           | N/A  | N/A                    | 7,801.20                         |
| 12/08/2023           | N/A  | 5,309,789.63           | N/A                              |
| 12/11/2023           | 89689.89<br>61961.20<br>361,903.25<br>185,183.33<br>196.63 | N/A                    | N/A                              |

\*C. Purchase orders – Policy Ref. DJA (Enclosure)

As a matter of information to the audience, procurement of materials and services is controlled by the use of a district purchase order system. The Board’s approval of the detailed annual budget provides authority for the processing of purchase orders through the Director of Purchasing. After preparation of purchase orders, the Clerk of the Governing Board reviews each of them before making a recommendation to the Governing Board.

\*D. Personnel1. Administrativea. Retirement – Policy Ref. GCQE Retirement of Professional/Support Staff Members

IHS - Robert Ambrose, School Principal – Effective 6/30/24

b. Resignation – Policy Ref. GCQC Resignation of Professional Staff Member

DO – Kim Mesquita, Executive Director of Community Relations – Effective 6/30/24

2. Certifieda. Retirement – Policy Ref. GCQE Retirement of Professional/Support Staff Members

AHS - Jerod Aker, Special Ed Teacher – Effective 5/23/24

Karin Coen, Guidance Counselor – Effective 5/23/24

MVHS - Paul Barnett, ROTC Instructor – Effective 6/30/24

Curtis Folkman, CTE Teacher – Effective 5/23/24

b. Resignation – Policy Ref. GCQC Resignation of Professional Staff Members

IHS - John Kerr, Visual Arts Teacher – Effective 5/23/24

MVHS – Renee Hailey, Special Ed Teacher – Effective 12/14/23

SHS - Amy Suddarth, English Teacher – Effective 1/5/24

## Personnel (continued)

3. Classifieda. Employment – Policy Ref. GDF Support Staff HiringAHS - Hayley Gungl, Special Ed Instructional Assistant – Effective 7/31/23CHS - Araceli Abrego, Cafeteria Student Coordinator – Effective 8/5/23GWHS - James Johnson, Parking Lot Attendant – Effective 7/25/23

Soryl Turton, Title 1 Instructional Assistant, Effective 7/31/23

IHS - Taylor Simmons, Maintenance 1, Effective 6/19/23MVHS - Amy Marrufo, Attendance Assistant – Effective 5/30/23

Carlos Contreras, Special Ed Instructional Assistant – Effective 7/31/23

Michelle Piedra-Cusick, Title 1 Instructional Assistant – Effective 7/31/23

OLA - Audra Glass, CTSS – Effective 7/27/23SHS - Luis Martinez Orgaz, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 8/15/23

Uneke Van Nest, Receptionist – Effective 7/27/23

WHS - Janice Frear, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 8/2/23

Estefania Vargas, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 8/21/23

Cristina Bojorquez, Attendance Assistant – Effective 7/28/23

b. Leave of Absence – Policy Ref. GCCC Professional/Support Staff Leave of AbsenceGHS - Cynthia Schuiteman, EL Instructional Assistant – Effective 11/28/23SHS - Joshua Coloma, Special Ed Instructional Assistant – Effective 12/11/23c. Retirement – Policy Ref. GCQE Retirement of Professional/Support Staff MembersIHS - Kathryn Vaughn, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 12/4/23d. Resignation – Policy Ref. GDOB Resignation of Support Staff MembersCHS - Jennifer Schultz, CTE Instructional Assistant – Effective 12/21/23DO - David Seibert, Bus Driver – Effective 11/30/23

Perry Stanley, Bus Driver – Effective 12/6/23

e. Reclassification - Policy Ref. GDP Support Staff Promotions and ReclassificationTHS - Earl Cabral, from Maintenance III at SHS to Maintenance I – Effective 12/26/23\*E. Professional visits – Policy Ref. GCCE1. NJROTC FY24 Advisory Board

Where: San Diego, CA

When: December 22-26, 2023

Participant: Edward Lawson (MV)

Purpose: Advisory Board for Area 20

No cost

2. Consumer Electronic Showcase

Where: Las Vegas, NV

When: January 10-12, 2024

Participant: Brett Tracy (I)

Purpose: Information and networking on new devices, prototypes, design and software

CTE funds: Meals \$150; Substitute \$360

## Professional visits (continued)

3. 2024 ESSA (Every Student Succeeds ACT) Conference  
Where: Phoenix, AZ  
When: January 17-18, 2024  
Participants: Amanda McAdams, Dolores Whalen (DO)  
Purpose: Raising academic achievement, partnering with parents and school safety  
Title 1 funds: Registration \$900
4. Midwinter Leadership Conference ACOVA (Arizona Council of Vocational Administrators)  
Where: Prescott, AZ  
When: January 30–February 2, 2024  
Participant: Jennifer Fowler (GW); Tracy Mayfield (DO)  
Purpose: Statewide sessions and ACOVA board meetings  
CTE funds: Registration \$650; Lodging \$651; Meals \$159; Transportation \$223;  
Substitute \$240
5. AMEA (Arizona Music Educators Association) Conference  
Where: Mesa, AZ  
When: February 2-3, 2024  
Participant: Katherine Sweeney (I)  
Purpose: Professional development for music educators  
Club funds: Registration \$170; Substitute \$120
6. AASA (American Association of School Administrators) National Conference  
Where: San Diego, CA  
When: February 13-17, 2024  
Participant: Brian Capistran (DO)  
Purpose: Professional development and Board meeting  
Indirect Costs funds: Registration \$755; Lodging \$1,305; Meals \$256; Transportation \$500
7. ITEEA (International Technology and Engineering Educators Association) Annual Conference  
Where: Memphis, TN  
When: March 6-9, 2024  
Participants: Rudy Aguilar (A); Karen Martin, Nick Wostl (C); Mikel Plumlee (G)  
Darrell Preston (S); Pete Boyle, Mike Hawkins, Amanda Shively (DO)  
Purpose: Professional development for technology, coding and STEM educators  
CTE funds: Registration \$5,800; Lodging \$5,440; Meals \$1,888; Transportation \$5,200;  
Substitute \$1,800

\*F. Student trips – Policy Ref. IJOA

1. IHS Vocal Ensemble  
Where: Flagstaff, AZ  
When: February 8-9, 2024  
Participants: 16 students and 2 chaperones  
Arrangements: District vehicle departing 2/8/24, 3:00 pm returning 2/9/24, 6:00 pm  
Purpose: NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival  
No loss of school days  
Club funds: Transportation \$608; Registration \$500; Lodging \$774

Student trips (continued)

2. MVHS Cheer & Pom

Where: Anaheim, CA

When: February 15-19, 2024

Participants: 22 students and 3 chaperones

Arrangements: Commercial carrier departing 2/15/24, 9:00 am returning 2/19/24, 4:00 pm

Purpose: USA National competition

Students will miss 2 school days

Tax Credit funds: Transportation \$1,785; Substitute \$240 | Local funds: Lodging \$5,155

3. CHS FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)

Where: Tucson, AZ

When: April 8-10, 2024

Participants: 10 students and 1 chaperone

Arrangements: District vehicle departing 4/8/24, 9:00 am returning 4/10/24, 6:00 pm

Purpose: State competition

Students will miss 3 school days

CTE funds: Transportation \$313; Registration \$840; Lodging \$800; Substitute \$360

4. SHS Football

Where: Heber, AZ

When: July 26-28, 2024

Participants: 67 students and 8 chaperones

Arrangements: Commercial carrier departing 7/26/24, 10:00 am returning 7/28/24, 1:00 pm

Purpose: Football camp

No loss of school days

Tax Credit funds: Transportation \$2,758; Registration/Lodging \$10,050

\*G. Authorization for Executive Session – Policy Ref. BEC; ARS 38-431-03

Notices as required by ARS 38-431.02 were posted. Executive session agenda is included.

\*H. Bid Awards – Policy Ref. DJE (Enclosure)

1. RFP-24-006 Special Education Contracted Services awarded to multiple vendors

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Governing Board approve the Consent Items.

Motion\_\_\_\_\_Second\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**III. NEW BUSINESS (none)**

**IV. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

A. Suspension report (Enclosure)

B. Financial reports (Enclosure)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Governing Board accept the Information and Reports.

Motion\_\_\_\_\_Second\_\_\_\_\_Vote\_\_\_\_\_

**V. CURRENT EVENTS**

- A. Authorization for Principals and Superintendent to present information on current events
- B. Board comments on current events

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Governing Board accept the Current Events as presented.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER**

|              |  |   |
|--------------|--|---|
| Dec 25-Jan 5 | Winter Recess  | All schools and district office closed  |
| Jan 8        | Professional Development Day                           | No students on campus   |
| Jan 9        | Second Semester Begins                                 |   |
| Jan 10       | Governing Board  | Independence High School – 6:00 pm<br>AAA Independence High School recognitions |
| Jan 15       | Martin L. King Jr. Day                                 | All schools and district office closed  |
| Jan 25       | Pathways to America’s Top<br>Colleges and Universities | Moon Valley High School – 5:45 pm<br>(virtual option available)                 |

**VII. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Governing Board move into Executive Session at this time.

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

Executive sessions require the confidentiality of the participants. Information discussed in executive session is confidential and therefore prohibited from being a subject of discussion outside this executive session, with the exception of information reported in the general meeting. Additionally, board members cannot state how they intend to vote or the action they intend to take on any subject discussed in the executive session.

- A. Call to order
- B. Student discipline matters ARS 15-843  
Hear recommendations for long-term suspensions at Apollo and Moon Valley High Schools.
- C. Negotiations pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A-5)  
Update of process
- D. Minutes  
Review the minutes of the executive session held on December 6, 2023.
- E. Discussion/consideration of confidential information pursuant to ARS 38-431.03  
Receipt of confidential matters subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**VIII. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC MEETING**

**IX. POSSIBLE MOTION(S) ON SPECIFIC ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_