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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, August 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM, Doors Opened at 5:30 PM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF MEETING

On August 3, 2026, 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:

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

District Administration:

Denise Bartlett, Superintendent
Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent
Sheryl Castro, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment
Allison Bacalia, Director of Community Relations

District Personnel:

Ryan Koch, Systems Engineer
Amie Sams, Administrative Assistant

Visitors Present:

Marissa Baretich, Eric Thu

Joining Online:

Approximately 36 visitors attended the meeting through the YouTube live link.

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Tom Logue called to order the governing board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Logue led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Rules of Order for Governing Board Meetings

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

1.4. Outstanding Achievements

Superintendent Denise Bartlett commended CFSD staff, students, and families for an excellent and smooth start to the 2026–2027 school year, noting the dedication and extensive preparation of staff and the active support of students and families despite the extreme summer heat. She also shared the following student and staff achievements:

CFHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference

Our FBLA students wrapped up a successful trip to the National Leadership Conference, which took place from June 27 through July 3. FBLA aims to prepare students to become community-minded business leaders

in today's global society. We are incredibly proud of our dedicated student attendees as they competed against the absolute best students from across the country. Our students who attended include Caitlyn Trail, Ahmed Bozdogan, Wyatt Miller, Noah Linaman, Gordon Kim, Luke Grace, Calvin Mathew, and Boston Brooks.

The level of competition at Nationals was fierce. A special congratulations goes out to Class of 2026 Senior Luke Grace, who successfully advanced all the way to the national finals! While we did not take home a final podium placement this year, reaching the finals is a massive achievement on the national stage.

Beyond the intense competition, our students stayed at the historic Gunter Hotel in downtown San Antonio and explored the city's top attractions, including: a thrilling day at Six Flags, walking the famous San Antonio Riverwalk, experiencing local history at The Alamo, and touring the Botanical Gardens and the San Antonio Zoo. CTE Photography Teacher and chaperone Mark Cook would also like to thank our parent group and school community for supporting these amazing student leaders!

CFSD Teacher Selected for Prestigious White House Institute

We are proud to announce that Cindy Gallego, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Spanish Immersion teacher at Ventana Vista Elementary School, was selected to participate in the White House Historical Association's White House History Teacher Institute in Washington, D.C. Ms. Gallego learned about the opportunity through her principal and the district, and applied because of her passion for social studies and her desire to deepen her knowledge of White House and U.S. history. During the institute, she was immersed in American history through primary sources, tours of historic sites, and sessions led by historians and experts, with a particular focus on adapting these rich resources to fit her students' grade level.

Ms. Gallego hopes to bring what she learned back to her Spanish immersion classroom by using primary sources, photographs, stories, and interactive activities to make history engaging and age-appropriate for her youngest learners, while helping them build U.S. history knowledge alongside their Spanish language skills. She wants her students to see history not just as something to read about, but as real people, places, and stories that still connect to their lives today. Congratulations, Ms. Gallego, on representing CFSD at this prestigious institute!

CFSD Band Director Advocates for Music Education on Capitol Hill

We are proud to recognize Renee Shane-Boyd, Catalina Foothills School District's long-time Band Director, for representing CFSD in Washington, D.C. as part of a summer advocacy initiative with the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and the Arizona Music Educators Association (AMEA). On June 24, 2026, nearly 300 national leaders and state music education representatives returned to Capitol Hill for this invitation-only event to support music education programs, students, and educators.

Ms. Shane-Boyd met with legislators and key staffers from 10 of Arizona's 11 congressional offices, urging support for federal legislation and funding that benefit music and arts education. She also connected with Arizona Senator Mark Kelly, recalling the Falcon Band's 2023 Rose Parade appearance behind Grand Marshal Gabby Giffords, and had the pleasure of meeting two former CFSD students now working as Washington staffers.

Ms. Shane-Boyd continues to champion the skills students gain through music and proudly promotes CFSD's reputation. She credits high-level student experiences as central to CFSD's continued success. We are very grateful to Ms. Shane-Boyd for her tireless dedication to preserving and elevating music education for all students!

Esperero Canyon Middle School Teacher Receives 2026 Arizona Middle Grades Teacher of the Year

Julie Rombach, 8th grade social studies teacher at Esperero Canyon Middle School, has been named the 2026 Arizona Middle Grades Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Association for Middle Level Education. The honor recognizes her ability to pair rigorous, student-centered instruction with the kind of genuine relationships that help young adolescents thrive. Mrs. Rombach builds immersive learning experiences rooted in inquiry, simulation, structured discussion, and evidence-based writing, pushing students to weigh multiple perspectives and argue their conclusions with confidence. Her signature project, the annual Civic Action Fair,

has every eighth grader research a real community issue, craft an evidence-based solution, and present it to genuine audiences, reflecting her conviction that school should shape not just capable students but engaged citizens.

Mrs. Rombach has cultivated a classroom culture where students feel both challenged and deeply supported. Principal Stacey Gist noted that Mrs. Rombach empowers the kids who will make history rather than simply teaching about it. Her collaborative spirit extends across the school community, working alongside fellow staff and families to keep expectations high while ensuring every learner has genuine access to rigorous instruction. Association President Dr. Robert Caplinger summed up the honor by observing that her passion and steady belief in young people make her thoroughly deserving of the award. Mrs. Rombach will be formally recognized at the 2026 Arizona Middle Grades Summit at Arizona State University on September 19.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Board members requested to pull items 3.6 the personnel memorandum, 3.11 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number PA-010832 for the design and replacement of four air conditioning systems at Canyon View Elementary School in the estimated amount of \$250,650.00, and 3.12 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number PA-010867 for the replacement of nine air handler control systems at Catalina Foothills High School in the estimated amount of \$750,000.00.

Upon a motion by Jacquelyn Davoli, and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved the following items on the consent agenda: 3.1 the governing board June 23, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented; 3.2 the July 20, 2026, special governing board meeting minutes, as presented; 3.3 the expense voucher memorandum, as presented; 3.4 the field trip request memorandum, as presented; 3.5 the fundraising request memorandum, as presented; 3.7 the acceptance, with gratitude, of the gifts and donations memorandum, as presented; 3.8 the district evaluators, as presented; 3.9 the additional compensation rates, as presented; 3.10 the addition of Education Associates, Inc. to the sole source vendor list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented; and 3.13 the award to Kittle Design and Construction for the new ramada and ADA-compliant sidewalk project at Esperero Canyon Middle School in the estimated amount of \$380,421.00, as presented.

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

Item 3.6

A board member asked for an update on the District's staffing status at the beginning of the school year, including the percentage of positions filled and any remaining vacancies. Associate Superintendent Mindy Westover reported that the District had a strong hiring season and filled the majority of positions early. Remaining vacancies included a 1.0 FTE district registered nurse coordinator and a 0.5 FTE speech-language pathologist. She also reported that an unfilled middle school science position was absorbed by existing staff due to enrollment and staffing considerations, resulting in average class sizes of approximately 25–30 students. An unfilled 0.5 FTE computer programming Career Technical Education (CTE) position was redistributed among other CTE classrooms. A film and television/graphic design teacher had been secured for the high school, pending certification through the Arizona Department of Education. Board members asked about the impact of the middle school staffing adjustment on science class sizes and the high school film and television program. Superintendent Bartlett shared the District's expected class-size divisor for grades 6–12 is 30 students for operational efficiency. Ms. Westover explained that the film and television course has a full teaching schedule of six classes and that the new teacher's graphic design background may result in some adjustments to the program while continuing to serve students already enrolled in the second- and third-year film and television courses. She noted that, overall, the District was in good shape from a staffing perspective.

Upon a motion by Jacquelyn Davoli, and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved consent agenda item 3.6 the personnel memorandum, as presented.

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

3.11 and 3.12

A board member commended the District Facilities team for identifying grant opportunities that resulted in approximately \$1 million in potential grant funding for the two projects. The board member noted that these funds will allow the District to address needed air conditioning and air handler control system improvements while preserving approximately \$1 million for other District priorities and expressed appreciation for the team's efforts in applying for the funding.

Upon a motion by Jacquelyn Davoli, and a second by Amy Krauss, the governing board approved consent agenda item 3.11 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number PA-010832 for the design and replacement of four air conditioning systems at Canyon View Elementary School in the estimated amount of \$250,650.00, as presented.

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

Upon a motion by Jacquelyn Davoli, and a second by Amy Krauss, the governing board approved consent agenda item 3.12 the terms and conditions for the acceptance of monies from the School Facilities Division Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Fund for BRG Project Number PA-010867 for the replacement of nine air handler control systems at Catalina Foothills High School in the estimated amount of \$750,000.00, as presented.

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

3.1. Approval of June 23, 2026, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the regular governing board meeting minutes for June 23, 2026, as presented.

3.2. Approval of July 20, 2026, Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the special governing board meeting minutes for July 20, 2026, as presented.

3.3. Approval of Expense Voucher Memorandum

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

Expense Voucher		Amount	Expense Voucher		Amount
26177	\$	1,423,927.20	2700	\$	301,411.58
26180		1,464,724.09	2701		298,395.81
26181		250,634.20	2702		383,762.40
26182		855,072.44	2729		216,698.79
26183		33,797.29	2730		94,329.69
26184		7,662.75	2731		291,575.01
26185		536,981.67	2732		5,275.29
26186		1,180,272.62	2733		174,983.63
26187		510,047.04	2734		699,517.82
26188		27,974.07			
26189		10,037.54			
26190		4,116,214.23			
26191		41,223.11			

26192		65,205.33			
26193		227,920.34			

3.4. Approval of the Field Trip Request Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following field trip requests:

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	LEARNING NEXUS	WHERE	DATE(S)	FEE
Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Advanced Theatre Arts & Production, Grades 11 and 12	State Thespian Conference and Tech Challenge	Students will strengthen performance and technical skills through workshops, competitions, auditions, and professional feedback.	Phoenix, AZ	11/18/2026 to 11/19/2026	\$200.00
CFHS Boys Basketball	Apollo High School Fall Basketball League	Students will strengthen teamwork and sportsmanship while working together toward shared goals and advancing their skills in a competitive tournament setting.	Phoenix, AZ	09/20/2026	\$0.00
CFHS Boys Basketball	Apollo High School Fall Basketball League	Students will strengthen teamwork and sportsmanship while working together toward shared goals and advancing their skills in a competitive tournament setting.	Phoenix, AZ	10/04/2026	\$0.00
CFHS Boys Basketball	Apollo High School Fall Basketball League	Students will strengthen teamwork and sportsmanship while working together toward shared goals and advancing their skills in a competitive tournament setting.	Phoenix, AZ	10/18/2026	\$0.00
CFHS Boys Basketball	Torrey Pines Holiday Classic	Students will strengthen teamwork and sportsmanship while working together toward shared goals and advancing their skills in a competitive tournament setting.	San Diego, CA	12/26/2026 to 12/30/2026	\$0.00
Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) Community Schools	Caving Adventure for Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12	Students will learn about cave formations, how caves are formed, and cave safety and respect.	Oracle, AZ	09/30/2026, 10/20/2026, 10/21/2026, and 10/22/2026	\$75.00
CFSD Community Schools	Patagonia Lake Fishing Field Trip for Grades 2-8	Students will observe birds, identify fish, and discuss water conservation and open space preservation.	Patagonia, AZ	10/05/2026 and 10/06/2026	\$90.00
CFSD Community Schools	Camp Verde Campout for Grades 4-8	Students will observe wildlife, learn to identify native species, incorporate ethics and principles of "leave no	Camp Verde, AZ	10/07/2026 to 10/09/2026	\$350.00

		trace” while gaining an appreciation of nature and thinking about their plan and place in our natural environment.			
CFSD Community Schools	Aravaipa Canyon Day Trip for Grades 9-12	Students will explore Arizona's riparian ecosystem while observing native plants and wildlife and developing environmental awareness and stewardship.	Winkelman, AZ	10/05/2026	\$85.00
CFSD Community Schools	Mt. Lemmon Hike & Cache for Grades 3-5 and 6-8	Students will build outdoor, navigation, and teamwork skills while exploring the Sky Islands and practicing geocaching, wildlife observation, and environmental stewardship.	Mt. Lemmon, AZ	10/06/2026 and 10/09/2026	\$85.00
CFSD Community Schools	Junior Forest Rangers: Fire Science & Survival Skills for Grades 5-8	Students will develop wildland fire science, wilderness survival, and environmental stewardship skills through hands-on field experiences and team-based learning.	Mt. Lemmon, AZ	10/07/2026	\$85.00
CFSD Community Schools	Mt. Lemmon BioBlitz Day for Grades 3-6	Students will develop field observation and species identification skills while contributing to a citizen-science biodiversity survey and building environmental stewardship.	Mt. Lemmon, AZ	10/08/2026	\$85.00

3.5. 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)						
Family Faculty Organization (FFO)	Raise Right shop/dine fundraising platform	To raise funds for teacher grants.	Off campus/online	08/12/2026 to 05/30/2027	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Concession sales	To raise funds for club activities, workshops, and field trips to professional and college level productions.	On campus	2026-2027 school year	\$800.00	\$800.00

CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Program ad sales	To raise funds for professional quality program for productions.	Off campus	2026-2027 school year	\$2,500.00	\$300.00
CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Digital 50/50 raffle sales at each show	To raise funds for replacing the sound system board in the theater.	On/Off campus /online	2026-2027 school year	\$2,800.00	\$1,400.00
CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Backstage telegrams during shows for cast/crew	To raise funds to for the end of the year banquet.	On campus	2026-2027 school year	\$500.00	\$500.00
CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Direct donation circle of supporters named in program	To raise funds for upgrade the theatre sound system.	On campus	2026-2027 school year	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Scented leaf tea sales during mainstage shows	To raise funds for end of the year banquet.	On campus	2026-2027 school year	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
CFHS Falcon Theatre Boosters	Triple Threat talent show with basket auction	To raise funds for educational theatre field trips and workshops led by industry professionals.	On campus	04/23/2027	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
CFHS Pomline Boosters	Kendra Scott Gives Back Event #2	To raise funds in support of the pomline and coaches in performances, competitions, choreography, school events, senior night, end of year banquet, team dinners, transportation, and instructors.	Off campus/online	Date TBD; between 09/09/2026 and 12/17/2026	\$9,600.00	\$1,920.00
CFHS Boys Basketball Boosters	Trading card show	To raise funds in support of team travel, meals, and tournament fees.	On campus	09/07/2026	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
CFHS Boys Basketball Boosters	2 nd Annual Blue and White Game	To raise funds in support of team travel, meals, and tournament fees.	On campus	11/13/2026	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00
CFHS Lady Falcon Volleyball Boosters	Snack bar and team apparel sales at snack bar	To raise funds to purchase warm up jerseys, senior banners, game meals, and for coach stipends.	On campus	08/26/2026 to end of 2026-2027 season	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
CFHS Lady Falcon Volleyball Boosters	Apparel sales	To raise funds to purchase personalized gear, senior banners,	Off campus/online	08/26/2026 to end of 2026-2027 season	\$500.00	\$300.00

		transportation to tournaments, away game meals, and potential coach stipends.				
CFHS Lady Falcon Volleyball Boosters	Floor banner ad sales	To raise funds to purchase warm up jerseys, senior banners, game meals, and for coach stipends.	Off campus/online	08/26/2026 to end of 2026-2027 season	\$500.00	\$300.00
CFHS Lady Falcon Volleyball Boosters	Victory Fundraising direct donation campaign	To raise funds to purchase warm up jerseys, senior banners, game meals, and for coach stipends.	Off campus/online	08/26/2026 to end of 2026-2027 season	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
CFHS Swim Boosters	Chick-fil-A dine out	To raise funds for swim events and gear.	Off campus	09/17/2026	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
CFHS Swim Boosters	Raising Cane's dine out	To raise funds for in-season team events, meet refreshments, Senior Night, the end-of-season banquet, and State Championship meet expenses.	Off campus	10/08/2026	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
CFHS Swim Boosters	Swim/Lap A Thon	To raise funds for in-season team events, meet refreshments, Senior Night, the end-of-season banquet, and State Championship meet expenses.	Off campus	08/27/2026	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
CFHS Swim Boosters	Zinburger dine out	To raise funds for in-season team events, meet refreshments, Senior Night, the end-of-season banquet, and State Championship meet expenses.	Off campus	08/27/2026	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
CFHS Foothills Finish Line Club	Banner sales and digital advertisements	To raise funds for athlete nutrition on meet days, a new record board, senior night, and end of the year banquet.	Off campus/online	2026-2027 Cross Country and Track & Field Season	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
CFHS Foothills	Chipotle dine outs	To raise funds for athlete nutrition	Off campus	09/16/2026	\$600.00	\$600.00

Finish Line Club		on meet days, a new record board, senior night, and end of the year banquet.				
CFHS Foothills Finish Line Club	Gear sales	To raise funds for athlete nutrition on meet days, a new record board, senior night, and end of the year banquet.	Off campus/online	2026-2027 Cross Country and Track & Field Season	\$400.00	\$400.00
CFHS Foothills Finish Line Club	Direct donation campaign	To raise funds for athlete nutrition on meet days, a new record board, senior night, and end of the year banquet.	Off campus/online	2026-2027 Cross Country and Track & Field Season	\$600.00	\$600.00

3.6. Approval of the Personnel Memorandum

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

CERTIFIED STAFF	CLASSIFIED STAFF	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	COACH
• New Hires • Rehire • Status Changes	• New Hires • Correction • Rehires • Status Changes	• New Hires • Rehires • Status Change • Correction	• New Hires • Rehires • Status Changes

3.7. 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
6/18/2026	Bart Pemberton	Catalina Foothills High School	Book donation	\$0.00
6/18/2026	CFSD Foundation	Catalina Foothills School District	Instruction	\$45,000.00
6/18/2026	CFSD Foundation	Catalina Foothills School District	Summer Tutoring	\$5,000.00
6/24/2026	CFHS Touchdown Club	Catalina Foothills High School	Transportation	\$4,902.40
6/29/2026	Gergely Kota	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$20.00
6/29/2026	Microsoft Matching Gift	Catalina Foothills High School	Instruction	\$20.00
6/29/2026	Gergely Kota	Catalina Foothills High School	Science Olympiad	\$20.00
6/29/2026	Microsoft Matching Gift	Catalina Foothills High School	Science Olympiad	\$20.00
7/13/2026	Gooter-Jensen Foundation	Catalina Foothills High School	AED Donation	\$0.00
7/31/2026	Manzanita FFO	Manzanita Elementary School	Transportation	\$150.50
7/31/2026	Ventana Vista FFO	Ventana Vista Elementary School	Transportation	\$365.00

			TOTAL	\$55,497.90
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3.8. Approval of District Evaluators

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the district evaluators, as presented.

3.9. Approval of Additional Compensation Rates for School Year 2026-2027

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the additional compensation rates for school year 2026-2027, as presented.

3.10. Approval of the Addition of Education Associates, Inc. to the Sole Source Vendor List for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the addition of Education Associates, Inc. to the sole source vendor list for fiscal year 2026-2027, as presented.

3.11. 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 PA-010832 for the Design and Replacement of Four Air Conditioning Systems at Canyon View Elementary School in the Estimated Amount of \$250,650.00

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 PA-010832 for the design and replacement of four air conditioning systems at Canyon View Elementary School in the estimated amount of \$250,650.00, as presented.

3.12. 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 PA-010867 for the Replacement of Nine Air Handler Control Systems at Catalina Foothills High School in the Estimated Amount of \$750,000.00

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 PA-010867 for the replacement of nine air handler control systems at Catalina Foothills High School in the estimated amount of \$750,000.00, as presented.

3.13. Approval of Award to Kittle Design and Construction for the New Ramada and ADA-Compliant Sidewalk Project at Esperero Canyon Middle School in the Amount of \$380,421.00

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the award to Kittle Design and Construction for the new ramada and ADA-compliant sidewalk project at Esperero Canyon Middle School in the amount of \$380,421.00, as presented.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1. Consideration of Revisions to Policy and Regulation, DJE, DJE-R, Bidding / Purchasing Procedures (first reading)

Superintendent Bartlett introduced proposed revisions to Policy DJE and Regulation DJE-R to align District procurement practices with the Arizona Auditor General's updated Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR), effective July 2026. Proposed revisions increase the informal purchasing threshold requiring three written price quotations from \$10,000 to \$15,000, reflecting inflation and current market conditions while reducing administrative burdens for routine purchases. Purchases under \$15,000 may be authorized at the superintendent's discretion using reasonable business judgement, while purchases exceeding \$15,000 will continue to follow established competitive quotation and formal bidding requirements.

Additional updates strengthen procurement procedures by formalizing documentation requirements for sole-source and emergency purchases, enhancing compliance standards for cooperative purchasing agreements, and reinforcing federal suspension and debarment verification requirements. Proposed revisions have no direct fiscal impact on the District and ensure continued compliance with state procurement regulations and auditing standards.

A board member asked who is responsible for administering the District's bidding and purchasing procedures and whether designated staff are subject to annual governing board approval. Superintendent Bartlett explained that Director of Finance Lisa Taetle provides primary oversight of the purchasing and procurement process, in conjunction with Procurement Specialist Carolyn Sievert, and clarified that these responsibilities are part of their job duties rather than requiring separate annual board approval.

The governing board will review proposed revisions to the policy and regulation at the next regular board meeting on August 25, 2026.

4.2. Consideration of Revisions to Policy JJE, *Student Fund-Raising Activities* (first reading)

Dr. Bartlett outlined a proposed revision to Policy JJE which would require governing board review and approval of all student fundraising activities, regardless of the anticipated amount raised. Under the current policy, recognized student groups may raise up to \$50 per student member (up to an annual maximum of \$2,000 per organization) with school principal approval. Governing board approval is also currently required for activities exceeding those thresholds. The proposed change is intended to provide consistent administrative oversight, enhance transparency, and ensure standardized fiscal accountability for all student fundraising activities across the District.

Board members asked for clarification on the scope of “student fundraising activities,” noting that the proposed language could be interpreted as applying only to student-run clubs rather than Family Faculty Organizations (FFOs) and booster organizations. District administration clarified that the intent is for all fundraising activities conducted for the benefit of district students, including those organized by FFOs, boosters, and student groups, to require Governing Board approval. Board members emphasized that the language should be revised to be inclusive and unambiguous. Dr. Bartlett explained that the revised requirements would be addressed during upcoming FFO and booster financial training sessions, including the requirement that all fundraising requests receive site principal and district level review, and that governing board approval requires two meetings. District administration confirmed that items appearing on the fundraising cover memorandum have received the required site level and district level review and that the revised policy would be presented at the training as pending governing board approval, with groups encouraged to begin following the proposed procedures.

A second reading of the proposed revision to the policy will be considered by the governing board on August 25, 2026.

4.3. Consideration of Superintendent’s Proposed Performance Goals for 2026-2027 (first reading)

Superintendent Bartlett presented the first reading of the proposed performance goals for the 2026-2027 contract year. These goals are in addition to responsibilities identified in the superintendent’s job description, noted in Policy CBA *Qualifications and Duties of Superintendent*. The goals also represent the school improvement initiatives worked on at each site. Guided by the district strategic plan, the superintendent will lead initiatives that:

1. Reduce the gap between current and desired student academic achievement.
2. Raise the engagement of students so they are highly motivated to set and achieve increasingly challenging goals for deep learning.
3. Partner with families and the community to achieve CFSD strategic priorities.

The goals have a direct connection to the outcomes of increasing student achievement and learning of all students, retaining high quality teachers and staff, improving school climate and culture, and increasing community outreach and awareness to foster strong relationships with our community.

Board members asked questions regarding the achievement data, including the decline in English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency, the relationship between classroom and standardized science assessments, and the impact of new-to-district open-enrollment students on cohort data. Dr. Bartlett explained that the district is analyzing data at the student, class, school, and grade levels and is implementing targeted instruction and intervention strategies to support students.

Board members discussed the proposed discipline goal, including whether reducing the number of major disciplinary incidents was the most appropriate measure and whether the number of students involved should also be considered. Dr. Bartlett explained that the goal is intended to address underlying student behavior through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), restorative practices, social-emotional learning, teacher professional development on classroom management, and data analysis rather than simply reducing suspensions.

Board members also discussed the 95% attendance goal and the timing of the student engagement survey. Dr. Bartlett explained that the 2-percentage-point annual increase is the immediate target toward the 95% aspirational goal and that the engagement survey will be administered earlier in the school year and only once to reduce survey fatigue.

Additional discussion addressed using student-level data to connect engagement, attendance, and achievement; tracking students who leave the district after eighth grade; promoting unique district programs such as Spanish immersion; and expanding transportation options. Board members generally expressed support for the proposed goals while emphasizing the importance of clearly defining measurable outcomes, particularly for the discipline goal.

Superintendent Bartlett acknowledged the principals and school teams for their hard work, collaboration, and commitment to advancing the district's school improvement goals. She shared six school improvement assurances that guide the district's actions and efforts to improve outcomes for every student. They are data-informed and responsive; focused on high-leverage strategies; focused on measurable and equitable outcomes; centered on adult practice and student impact; implemented with fidelity; and continuously monitored and adjusted. These assurances reflect the district's commitment to using data to identify needs and monitor progress, implementing effective strategies, establishing measurable and equitable outcomes, strengthening adult practice, ensuring consistent implementation, and making timely adjustments based on evidence.

Dr. Bartlett closed by sharing the theme of "Believe, Belong, Become," emphasizing the importance of believing in the potential of every learner, creating a safe and welcoming community where everyone feels valued and connected, and empowering students to grow, achieve, and become their best selves. She concluded by emphasizing that better schools mean better lives for our students.

The superintendent's proposed performance goals for 2026-2027 will return to the agenda for a second reading on August 25, 2026.

4.4. Approval of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly

President Logue facilitated a discussion about naming a delegate and alternate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

President Tom Logue volunteered to attend the ASBA Delegate Assembly as the delegate, and Vice President Jacquelyn Davoli volunteered as the alternate delegate.

Upon a motion by Amy Krauss, and a second by Gina Mehmert, the governing board approved Tom Logue as the delegate and Jacquelyn Davoli as the alternate delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly.

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

5. **DISCUSSION / REPORTS**

5.1. Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

Superintendent Bartlett shared information regarding Proposition 320, a November ballot measure that would establish a 60% instructional spending requirement for qualifying Arizona schools beginning with establishing a baseline in the fiscal year 2027-2028. She outlined the measure's narrow definition of instructional spending, the district's current percentage, and the potential loss of Classroom Site Funds if the required .5% annual increases are not met. Board members and Dr. Bartlett discussed potential impacts on staffing, teacher compensation, budgeting, and the classification of district expenditures, as well as the need to carefully review current and potentially qualifying instructional expenses. Dr. Bartlett noted that additional information and guidance regarding the measure will be shared with board members as available and that further webinars are planned.

6. **AGENDA PLANNING**

There were no requests for future agenda considerations.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Gina Mehmert, and a second by Jacquelyn Davoli, the governing board adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

Approved: August 25, 2026

Jacquelyn Davoli, Vice President