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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION AND
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

Board members in attendance:

Lincoln Thomasson
Susi Edgington
Carlos Ramos
Dr. Richard Hector Sr.
Renee Dial

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. Susi Edgington made the motion to move into executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 to discuss Superintendent/Principal Salary and final contract negotiations for FY27/FY28. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Susi Edgington made the motion to exit the Executive Session at 6:01PM. The vote was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Regular Session reconvened at 6:02 PM. Lincoln Thomasson requested a roll call vote of the suspended motion from last month's meeting for the approval of the extension of Mrs. Allie Wheeler's Superintendent/Principal contract for FY27/FY28. The vote for approval of her contract passed 3 ayes to 2 nays.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay

Regular Meeting

1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of past Governing Board Member, Betty Hart.
3. Susi Edgington made the motion to adopt the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

4. Board Meeting Minutes (that may need corrections): None to Report

5. Information Only Items

A. Summary of Current Events:

a. Superintendent Update

- i. Superintendent Wheeler provided the Governing Board with the August Highlights. Included this month were lots of pictures of the first days back and many Library opportunities for the community.
- ii. Legislative Update – Mrs. Wheeler updated the board on the now closed legislative session. Federal funding has been released, there are some conversations happening around ESA vouchers and records request to ADE.

b. Governing Board Members

- i. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00PM.
- ii. Reminder of the work study session with Barbra U'Ren from The Trust: Topic “Governing Board Roles and Responsibilities” – Friday, September 19, 2025 1:00PM-3:00PM.

B. Reports:

Presentation by Superintendent Wheeler on Spring 2025 preliminary testing data.

Mrs. Wheeler provided the board with data on the smart panel as well as in their packet. All results are preliminary but she provided the board with some insight on how the district utilizes data during the teaching staff's PLCs and in-services.

6. Public Comments:

None to Report.

7. Action Items:

A. Susi Edgington made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

B. Specific Items of District Business which require action

a. Discussion and approval of the annual Capital Plan for the Division of School Facilities.

Renee Dial made the motion to discuss and approve the annual Capital Plan; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Mrs. Wheeler explained that this annual report to SFB is required and we project what our potential ADM is. Ms. Womack let the board know that the purpose of this report is to help the SFB know what districts are growing and may need new buildings funded. At this time our district is not growing and this is the first year in a while that we have projected a decrease in students. Our campus is able to have 738 students on campus before our capacity is reached.

President Thomasson requested a roll call vote and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

b. Discussion and approval the following field trips which are more than 50miles from the school district.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the listed field trips; Carlos Ramos seconded the motion.

- a. Diamondbacks STEM event and game – 7th grade
- b. Phoenix Zoo – 3rd grade
- c. Camp Colton – 6th grade
- d. Science Center – 6th grade

The above trips are taken annually, the district is requesting approval ahead of time with dates and times TBA. If any additional field trips are needed that are over 50mi they will be brought to the board.

President Thomasson requested a roll call vote and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

c. First Read of the following policies from The Trust Model Policies:

Policy	Legal Foundation	Subject Matter
Policy 1-302 Governing Board Meetings and Open Meeting Law	Chapter 168 (HB 2231)	Exemption for Three Member Advisory Committees
Policy 1-401 Parents/Legal Guardian Rights in Education Procedure 1-401.A Parents/Legal Guardian Rights in Education – Parental Involvement	Chapter 188 (SB 1383)	Health Care Credentials
Procedure 3-101.B Budget Adoption – Access and Publishing Requirements	N/A	Budget Adoption
Procedure 3-301.A Food Services – Nutrition	Chapter 52 (HB 2164)	Ultra-processed Foods
Procedures 3-401.A Safety and Emergency Management – Emergency Response Plans Procedure 3-401.G (NEW) Safety and Emergency Management – Training	Chapter 129 (HB 2074) Chapter 220 (HB 2779)	School Safety Grants: Emergency Response Plans Officer and Security Personnel Training
Procedure 3-402.A Records – Disclosure of Public Records	Chapter 102 (SB 1372)	Public Records
Policy 4-101 Board Authority to Employ	A.R.S. § 15-536 and A.R.S §15-538.01	March 15 th Date for Contract Issuance
Procedure 5-105.A Open Enrollment – Enrollment Process	N/A	Transportation
Policy 5-201 Patriotic Exercises and Observance Days	Chapter 2 (SB 1225)	9-11 Instruction
Policy 5-203 Students with Disabilities (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))	Chapter 196 (HB 2170) Ariz. Admin Code R7-2-401	Identification of Dyslexia and Evaluation Procedures
Policy 5-401 Police Interview Notification	Chapter 220 (HB 2779)	Juvenile Offender Temporary Custody
Policy 5-402 Department of Child Safety Interview and Custody	Chapter 161 (SB 1493)	DCS Identification Requirements
Policy 5-404 Administration of	Chapter 104 (SB	Epinephrine Delivery

Medication Procedure 5-404.A Administration of Medication – Procedures for Administration	1440)	System
Policy 5-216.01 (NEW) Assessments	Chapter 204 (HB 2540)	Assessments
Policy 5-410 Interscholastic Athletics	Chapter 204 (HB 2540)	Automated External Defibrillators

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss the first read of the listed policies; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Mrs. Wheeler presented her notes on the policies as provided by The Trust. Most changes are due to legislation updates or clerical corrections.

Carlos Ramos – is the packet provided the entire policy manual. Mrs. Wheeler - no, the packet provided is just updates of specific policies based on legislation. One example is the policy regarding review of an IEP; previously the district had 15 days to review, which now has been extended to 45 days. Mrs. Wheeler also reminded Mr. Ramos that we reviewed the entire manual over several months before adoption the new policy service with The Trust.

Mrs. Wheeler has requested all questions or comments on presented policies be submitted to her by the end of August. This will allow time for attorney review and Superintendent discussion with the individual.

No approval is needed at this time.

- d. Discussion and approval of Personnel-Pending Fingerprint clearance and background checks

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the personnel items presented; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

- i. Resignations and Terminations:
 - (b) None to Report
- ii. Hires (Pending Fingerprint Clearance and Background Checks::
 - (a) Lauren Gardenhire – Health Aide (until Paraprofessional test is passed, then will be classified as a Highly Qualified Paraprofessional).
- iii. Annual approval of stipends for additional duty (job descriptions included)
- iv. Approval of the FY26 Fall Sports Coaches as presented

Susi Edgington - is the Algebra Class (related to the stipend) based on need.
Mrs. Wheeler – Yes, she meets with Mrs. Clarke to see what students will qualify. Last year 6 students met the benchmark and received high school credit. The other 5 had the possibility of retesting in high school.

Dr. Richard Hector Sr. - of those 5 students will Mrs. Wheeler know who had passed it.

Mrs. Wheeler – No, unfortunately but through the year they showed great growth.

Renee Dial - what is the Team Leader (related to the stipend).

Mrs. Wheeler – The positions are broke down by grade bands (k-2, 3-5, 6-8, special education). The group of Leads, along with Mrs. Wheeler, meet weekly and the Team Leads help disseminate information to the groups. They also meet as grade bands to review test scores, evaluate curriculum, help assist with conflict resolution with staff and families among many other tasks.

Renee continued by asking about the Athletic Director Stipend. How many students, is it competitive, how many sports?

Mrs. Wheeler – It is competitive with other 5-8 schools in the area. Our 5th through 8th grade students have the opportunity to play fall, winter and spring sports; volley ball, cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, and flag football (all are contingent on having an available coach).

Carlos Ramos asked if the Athletic Director traveled.

Mrs. Wheeler – Not usually but she coordinates with other local ADs, does grade checks, runs snack shack among many other tasks.

Carlos Ramos asked about the CPI – Mental Health Stipend.

Mrs. Wheeler – CPI is Crisis Prevention Intervention. A de-escalation program that also has a restraint component. Our trainer must stay certified with annual trainings and provides annual trainings to on site staff.

Carlos requested how many hours it takes.

Mrs. Wheeler – Our staff receives at least 8 hours of training annually. The trainer hours vary; on full recertification years its 2 full days, on off years its usually 8 hours. She is our go to person for de-escalation of heightened situations.

President Thomasson requested a roll call vote and the vote was unanimous.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

8. Information Items:

- Responses to questions regarding preliminary testing data.
- Lincoln Thomasson - is the data helpful.
 - Mrs. Wheeler – Yes, it is shared and reviewed in sections.
 - Mrs. Guth – the data review helps solidify what she already thinks she knows and what needs to be done.
- Dr. Richard Hector Sr. – Thank you for the data, it is very useful. Are there methods that are used to move students up in the section that the fall and show growth.
 - Mrs. Wheeler – As we work with Cottonwood District to review data we also have AR, Lexia, and NWEA testing to help review student strengths and weaknesses. We have a tier system (1, 2, 3) and the goal is always to be tier 3 (proficient).
- Dr. Richard Hector Sr. – How are teachers using it in the classroom daily?
 - Mrs. Guth – The data aligns with the state standards and what is already being taught. As she is reviewing if she sees that the majority off the kids are not capturing the lesson, she backs up a few steps and focuses on what the struggle is.
 - Mrs. Wheeler- Mrs. Guth also does a daily review to help students retain the information and it is not just taught and lost.
- Lincoln Thomasson – The chronic absenteeism graph, this is something that affects the overall grade of the school?
- Susi Edgington – Was wondering the same thing in regards to chronic absenteeism.
 - Mrs. Wheeler – Yes, in both last year and current year we were given two points in that category. We did see in person attendance increase this year, which was one of our School Connect and Board Goals.
- Susi Edgington – Is the issue of chronic absenteeism mostly students who leave the country for long periods of time.
 - Mrs. Wheeler – It helps that now we are un-enrolling them at the 10 day mark, when they return, they have to re-enroll in the school. Unfortunately, a large population of people do not value school. We have been involving probation for three years now and they are helping to start contacting families early to notify them that it is an issue.
- Susi Edgington – Is it a transportation issue?
 - Mrs. Wheeler – No, there are lots of variables that can go into why students are having attendance issues.

- Lincoln Thomasson – How do we compare to other schools in regards to chronic absenteeism?
 - Mrs. Wheeler – We are average and actually sit better than some, so to say we have less of an issue.
 - Clarification of responses from the Governing Board email on 7/31/25 about “Budget Questions” and future agenda items request.
- Mrs. Wheeler – Has included the email in the packet and is requesting any questions that may need clarifying. There were two that the district is requesting clarification on which was the large Administration cost increase and the EL percentage; we could not find the numbers provided without a resource of where they were found.
 - Renee Dial – It came off the budget
 - Mrs. Wheeler – Can you email the document, and the same for where the administrative number provided came from. Ms. Womack provided a breakdown in the email of several years worth of administrative costs.
 - Lincoln Thomasson – Agrees that supporting documents when providing questions will help to get them answered in a timely manner.
 - Renee Dial – showed a page that she is refereeing to; Ms. Womack requested she send it to Mrs. Wheeler for further review.
- Mrs. Wheeler – The format used to respond to a governing board members questions will continue as provided this time. She will respond in a group email to all members; if one has a question another may as well.
- Carlos Ramos – The per student dollar amount.
 - Mrs. Wheeler/Ms. Womack/Ms. DuFresne – The amount provided in the Auditor General report encompasses all costs including land. In previous fiscal years there have been large projects to improve our buildings and land, paid for by SFB and not the district budget. These items are factored in to the report, showing an increase from one FY to the next and presenting skewed numbers.
- New Library Hours! See attached flyer
- SFB Update for ongoing projects (SFB projects are state funded and are not coming out of the district budget)
 - Water Filtration – Ms. DuFresne – Mid December completion date. We were hoping for October but unforeseen electrical repair and permitting have extended the timeline.
 - Roofing – Ms. DuFresne – Working on applying for the 400 roof to be redone and ceiling repaired; testing for asbestos has been cleared.
 - Other – Ms. DuFresne – Has just file the terms and conditions for the walk in fridge repair.

- Signatures Finalized:
 - MATFORCE Mentoring MOU – Mrs. Wheeler – We are doing mentoring again this year, same agreement for the New Year.
- 9. Request for future Agenda items:
 - Lincoln Thomasson – Inquired with Renee Dial about the ideas she had sent him in an email. Mr. Thomasson continued with :
 - Policy on board member attendance/absenteeism
 - Planning calendar for agendas
 - Carlos Ramos – Asked why attendance/absenteeism was not on this agenda as requested. Mr. Thomasson responded that it was not on this agenda due to the request being in an email and the timing not lining up. This item could not be discussed further because it is not on the agenda for this month.
 - Ms. Womack – Reminded the board that the district will do its best to address requests as time permits, but it may not always be on the following month's agenda. Some things take time to get information together or guidance from other organizations.
- 10. Susi Edgington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carlos Ramos. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM with a unanimous vote.

Lincoln Thomasson	Susi Edgington	Carlos Ramos	Dr. Richard Hector Sr.	Renee Dial
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Ori Womack

Lincoln Thomasson

Susi Edgington

Carlos Ramos

Renee Dial

Richard Hector Sr.