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**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND**  
**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025**

Board members in attendance:

Lincoln Thomasson  
Susi Edgington – Phone  
Carlos Ramos  
Dr. Richard Hector Sr. - Absent  
Renee Dial

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. Carlos Ramos 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 Renee Dial and the vote was unanimous.

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

The Executive Session was suspended. Regular Session reconvened at 6:00 PM.  
No action is needed.

**Regular Meeting**

1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Lincoln Thomasson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
3. Renee Dial made the motion to adopt the 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

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

5. Information Only Items

A. Summary of Current Events:

a. Superintendent Update

- i. Legislative Update – Mrs. Wheeler updated the board on final state budget, increase in School Facility Board funds, additional group B student funds, and the approval of being able to exceed the Aggregate Expenditure Limit for two years.

b. Governing Board Members

- i. The next meeting August 12, 2025 at 6:00PM. Prior to the regular session, the board will meet for another Executive Session at 5:30PM to discuss Superintendent Contract Negotiations.
- ii. Scheduling of work-study sessions – Mrs. Wheeler confirmed the September 19, 2025 at 1:00PM (2 hour session) date and time to have a work study session with Barbra Uren from The Trust.

**B. Reports:**

Presentation by Superintendent Wheeler on summer work and back to school traditions.

Preparation for Back to School has begun. Inventory, ordering, cleaning, painting, inspections, budgeting and so much more has been going on. As August approaches we will receive staff back on campus to finalize data analyzes, scheduling, training, and the Back to School BBQ!

6. Public Comments:

None to Report.

7. Action Items:

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

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

B. Specific Items of District Business which require action

- a. Public Hearing on the FY26 Budget. The hearing was opened to the public, no public commented, the hearing was closed.
- b. Discussion and approval of the Budget for FY26.

Carlos Ramos made the motion to discuss and approve the Budget for FY26; Renee Dial seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack reminded the Governing Board that the exact forms that were presented in June for the Proposed Budget are being presented tonight. Now that the State Budget has passed and the final forms have been issued the District will likely bring back a revision in August, but no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Renee Dial asked why there was an increase in Admin costs and Support Services; Ms. Womack stated she would get the information to the board as to the variances. Mrs. Dial also asked about the ADM Audit pay back; Ms. Womack reminded her that this was already taken care of at the final revision in May of the FY25 Budget. She then asked why our Districts spending was 18% higher; Ms. Womack asked for clarification as to what she is refereeing to. Mrs. Dial was referring to the Classroom Spending Report from the Auditor General Report that was presented as an information item in March. Mrs. Wheeler requested that Mrs. Dial send her the direct link to what she is referring too, so that we can make sure we are looking at the same report. Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Womack will review and get back to the board with a response. Ms. Womack reminded the Board that as discussed and decided upon in the work study, specific questions should be sent to Superintendent Wheeler by Monday prior to a meeting in order to allow the District team time to collect the data before the board meeting. Due to this, Ms. Womack will respond to the above questions once the information can be reviewed.

Carlos Ramos asked if we could table the budget approval. Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Womack alerted the Board that this is not an option. The budget must be approved by July 15; if they table it, the District will be out of compliance and will receive at the minimum an audit finding. Mr. Ramos asked if it could be changed if she (Mrs. Dial) was not happy with the responses. Mrs. Wheeler reminded the Board that the Budget could be revised throughout the year. Lincoln Thomasson also stated that we could rescind with a 2 to 3 majority vote. Susi Edgington did not have any questions or comments.

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

- c. Discussion and approval of Annual Resolution for execution of warrants.

Carlos Ramos made the motion to discuss and approve the Annual Resolution for execution of warrants; Lincoln Thomasson seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack stated that this is an annual form provided by County. It allows the District to process vouchers in between board meetings and keep District Business moving. All vouchers are presented for ratification in the Consent Agenda each month.

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

- d. Discussion and approval to Exceed M&O Subsections.

Renee Dial made the motion to discuss and approve Exceeding M&O subsections; Carlos Ramos seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack stated that this is an annual form provided by County. This allows expenditures to exceed line items if needed as long as the budget limit is not exceeded. It gives flexibility within the projected budget if other needs arise.

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		Nay

- e. Discussion and approval of a new date for the November Board Meeting.

Renee Dial made the motion to discuss and approve a new date for the November Board Meeting; Carlos Ramos seconded the motion.

The original approval has the Board Meeting falling on Veterans Day, the District office and School are closed. The District is requesting it be moved to Monday, November 10, 2025. The Board all agreed that this date change would work for them.

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

- f. Discussion and approval of annual Sole Source Contracts with Vendors.

Renee Dial made the motion to discuss and approve the annual Sole Source Contracts with Vendors; Lincoln Thomasson seconded the motion.

Karen DuFresne spoke on the annual requirement to approve sole source vendors. In this case, APS is the only option for electricity therefore, they are Sole Source. Our Solar on site is Tesla's; therefore, they are Sole Source. If there were other options, the District would have to get three written quotes for services provided since their invoices typically go over \$10,000.00 annually.

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

- g. Discussion and approval of vendors who may exceed \$20,000.00 during the fiscal year as presented.

Carlos Ramos made the motion to discuss and approve the vendors who may exceed \$20,000.00; Renee Dial seconded the motion.

Mrs. Wheeler stated the memo provided by Ms. DuFresne in the packet are vendors that typically exceed the \$20,000.00 threshold.

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

- h. Discussion and approval of purchasing 60 Chromebooks to replace current Chromebooks.

Carlos Ramos made the motion to discuss and approve the purchase of 60 Chromebooks; Lincoln Thomasson seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack along with Mr. Worden presented the three quotes provided. The District is requesting to go with Bluum for the purchase. They are the seconded lowest quote, however, the Chromebooks they provide are the same HP that we currently have, have cases, licensing, and a three-year warranty. The lowest quote does not include any of the above, shipping or taxes. They also do not have the stock to provide for our needs.

Susi Edgington, via phone, asked how many we were requesting. 60 was clarified.

Renee Dial asked if these were repairs. Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Worden told the Board that the District does the best to repair as many as possible. Our IT Assistant, Ms. Buchert, has become very efficient in replacing screens and keys. However, students are rough on items and there is always an end of life to products. The plan is to move the current 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Chromebooks up to the middle school and provide the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with the new ones, as they are easier on them than middle school.

Carlos Ramos asked what classes these are used for. Mrs. Wheeler said it varied but are used in most classes. We utilize Google Classroom, especially in the middle school, but also the majority of curriculum has online components. In addition, the state testing is all online.

Renee Dial asked what grades these were for; it was clarified 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lincoln Thomasson said that things wear out and this is part of the normal replenishment process. Mr. Worden agreed; the Chromebooks are used a lot and parts are replaced as needed. But it has been 8 years

since our first set was purchased, and licenses only last 5 years. In addition, there was hard management on the units this year with students traveling between classes. The team has decided that this year, Chromebooks will stay has classroom sets and will not travel with students. This will keep the teacher responsible for the items and help with the quality of care.

Mr. Ramos was concerned with the use of electronic devices in the classrooms. Over use is not healthy and there is loss of interest in reading and writing; addiction to electronics is also a concern. He requested from Mrs. Wheeler what percentage of time are Chromebooks not being used in classrooms. Mrs. Wheeler is unable to give exact percentages but the younger grades do not use them as much as the older grades; there is lots of direct instruction and group work occurring, students are not just set in front of the Chromebook to learn.

Renee Dial stated that the students then go home and use electronics. Mrs. Wheeler stated that we can't control what happens at home but our students need to know how to use technology at the younger grades due to State testing being online now. There is no dispute that technology affects children and screen time should be limited.

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

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

Carlos Ramos made the motion to discuss and approve the personnel items presented; Renee Dial seconded the motion.

- i. Resignations and Terminations:
  - (a) None to Report
- ii. Hires (Pending Fingerprint Clearance and Background Checks::
  - (a) Certified Teacher – Alicia Leon
- iii. Annual approval of job descriptions and chain of command
- iv. Annual approval of the following Rates of Pay Charts Updated
  - (a) Categorized Rates of Pay. Updated for FY26; No Changes from FY25
  - (b) Certified Salary Determination Chart. Updated for FY26 adding \$500 to the base.

- (c) Classified Salary Determination Chart. Updated for FY26; No Changes from FY25.
- (d) Sports Salary Schedule. Updated for FY26; No Changes from FY25.
- v. Approval of raises for FY26 for staff as presented in the board packet. Returning certified employees receiving a \$1,400.00 on the base pay, new certified receiving \$500 on the base, and classified hourly/salaried/substitute certified employees receiving .50 additional pay per hour. This amount has been allocated as part of the proposed FY26 Budget.

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

#### 8. Information Items:

- Responses to questions regarding summer work and back to school traditions.
  - Reminder to let Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Womack know if you are wanting to attend the Back to School BBQ so we can post for a possible quorum.
    - FY26 Calendar – Clerical Update – correcting missing date (3<sup>rd</sup>) and day (Sunday) in May 2026 and the change of the Governing Board meeting in November (due to Veteran’s Day), as approved in the meeting.
    - SFB Update for ongoing projects (SFB projects are state funded and are not coming out of the district budget)
      - Water Filtration
      - Other
  - Ms. DuFresne stated there is not much movement happening at the moment. We are waiting for new funding for pending projects that need approval from SFB.
    - Signatures Finalized:
      - Terms and Conditions (SFB) – Building 400 Roofing and Ceiling Repairs
      - Diesel Direct West – Equipment Agreement
9. Request for future Agenda items:
- None to Report. Mrs. Dial said she would email Mrs. Wheeler.
10. Carlos Ramos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Renee Dial. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM with a unanimous vote.
- 11.



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

Respectfully submitted,

Ori Womack

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Lincoln Thomasson

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Susi Edgington

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Carlos Ramos

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Renee Dial

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Richard Hector Sr.