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MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

Board members in attendance:

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

1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 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 June Highlights. Included this month was photos from the Library's Summer Reading Program and bullet points of the district's summer accomplishments.
      ii. Legislative Update – Superintendent Wheeler spoke on several bills including HB2032 regarding the testing time window, HB2395, HB4043, and HB2423. There is a bill going to the voters requiring

a minimum of 60% of the budget to be applied to instruction. This bill will not affect us as it is for those that are over 7,500 student count.

b. Governing Board Members
    i. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00PM
    ii. Discuss a possible executive session before the Tuesday, August 11, 2026 regular meeting for Superintendent evaluation. **The Board agreed to hold the Executive Session on August 11, 2026 at 5:15PM.**

B. Report:

a. Report from Governing Board Member Renee Dial on the Arizona School Board Association Summer Leadership Institute Conference.

Renee was thankful for being able to attend this conference, it was in a great location. The conference focused on Leadership, declining enrollment and getting back to basics of fundamental learning. They spoke on the importance of the Governing Board knowing the Auditor General website and being able to read and understand financial risks and red flags. There was discussion on strengthening the two way communication between the Board and the District, Superintendent evaluations should be done 2 to 3 times per year and with a dual position (principal/superintendent) there should be separate evaluations with separate goals. There was a review of the state wide teacher survey and she was surprised that salary was not number one, but instead it was teachers feeling they had no support when dealing with behavioral issues.

b. Report from Superintendent Wheeler on end of the year academic data (NWEA, AR) and parent, student and staff end of year survey results.

Superintendent Wheeler started her report with AR growth; the end result was the students reaching above the set goal at .75 growth. In response to Renee Dials previous months comment on reviewing how the data collaboration was going, Superintendent Wheeler shared the NWEA data. This data is part of the collaboration and is used to determine predictability in testing. The data collaboration has also opened up great opportunities for Professional Development options; Writers revolution, phonics, and Character Strong are a few trainings several of our teachers are attending. All data is preliminary at this point, but once all official numbers are released and letter grades are shared the information will be brought back to the Governing Board.

6. Public Comments:

None to Report

7. Action Items:

A. Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the Consent 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

B. Specific Items of District Business which require action

a. PUBLIC HEARING.

i. Public Hearing on the Adopted Budget for FY2026-2027.

Susi Edgington made the motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:27PM; Renee Dial seconded the motion.

Lincoln 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

Community Member Bonnie Reay requested to have a copy of the budget, she was instructed that all budgets can be found on the district website on the Business Services tab. Business Manager Womack addressed Bonnie's question regarding budget amounts for FY27. M/O budget capacity is $3,796,984 and the total UCO budget capacity is $613,546. She requested what the difference from FY26 was. Ms. Womack stated it is an increase of $96,466 to the M/O budget and a decrease of $18,399 to the Capital Budget. There are two one-time supplementals that are included in the budget from the state which are reflected in the increase. Superintendent Wheeler told Mrs. Reay that she could call the office anytime to schedule a meeting with herself and Ms. Womack to discuss any questions she may have in the future.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:34PM.

b. Discussion and approval of the Proposed Budget for FY2026-2027.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the Adopted Budget for FY2026-2027; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack reminded the board that the adopted budget is identical to the proposed as required. Final forms have been released and will brough before the board as a revision prior to September 15, 2026.

Lincoln 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. Discussion and approval of Annual Resolution for execution of warrants.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the Annual Resolution for execution of warrants; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack stated that his is an annual form that is submitted to County that allows the district to process expenditure vouchers and payroll vouchers and bring them to the board each month for final approval. This allows business to continue between board meetings.

Lincoln 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

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

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve to Exceed M&O Subsections; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Ms. Womack stated that his is also an annual form. It allows the district to move money between functions as long as the bottom line is not exceeded.

Lincoln Thomasson requested a roll call vote was unanimous.

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

e. Discussion and approval of the Annual Sole Source Contracts with Vendors.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the Annual Sole Source Contracts with Vendors; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

There are only two sole-source vendors, APS and Tesla for our solar. Susi Edgington wanted to know if the solar saved us any money on electricity. Superintendent Wheeler and Operations Specialist Karen DuFresne stated yes we do see a savings. It was also explained that when the solar was installed it was over built so we are able to receive some money back. This money goes into an Energy Savings fund that is restricted on its expenditures. We have five years left on the lease with Tesla, Lincoln Thomasson would like to start discussions of what the future plans will be by this time next year.

Lincoln 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

f. Discussion and approval of vendors who may exceed $20,000 during the fiscal year (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027).

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the vendors who may exceed $20,000 during the fiscal year. Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Renee Dial wanted to discuss Rise Resource that was presented on the memo. She thought that it was only $30,000 per year but the expenditure in FY26 was over $60,000. Ms. Womack stated the contract that was presented had a starting level of around $45,000 and the next level being at about $60,000. Superintendent Wheeler added that the student did have some changes and additional services this year. It would cost the district significantly more to have the student self contained on our campus, and due to his classification the district recoups a large amount through his state funding.

Lincoln Thomasson requested a final 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

g. Discussion and approval of renewal purchase of IXL Learning, IXL Complete (K-8 Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies) for a tree year term totaling $26,420.00.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the renewal purchase of IXL Leaning, IXL Complete for three years; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

IXL has already been approved through the curriculum process and this is just a request for renewal as the cost for three years if over $20,000.00.

Renee Dial asked if this is lesson planning. Superintendent Wheeler replied that it is considered “curriculum’ however it is also a supplemental support.

Renee Dial stated she has looked into and people seem happy with the math portion but not the others. IXL is currently being sued for breach of data (Shanahan vs IXL Learning). Superintendent Wheeler reminded Renee that information like this would have been good by Monday, as requested, so she would have time to look into the information. IT director, Scott Worden, is very thorough when looking in to companies and vetting them for purchase/use. Mr. Clarke (Science) and Mrs. Clarke (Math) are both very happy using IXL and are seeing skill gaps being filled. You can add NWEA scores into IXL and it will formulate a student plan.

Renee asked if we are seeing a decrease in math scores, then why continue with the same program.

Lincoln Thomasson asked if this was prepping for high school. Superintendent Wheeler stated not directly, but it is filling the skill gaps to help them achieve growth.

Carlos Ramos is concerned about going back to basics. He is unhappy with scores and wants to know if it's the teachers or the admin that need to be looked at. Lincoln Thomasson stated that there are a lot of variables that would need to be looked at.

Lincoln Thomasson personally thinks that we should approve than we can do a deeper dive into it and see if a change is appropriate in the future. He asked if this could wait for approval. Superintendent Wheeler said it could, however we would start the school year without it.

Susi Edgington said we need something now. Renee Dial stated, you say we need it, but do we. Superintendent Wheeler said it is helping fill those skill gaps and without it you are asking teachers to supplement by themselves.

Dr. Richard Hector Sr. said he used it and likes it and likes the scope.

Renee Dial asked if it was online. Superintendent Wheeler stated it is but also has worksheets and other printable components.

Lincoln 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	Nay

h. Discussion and approval of the following field trips which are more than 50 miles from the school district:
   (a) Diamondbacks STEM event and game– 7th grade
   (b) Phoenix Zoo - 3rd Grade
   (c) Camp Colton – 6th Grade
   (d) Science Center – 6th Grade
   (e) Sunsplash and/or Castle-n-Coasters – 8th Grade

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the filed trips which are more than 50 miles from the school district; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Lincoln 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

i. Second Read and request for discussion and approval of the revision of District Policy 4-302 Leave.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the second read of Policy 4-302; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Lincoln 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

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

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

i. Resignations:
    a. Courtney Swanner-Phillips – HQ Paraprofessional and Administrative Assistant effective July 14, 2026.
ii. Hires (Pending Fingerprint Clearance and Background Checks)
    a. None to report.
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 FY27, No Changes from FY26
    b. Certified Salary Determination Chart updated for FY27 adding $500 to the base.
    c. Classified Salary Determination Chart updated for FY27, No Changes from FY26.
    d. Sports Salary Schedule. Updated for FY27, No changes from FY26.
v. Approval of raises for FY 27 for staff as presented in the board packet. Returning certified employees receiving a $1,600 on the base pay and classified hourly/salaried/substitute certified employees receiving .60 additional pay per hour. Effective July 19, 2026. This amount has been allocated as part of the proposed FY27 budget.

Renee Dial just wanted to know what the $500 increase on the certified schedule was. Ms. Womack stated it is an annual increase to assist with cost of living and continue to stay competitive.

Carlos Ramos asked what the difference was between the $500 and $1600. Superintendent Wheeler said the $500 is for new staff coming in when review the salary schedule placement. The $1600 is for returning staff. He asked what you do if a teacher is not performing. Superintendent Wheeler stated that that is entirely different and paid for out of 301 funds as performance pay. This is determined by observations and end of year evaluations.

He then asked who determines the cost of living rate. The district does not but it is a state set percentage. The district reviews this and area increases in order to stay competitive. Renee Dial said that we have higher than average salaries (state). Superintendent Wheeler stated, we are not higher, especially when you are looking at neighboring districts within the Verde Valley. We must continue to stay competitive, especially within the Verde Valley.

Lincoln 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 from FY26 end of the year data. - none
- Back to School Newsletter
- Posting for possible Quorum at the Back to School BBQ. – Lincoln Thomasson encourage the entire board to be present and available to answer questions of our community.
- Non-renewal of Arizona School Board Association Membership. Due to integration of Policy Service Fees into Membership Dues the District will not be continuing membership into FY27. The District no longer uses ASBA for Policy Services effective July 1, 2024. – If a time comes that they do not continue with this integration the district will reconsider membership.
- 2026 Champion of Education: Congratulations Sharon Brooks!
- SFB Update for ongoing projects (SFB projects are state funded and are not paid directly from district funds)
  - Water Filtration

        - Roofing
        - Other – Not a lot of movement. We have a meeting next week and we are pending the approval of funding on two HVAC units.
    - Signatures Finalized:
        - None to Report

9. Request for future Agenda items:
   None to Report
10. Susi Edgington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM 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

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Lincoln Thomasson

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Susi Edgington

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Renee Dial

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Carlos Ramos

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Richard Hector Sr.