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MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

Board members in attendance:

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

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. 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

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 May Highlights. Included this month was all the end of year fun! Promotions, Field Trips, Mrs. Guth's Annual Play, Awards Assembly, and the Library's Summer Reading Program Kick Off!
      ii. Legislative Update – Superintendent Wheeler spoke on a few bills she is watching. Included are SB1370, which allows patriotic youth groups to address students during the school day (with principal

permission), HB2032 allows for an extension of the testing window to six consecutive school weeks and testing cannot begin before the second week of April as well as others referencing weapons detection, advanced math requirement for 7th and 8th grade and Governing Board Mandated training.

b. Governing Board Members
    i. The next regular meeting and Public Hearing on the Adopted FY2026-2027 Budget will be on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:00PM.
    ii. Request for Special Governing Board Meeting via Google Meets on either June 18, 2026 or June 19, 2026 to approve Audit Services for FY26-FY30 (pending completion of the Audit Service RFP Process). **The Board agreed to hold the Special Meeting on June 18, 2026 at 5:30PM.**

B. Report:

Report from Operations Specialist, Karen DuFresne and district staff in response to Governing Board Members question at last month's meeting regarding high cost associated with Food Service in comparison to peer districts, as reported on the Auditor Generals Spending Report.

Ms. DuFresne presented to the Governing Board data pulled from the Auditor Generals (AG) Report. Included was a listing of the districts 'peers' and the information provided by the AG on calculations. The district believes the high cost associated with food services focuses in on salaries and benefits. Specifically, in the year presented two staff members began taking health benefits when they had not previously. While the district is marked as very high with a $5.69/per meal cost in the report, there are peer districts that are well over $7/per meal cost. After Ms. DuFresne completed her Administrative Review with ADE our highest costing meal (just food) is $3.71 with our average meal costing between $1.80-$2.50. Keeping costs low is partly due to the purchase of commodities and continuing to focus on homemade meals and less prepackaged meals.

Superintendent Wheeler reminded the board if they have any questions to write them down and they will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

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

B. Specific Items of District Business which require action

a. PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Lincoln Thomasson opened the Public Hearing.

There were no questions or comments stated.

The Public Hearing was closed.

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

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

Business Manager, Ori Womack, explained to the Governing Board that the proposed and adopted budget are being presented on preliminary forms, as there is no approved state budget yet. The ADM numbers from the May Revision of FY2025-2026 were used and resulted in an increase of $96,466 to the M/O budget and a decrease of $18,399 to the Capital Budget. After reviewing the Work Study Session Minutes, and all three surveys (Staff, Parent, and Community) the district has focused priorities on Salary/Benefits and Academic Interventions/Tutoring. Funds have been allotted for after school tutoring, a part time music teacher, and a 3% increase for all staff. The district continues to monitor ADM, budget capacity, and expenditures.

Lincoln Thomasson reflected on the district having a music teacher in the past. Superintendent Wheeler stated that previously there was part time music for K-5 and choir for 6-8, however it has been many years since we were able to provide this due to staffing.

Ms. Womack stated that if the right person came in the door we could try a split position if they needed full time work. Dr. Richard Hector Sr. asked what a split position is; Superintendent Wheeler stated that there are times we have someone do two jobs to create a full time roll. For example, a bus driver has also worked a paraprofessional. Superintendent Wheeler stated we would be posting for the part time music teacher to see if there is interest.

Dr. Richard Hector Sr. asked if we could share a teacher with another district. Superintendent Wheeler said it could be an option if they had the availability. Ms. Womack stated we have done this in the past for other services such as transportation and payroll through an IGA.

Ms. Womack reminded the board that the district will be requesting approval of the identical adopted budget on July 14, 2026, adopted budgets must be approved by July 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

c. Discussion and approval of Character Strong Tier One Classroom Supports.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve Character Strong Tier One Classroom Supports; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

There have been two public hearings (April 14 and May 12) surrounding the request for approval of Character Strong.

Renee Dial asked how many students would use this. Superintendent Wheeler stated it is a school wide program that will be used by Student Support Specialist, Heather McCallum, in her class lessons.

Renee Dial asked how long the lessons are; Superintendent Wheeler stated lessons last about 30 minutes and are scheduled with the teacher, by grade, with the appropriate supports, (videos will look different for kindergarten than they will for 7th grade.) Superintendent Wheeler let the board know that these are not everyday core lessons; this is supplemental and as needed.

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

d. Discussion and approval of the Annual Agreement with RISE Resource Center, Inc. for Special Education Services.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the Annual Agreement with RISE Resource; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

This is a continuation of an agreement that is already in place. Superintendent stated there were no changes in tuition for FY27.

Renee Dial asked how many students attend currently. Superintendent Wheeler responded that we currently have 1 student and if we were to have him on site it would cost significantly more due to his need for at least a one-on-one paraprofessional as well as other supervision and services.

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

e. Discussion and approval of the Annual MOU with Camp Verde Unified School District and Mingus Union High School District for Algebra 1 class offered at Beaver Creek School.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the Annual MOU with Camp Verde and Mingus for Algebra 1; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

This is annual agreement, with no changes except updating the dates. Superintendent Wheeler reminded the board that this allows students who have placed in the algebra 1 class to receive credit at the high school level if they pass the benchmark test at the end of the year. At this time we are unsure if there will be enough students for a full class, but we continue to review the data to determine that decision.

Susi Edgington asked what happens if there is only one student placed in the course. Superintendent Wheeler stated that in the past we have used an online program with the high school. We typically have at least 6 kids to move forward with a full class. This year, student's will be required to complete both 8th grade math and the Algebra course if enrolled.

Susi Edgington asked how the students would juggle the work. Superintendent Wheeler said that students would utilize the 'reteach' time to complete the work.

Lincoln Thomasson asked how many students we had this year. Superintendent Wheeler stated we had 13 enrolled and 11 met the NWEA benchmark and passed.

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	Nay

f. Discussion and approval of the FY26 Disposal of Property as presented.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve the FY26 Disposal of Property; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

Karen DuFresne presented the board with items that have been disposed of in FY26. Included was outdated technology and curriculum. The board was presented with the itemized lists of disposed property.

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	Nay

g. Discussion and approval of Samantha Bishop as Student Activities Treasurer for FY27.

Susi Edgington made the motion to discuss and approve Samantha Bishop as Student Activities Treasurer; Dr. Richard Hector Sr. seconded the motion.

This is an annual approval as required by the USFR.

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	Nay

h. First Read and request for discussion of the revision of District Policy 4-302 Leave.

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

Superintendent Wheeler told the board that the district has been reviewing and discussing the revision of this policy for the last year. The request is to front load certified teaching staff with 24 hours in August and the remaining time will be accrued on a set schedule.

Susi Edgington stated that it seemed like we are just restructuring. Superintendent Wheeler agreed and stated that the district previously front loaded all the leave and she is unsure of when or why it changed.

Susi Edgington asked if anyone could share time with another employee. Superintendent Wheeler stated only under strict circumstances is that allowed. Ms. Womack stated they must be on approved FMLA before the request to other staff can be made.

The district will be bringing the second read and request for approval forward to the board on July 14, 2026. Please provide all questions by the first week of July for review.

There is no action needed at this time.

i. 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. None to Report.
ii. Hires (Pending Fingerprint Clearance and Background Checks)
    a. Sharon Brooks – Office manager effective July 1, 2026

There was no discussion.

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

8. Information Items:

- **Responses to questions from Food Service Cost Report.**
  - Renee Dial – Is there any food waste and what do we do with it?
    - If food received by students is prepackaged and unopened we have a share table where other students can take the items. It terms of kitchen waste, we have minimal due to our staff being very intentional in the amount they cook. Any leftover food does have to be disposed of and cannot leave the kitchen by any other means.
- **School wide performance goal update – memo provided.**
- **Beaver Creek School has been awarded the School Safety Grant for Fy27, totaling $125,568.00! These funds will be used to support the Off Duty Management Services that allow an officer to be on site daily.**
- **Congratulations to our two student who placed in the Fine Art exhibit at the Verde Valley Fair!**
  - **1st Place – Jacob Santos(8th Grade)**
  - **2nd Place – Kaylee Ramos (7th Grade)**
- **SFB Update for ongoing projects (SFB projects are state funded and are not coming out of the district budget)**
  - Water Filtration – Lateral load analysis is being required by county, the change order has been submitted.
  - Roofing
  - Other – Two AC units for the 800 building have been approved and we are just waiting on funding.
- Signatures Finalized:
  - None to Report

9. Request for future Agenda items:
    - Lincoln Thomasson – P.A. system in the Board Room.
10. Susi Edgington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Richard Hector Sr. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM with a unanimous vote.

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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Renee Dial

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Carlos Ramos

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Richard Hector Sr.