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**GOVERNING BOARD**

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**SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Jennifer Johnson

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Administrative Center/Board Room  
October 7, 2009**

**Regular Meeting**

Compliance with  
ARS 38-431.02

Consistent with the requirement set forth in ARS 38-431.02, notices of this regular meeting held in public were appropriately posted.

The following board members were present: Vicki Johnson, President; Donna Stout, Clerk; Kevin Clayborn, Ian Hugh and Pam Reicks. Also present were: Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent; district administrators, principals and Estevan Carreon, GUEA representative.

Call to order, Roll call,  
Pledge of Allegiance

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Johnson.

Adoption of agenda  
(Pol. Ref. 2048-A)

Approved agenda as printed.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Hugh                      CARRIED: 5-0

Special presentation

Arizona School Boards Association has awarded Boardmanship awards to Vicki Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cluster; Kevin Clayborn, Associate of Boardmanship; Donna Stout, Associate of Boardmanship and Master of Boardmanship; and Pam Reicks, Certificate of Orientation. These awards are given in recognition of the accomplishments, continuing education and in-service development of Governing Board members.

Public participation

Estevan Carreon, GUEA President and IHS teacher, expressed concern with the passing of House Bill 2011. He asked board members to submit a proposal for ASBA's (Arizona School Boards Association) political agenda to repeal many of the provisions that HB2011 contains. Specifically, those that attack the rights of teachers, negotiated items and rights of teachers' associations.

**Consent Items**

**Action taken on Consent Items as follows:**

Minutes  
(Pol. Ref. 2051)

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 16, 2009 and the special meeting held on September 23, 2009.

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Vouchers  
(Pol. Ref. 7212)

Ratified vouchers for recording in the official minutes.

The total vouchers reviewed were:

<u>Date Reviewed</u>	<u>Expense Voucher</u>	<u>Payroll Voucher</u>	<u>Auxiliary/Tax Credit Voucher</u>
9/14/09	591,811.51	N/A	14,212.50
9/21/09	806,819.29	3,360,775.14	26,080.81
9/28/09	370,088.75	N/A	26,978.47

Purchase order  
(Pol. Ref. 7210)

Approved purchase orders.

List attached to minutes.

Executive session  
(Pol. Ref. 2044)

Authorized executive session.

Bid return  
(Pol. Ref. 7410)

Approved the following bid returns:

1. Bid 10-30 – Audio and Video Products and Service – Award to Market Basket and catalog discount as noted on tabulation sheet.
2. RFP 10-24 – Engineering Science Equipment – Award to AZ Tech Educational Resources which met all specification requirements.

Professional visit  
(Pol. Ref. 4253)

Approved the following professional visits:

1. Arizona Middle & High School Renewal Conference  
Where: Phoenix, AZ  
When: October 19-20, 2009  
Persons involved: Michael Fowler, Craig Mussi, Luanne Ashby, Tim Clark, Sue Wilson-Kamman (MV)  
Purpose: Leadership team will be presenting at the conference, and opportunity to inform and expand upon collaborative leadership strategies for systemic school improvement.  
Cost to Title I funds: Registration = \$800; substitutes = \$400
2. Serving it Safe Food Certification Course  
Where: Phoenix, AZ  
When: October 28-29, 2009  
Person involved: Stacy Sumter (C)  
Purpose: Manager certification as required for cafeteria supervisors.  
Cost to food service funds: Registration = \$26
3. Infinite Campus Executive Briefing for Arizona  
Where: Minneapolis, MN  
When: November 2-4, 2009  
Person involved: Jordan Beveridge (DO)  
Purpose: Discuss Infinite Campus development and implementation in future years.  
Cost to Title II-D: Meals = \$58; transportation = \$30

Professional visit  
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4. T3 (Teachers Teaching with Technology) Regional Conference  
Where: Stephenville, TX  
When: November 5-7, 2009  
Person involved: Veronica Carlson (MV)  
Purpose: Will be a presenter at the conference and professional development.  
No cost to local or district travel funds.
  
5. School Visit – Adlai E. Stevenson High School  
Where: Chicago, IL  
When: November 16-18, 2009  
Persons involved: Vicki Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, John Croteau (DO); Reid Chitwood (C); Rob Ambrose (I); Linda Whitehead (S)  
Purpose: Visit Adlai E. Stevenson High School where professional learning communities began.  
Cost to Title I funds: Lodging = \$1,900; meals = \$708; registration = \$240; transportation = \$1,992
  
6. Arizona School Personnel Administrators Fall Conference  
Where: Prescott, AZ  
When: November 18-20, 2009  
Person involved: Linda Rosness (DO)  
Purpose: Attend personnel conference and professional growth.  
Cost to Title II-A funds: Lodging = \$198; registration = \$350
  
7. ACTE (Association for Career & Technical Education) 2009 Annual Conference  
Where: Nashville, TN  
When: November 19-21, 2009  
Persons involved: Sue Maland (A); Steffanie Hernandez, Amanda Shively (GW); Ava DeGeorge, Kim Niemi (I); Jennifer Brooks (MV)  
Purpose: Build skills and sharing best practices with colleagues from around the US.  
Cost to CTE Basic grant: Substitutes = \$1,500  
Cost to West-MEC funds: Lodging = \$2,967; meals = \$1,148; registration = \$2,160; transportation = \$1,827
  
8. 24<sup>th</sup> Learning and the Brain Conference  
Where: Boston, MA  
When: November 19-22, 2009  
Person involved: Cindy Ziker (DO)  
Purpose: Learn about current research on reading for the purpose of evaluation.  
Cost to Title I funds: Lodging = \$540; meals = \$120; registration = \$680; transportation = \$300

Student trip  
(Pol. Ref. 6304)

Approved the following student trips:

1. GHS – Cross Country  
Where: Parker, AZ  
When: October 9-13, 2009  
Persons involved: 24 students and 3 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicles leaving on 10/9 at 3:00 p.m. and returning on 10/13 at 3:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Off campus practice and team building.  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to club funds and tax credit: Transportation = \$800
  
2. AHS – DECA  
Where: San Diego, CA  
When: October 11-15, 2009  
Persons involved: 10 students and 1 chaperone  
Arrangements: Transportation by commercial carrier leaving on 10/11 at 9:00 a.m. and returning on 10/15 at 4:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Students will be partnering with the San Diego Oceans Foundation and working with our DECA sponsor, Marissa Dive Charters. Students will be creating promotional material for the charter company to integrate into DECA projects.  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to club funds.
  
3. WHS – Theatre Arts  
Where: Cedar City, UT  
When: October 12-16, 2009  
Persons involved: 8 students and 2 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by private vehicles leaving on 10/12 at 7:00 a.m. and returning on 10/16 at 5:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Experience multiple theatre groups perform.  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to club funds and tax credit.
  
4. THS – Swim and Dive  
Where: Tempe, AZ  
When: October 29-31, 2009  
Persons involved: 40 students and 5 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicle leaving on 10/29 at 6:00 p.m. and returning on 10/31 at 7:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Participate in state swim and dive championships (AIA approved).  
Students will miss 1 day of school.  
Cost to district travel funds: Substitute = \$100; transportation = \$323

Student trip  
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5. SHS & THS – Unitown Programs  
Where: Prescott, AZ  
When: November 10-15, 2009  
Persons involved: 20 students and 4 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicle leaving on 11/10 at 4:00 p.m. and returning on 11/15 at 2:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Training for discussion leaders. Diversity and tolerance camp to maintain a safe and respectful campus.  
Students will miss 2 days of school.  
Cost to club funds: Substitutes = \$200; transportation = \$490
6. SHS & THS – Unitown Programs  
Where: Prescott, AZ  
When: November 11-15, 2009  
Persons involved: 80 students and 8 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicles leaving on 11/11 at 11:00 a.m. and returning on 11/15 at 2:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Diversity and tolerance camp to maintain a safe and respectful campus.  
Students will miss 2 days of school.  
Cost to club funds: Substitutes = \$1,800; transportation = \$610
7. SHS – Journalism/Yearbook  
Where: Washington, DC  
When: November 12-15, 2009  
Persons involved: 20 students and 2 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by commercial carrier leaving on 11/12 at 8:00 a.m. and returning on 11/15 at 5:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Attend JEA (Journalism Education Association) National Convention.  
Students will miss 2 days of school.  
Cost to club funds.
8. THS – Girls’ Varsity Soccer  
Where: Munds Park, AZ  
When: November 20-21, 2009  
Persons involved: 19 students and 4 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by private vehicles leaving on 11/20 at 3:00 p.m. and returning on 11/21 at 5:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Team building.  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to club funds.
9. THS – NJROTC  
Where: White Tank Mountain Regional Park, AZ  
When: November 20-21, 2009  
Persons involved: 45 students and 7 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicle leaving on 11/20 at 3:00 p.m. and returning on 11/21 at 10:00 a.m.  
Purpose: Participate in daytime orienteering course & leadership training.  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to NJROTC funds: Transportation = \$225

Student trip  
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10. CHS & MVHS – NJROTC  
Where: Lake Pleasant, AZ  
When: January 29-30, 2010  
Persons involved: 50 students and 3 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicle leaving on 1/29 at 3:30 p.m. and returning on 1/30 at 4:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Attend orienteering competition (program requirement).  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to district travel funds: Transportation = \$220
11. MVHS – NJROTC  
Where: Santa Ana, CA  
When: February 5-7, 2010  
Persons involved: 5 students and 2 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by private vehicle leaving on 2/5 at 6:00 a.m. and returning on 2/7 at 4:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Attend Area 11 National Qualifier.  
Students will miss 1 day of school.  
Cost to NJROTC funds.
12. CHS & MVHS – NJROTC  
Where: Superior, AZ  
When: February 26-27, 2010  
Persons involved: 50 students and 7 chaperones  
Arrangements: Transportation by district vehicle leaving on 2/26 at 3:30 p.m. and returning on 2/27 at 5:00 p.m.  
Purpose: Compete in multi-service orienteering (program requirement).  
No loss of school days.  
Cost to district travel funds: Transportation = \$388

Personnel  
Certificated  
Employment  
(Pol. Ref. 4013)

Approved the following recommendations for employment for the 2009-2010 school year:

- IHS - Kenneth Bennett, 2/5 Counseling (1<sup>st</sup> semester only) – Effective 9/21/09
- MVHS - Amanda Cordova, 3/5 English; 2/5 Permanent Sub – Effective 9/14/09
- WHS - Todd Avery, English – Effective 8/10/09

Leave of absence  
(Pol. Ref. 4023)

Approved the following request for a leave of absence:

- MVHS - Elizabeth A. Fairbanks, English – Effective 1/4/10

Support Staff  
Employment  
(Pol. Ref. 4113)

Approved the following recommendations for employment for the 2009-2010 school year:

- CHS - Don Hestand, Assistant Facilities Supervisor – Effective 9/14/09
- DO - Leah Carricart, Community Relations Assistant – Effective 9/29/09

Support Staff

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Leave of absence  
(Pol. Ref. 4124-B)

Approved the following requests for a leave of absence:

DO - Elizabeth A. Guimont, Bus Driver – Effective 9/8/09  
NA - Cindy James, Special Ed Instructional Aide – Effective  
10/19/09

Resignation

Accepted the following resignations:

AHS - Dixie Belden, Title One Instructional Aide – Effective  
9/25/09  
DO - Cynthia Williams, Bus Driver – Effective 10/2/09  
GWHS - Tari Infante, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 9/25/09  
SHS - Janet Avila, Special Ed Instructional Aide – Effective  
9/18/09  
WHS - Eva Angelina Lamas, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 9/18/09  
Robert Maher, Cafeteria Assistant – Effective 9/4/09

Termination  
(Pol. Ref. 4122)

Approved the following recommendations for termination:

DO - Carol Cappello, Bus Aide – Effective 9/29/09  
Barbara Daw-Sanders, Bus Driver – Effective 8/28/09

Approved consent items.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Clayborn                      CARRIED: 5-0

New Business

Annual Financial Report  
for fiscal year 2009  
(ARS 15-904)

The Governing Board approved and signed the necessary documents  
and authorized posting of the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year  
2009.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Hugh                      CARRIED: 5-0

Evaluation of  
Certificated  
Personnel  
(ARS 15-537)

The Governing Board approved the following administrators whose  
training will permit them to act as qualified evaluators of certificated  
personnel: Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent; John Croteau,  
Associate Superintendent/C&I; Dr. Linda Rosness, Assistant  
Superintendent/HR; Jim Threadgill, Administrator of Operations/  
Athletics; Brian Capistran, School Safety Administrator; Wendy  
Collison, Director/Special Education; Principals; Assistant Principals.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Hugh                      CARRIED: 5-0

Support Staff  
Proposal  
Committee  
(Pol. Ref. 2035)

The Governing Board authorized the administration to establish a Support  
Staff Proposal committee as follows: Dr. Linda Rosness, Chairperson,  
Lou Wiegand, Yome Gokool and Rob Ambrose to serve as the Governing  
Board's representatives to support staff.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Clayborn                      CARRIED: 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Legislative action proposals for ASBA 2010 political agenda

The Governing Board identified their top ten priorities for the 2010 political agenda and authorized Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent, to submit the packet to ASBA (Arizona School Boards Association) by November 6, 2009. The ten priorities that were selected were: 1) Seek and support legislation that adequately encourages, assists and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools to ensure college and career readiness of all students; 2) Advocate for preservation of community governance of school districts through elected representation and oppose efforts to erode the authority of governing boards; 3) Oppose unfunded and burdensome legislative mandates; 4) Oppose any effort that does not allow local school districts, through their governing boards and voters, to both initiate and decide for themselves efforts to consolidate or unify their districts; 5) Seek and support the continued re-evaluation and refinement of the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards; 6) Oppose any legislation that results in the direct or indirect use of public funds to support private schools, including school vouchers and tax credits; 7) Seek and support legislation to adequately fund English Language Learners; 8) Oppose legislation that takes away district authority to comply with federal desegregation court orders and Office of Civil Rights agreements; 9) Seek and support legislation to fully fund excess utility costs inside the Revenue Control Limit (RCL); 10) Seek and support legislation that provides increased funding for school personnel salaries.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Hugh                      CARRIED: 5-0

Sole Source Procurement (Solution Tree, Inc)

The Governing Board approved Solution Tree, Inc. as the sole source for Solution Tree Publishing Materials.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Hugh                      CARRIED: 5-0

Sole Source Procurement (Kagan Publishing)

The Governing Board approved Kagan Publishing & Professional Development as the sole source for Kagan Professional Development and supporting materials.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Reicks                      CARRIED: 5-0

**Information and Reports**

- A. Suspension reports
- B. Financial reports
- C. Bond update  
Jim Threadgill, Administrator of Operations, updated the board on the district's bond projects. There were three areas reviewed: 1) Projects by school - over the past six years, 80% of the targeted projects have been completed. 2) Cost breakdown by project - of the \$80M bond, the district has spent and/or has encumbered over \$74M leaving a current balance of approximately \$5.5M. Additional West-MEC funding has aided in maintaining a competitive edge in vocational,

Bond update  
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career and technical areas. 3) Building renewal funding – since 1999, with the exception of one year, the district has never been fully funded and there has been three years where the district has not receive any building renewal funding. Over the past eleven years, approximately 44% of the intended funding has been received with a current accumulated shortfall of over \$20M.

- D. Title I Stimulus report  
John Croteau, Associate Superintendent/C&I, gave the board an update on the Title I stimulus funds the district will be receiving and the plan for using these funds. The district’s award is a little over \$3.3M. The funds will enhance the district’s Learning System and further advance Professional Learning Communities and Literacy initiatives.
- E. Principals, District Office Administrators and Superintendent comments
- F. Board comments

Information and Reports were accepted as presented.

MOTION: Stout                      SECOND: Clayborn                      CARRIED: 5-0

**Future Meetings and Dates to Remember**

Oct 9	End 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter -	Traditional schools
Oct 12-16	Fall recess -	Traditional schools (no students/teachers)
Oct 21	Board reception -	National Merit Scholars/patio – 7:00 p.m.
	Regular meeting -	Administrative Center/Board Room – 7:30 p.m.
Oct 27	AIMS Writing retest	
Oct 28	AIMS Reading retest	
Oct 29	AIMS Math retest	

**Executive Session**  
(Pol. Ref. 2044)

The Governing Board convened into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

**Reconvened Regular Meeting**

The Governing Board reconvened the regular meeting at 10:23 p.m.

**Motion on Executive Session Item(s)**

There were no motions made on any items discussed in executive session.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Vicki Johnson, President

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Kevin Clayborn, Member

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Donna Stout, Clerk

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Ian Hugh, Member

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Pam Reicks, Member

Janice Mays  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Governing Board