



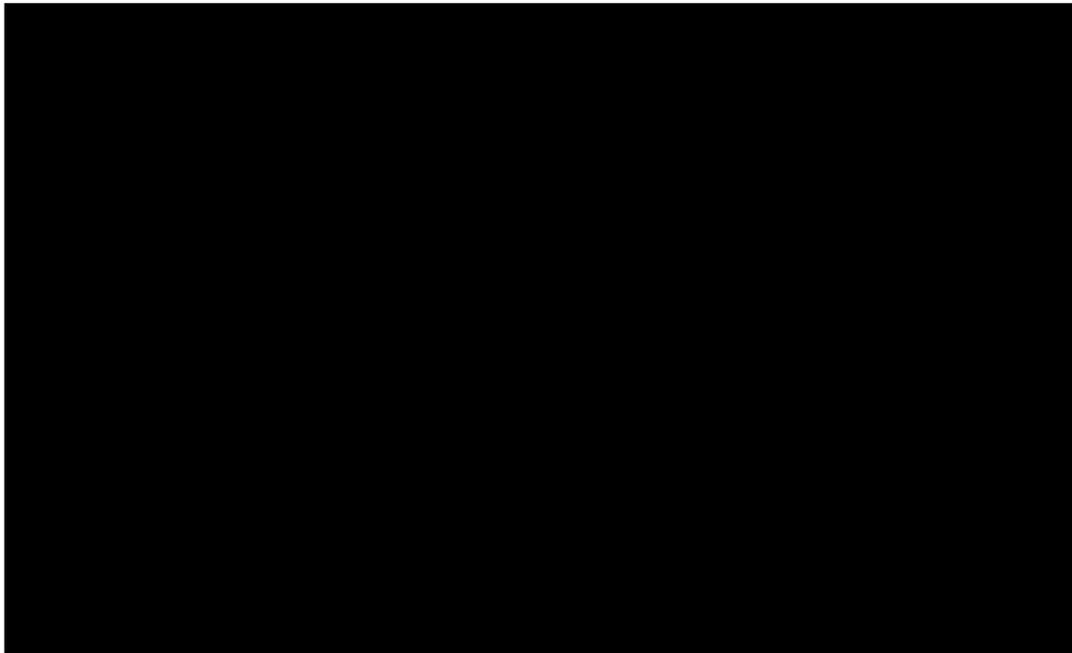
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June 10, 2025 - Board Meeting Agenda Questions & Responses

5.2 Meeting Minutes

See changes for 5/13 meeting
 Changes requested have been made.

5.3 Approve Personnel Action Items



5.4 Ratify Payroll and Expense Vouchers

What is this for?

AZ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	1139	5/20/2025	\$4,171.88	RETURN OF UNUSED FUNDS FROM QUEEN CREEK
AZ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	1139	5/20/2025	\$333.75	RETURN OF UNUSED FUNDS FROM QUEEN CREEK

A prior year grant that's shared with Queen Creek was over expended therefore the district had to return the over expended funds to ADE.

5.5 Receive the Monthly Maintenance & Operations Financial Report

High Cost SPED Grant (229): We overspent by \$31,128. Did this come from another fund?

We have another reimbursement approval from ADE and we are waiting for the revenue to be distributed.

Cash-Controlled Fund balances are ALL incorrect. (see Excel document with my calculations)

Cash-Controlled Fund balances are correct (check your formulas, the revenues were being decreased, not added).

5.9 Approval of Overnight (Staff Travel-AP Capstone Training)

5.10 Approval of Overnight (Staff Travel-College Board AP Project Learning)

These requests are for teachers to attend out of state AP training that is essential to ensuring our teachers are equipped to provide students with the most current, high-quality AP curriculum that aligns with College Board expectations. These professional learning opportunities directly support our mission of offering rigorous, college-level experiences to our students and maintaining the integrity of our AP course offerings. The AP Research and AP Project-Based Learning Series trainings are not currently available within the state of Arizona, making out-of-state travel necessary for participation.

5.11 Williams Field High School - Student Council

What is the schedule/layout for 5.9,5.10 and 5.11 Student Council Retreat? We expect our classroom professionals to have general format, why aren't these at a similar standard?

5.11 Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Student Travel

WFHS STUCO-Please share the curriculum and schedule.

The STUCO trip approved by the board in June helps lay the groundwork for the August trip. The August camp serves as a key preparatory event for both the Student Council Spirit Competition and the state convention. The curriculum and schedule for the camp are developed by Williams Field teachers. (Schedule is attached)

5.13 Authorization of Expenditure – Verkada Cameras Phase III to CDW-G

The document references 9 sites but does not specify which schools or facilities? Can you please provide the list? Will this project complete the installation of cameras at all our facilities, or are additional phases?

The facilities are Higley HS, Williams Field HS, HCPA, Transportation, and the Maintenance Department. This will fully complete the camera replacement project, and Higley will be completely equipped with the Verkada camera system.

5.14 Approval of Cooperative Vendors Purchasing Threshold to Exceed \$100,000 for FY 2024/2025

Why is the original requested amount blank?

We did not anticipate spending over \$100,000.

What was that amount and why did we exceed that amount by \$250k?

The district is anticipating additional spend to not exceed \$250k due to the weatherization projects.

Can you provide specifics to the weatherization projects?

Reference the capital budget board presentation on April 1st.

5.16 - I have questions about this contract. Arizona Healthy Schools Act (HB 2264), Was signed into law on April 2025? Is this contract compliant?

This legislation mandates that, starting in the 2026–2027 school year, public schools participating in federally funded meal programs must not serve or sell foods containing specific additives classified as “ultra-processed.” The banned ingredients include potassium bromate, propylparaben, titanium dioxide, brominated vegetable oil, and several synthetic dyes such as Red 40 and Yellow 5.

Yes, Chartwells has made the necessary changes to be in compliance with HB2264.

5.23 Approval of Field Placement Agreement between Arizona State University and Higley Unified School District

Are background checks conducted on these students, and are they required to obtain a fingerprint clearance card?

Students enrolled in the teacher preparation program at ASU obtain an IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card.

If so, who is responsible for covering the cost?

Student teachers

If the expense falls on Higley, that could have cost implications. Should the agreement be updated to explicitly require background checks for ASU students to ensure compliance with state laws and district safety standards?

That is a separate agreement between ASU and the students. Student teachers are under the supervision of the HUSD teacher.

Who serves as the HUSD’s Educational Coordinator?

James Walker

5.25 Approval of Florida Virtual School/FlexPoint Online Learning Platform License Renewal

The \$170,000 covers a student population of 10,000–19,999 in grades 6-12. Do we have that many students using this platform or this specifically for our HVA students?

We are currently on a per license fee structure at \$172.95 per student and are charged for a student license whether they enroll in one course or a full FTE. While HVA is moving to a program housed at both high schools, we continue to have a large number of students that enroll in HVA courses concurrently. We also use FlexPoint for summer school. With summer school included, we anticipate that our usage this year will have exceeded 1150 licenses. Our break even on the enterprise is 982 licenses. This is a trend that continues to rise each year. Additionally, we anticipate moving our credit recovery platform from Apex to Flexpoint in the following year as these are duplicative platforms.

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
Students	652	974	1,054	1,100*

*Projected based on 2025 Semester 1 enrollment

If just HVA, do they not offer the platform for a lower student population for a lower price?

The product is only offered as a per-student or district enterprise license.

Also, didn't we discuss HVA going away?

HVA as a stand-alone entity will no longer exist, it will be an embedded program in both high schools.

How do we justify the Enterprise License's unlimited access model when we have declining enrollment?

We continue to see increasing numbers of students choosing to use HVA for concurrent enrollment.

Course materials are not included? How will we handle the cost of course materials, which are not included in the \$170,000 fee?

Course materials are included, except where already identified in the course guide, which may identify additional course fees.

6.1 Approval of FY2026 Proposed Budget

Can you please explain the 34.2% drop in Regular Education Instruction?

This drop is due to the new budget balance carryforward cell (which was not in previous budget forms). Higley has historically budgeted the carryforward in the "Regular Education Instruction" category therefore the decrease represents the budget balance carryforward amount for FY26.

Can we get a breakdown of the \$3 million earmarked for facilities acquisition and construction?

You can review that in the April 1st board presentation of the capital budget.

What is our plan for responsibly using our reserves without relying on the taxpayers?

Need further information.

What is the forecasted amount in Adjacent Ways?

The anticipated Adjacent Ways expenditures for FY2026 are approximately \$2 million for the WFHS project.