Regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Awards & Recognition - 6:30 p.m. [Doors open to public at 6:15 p.m.]
District Office Governing Board Room
20402 N. 15th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85027

1. PRE-MEETING AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS - 6:30 P.M. (doors open to the public 6:15 P.M.)

A. A-Rated Schools

Arizona Department of Education A-Rated Schools

Congratulations to the following schools:

Bellair Elementary

Desert Sage Elementary

Diamond Canyon School

Highland Lakes School

Hillcrest Middle School

Inspiration Mountain School

Las Brisas Elementary

Legend Springs Elementary

Awards 1.13.26.pdf

B. Arizona Music Educator Association State Champion-D1

Congratulations to Jeff Malone, the Band Director at Mountain Ridge High School

C. Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Champion-D1

Congratulations to Jeff Malone, Band Director at Mountain Ridge High School

D. Educator's Room Trailblazing Top 50 Educators in the US
Congratulations Ryan Donovan of Boulder Creek High School

E. Arizona School Boards Association Total Boardsmanship Award
Congratulations to our very own DVUSD Board Members. Steve Bottfeld, Paul A. Carver, Jr., Kimberly K. Fisher, Dr. Karen C. Pack, and Stephanie Simacek.

2. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call To Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Moment of Silence

E. Adoption of Agenda
That the Governing Board adopt the agenda

3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Election of Governing Board Leadership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Election of Governing Board Leadership

As outlined in Arizona Statute 15-321 and Governing Board Policy BDA, the Governing Board of the Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97 will hold an organizational meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Governing Board Room for the purpose of electing Governing Board leadership.

Policy Reference:BDA , BDB , BDD

A.R.S. Reference:15.321

Submitted by: Sheila Taylor, Governing Board Secretary

That the Governing Board elect Board leadership positions

4. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Fiscal & Business Services Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

District Financial Reports – Attached are Maintenance & Operation (M&O), Student Activity, and Auxiliary monthly reports for the month ended December 2025.

Policy Reference: JJF

A.R.S. Reference: 15-481.Y

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - District Financial Reports.pdf

5. CONSENT AGENDA - (Motion by Exception)

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board on December 9, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

See attached link regarding***DRAFT***minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board held December 9, 2025.

Policy Reference: BEDG

A.R.S. Reference:38-431.01

Strategic Plan Reference : 4.A. Documented Processes

Submitted by: Sheila Taylor, Governing Board Secretary

DRAFT_Minutes_Regular Governing Board Meeting - Dec 09 2025.pdf

That the Governing Board approve Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Governing Board held December 9, 2025

B. Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Governing Board - Executive Session on December 9, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

See attached link regarding***DRAFT***minutes for the Special Meeting of the Governing Board held December 9, 2025.

Policy Reference: BEDG

A.R.S. Reference:38-431.01

Strategic Plan Reference : 4.A. Documented Processes

Submitted by: Sheila Taylor, Governing Board Secretary

Special Meeting of the Governing Board - Executive Session - Dec 09 2025 - Minutes - Public (1).pdf

That the Governing Board approve Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Governing Board held December 9, 2025

C. Approve Student Travel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

1. Approve travel for students from Mountain Ridge High School to attend FBLA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from April 6 through April 8, 2026.
2. Approve travel for student from Mountain Ridge High School to attend HOSA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from April 9 through April 11, 202
3. Approve travel for students from Sandra Day O'Connor High School to attend FBLA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from March 6 through March 8, 2026.
4. Approve travel for students from Barry Goldwater High School CTE Culinary to attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from March 2 through March 5, 2026.
5. Approve travel for students from Barry Goldwater High School CTE Ed Professionals to attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from March 2 through March 5, 2026.
6. Approve travel for students from Barry Goldwater High School to attend 2026 SCDC in Phoenix, AZ from March 26 through March 28, 2026.
7. Approve travel for students from Sandra Day O'Connor High School to attend Clash of the Titans Tournament in Honolulu, HI from April 7 through April 12, 2026.
8. Approve travel for students from Sandra Day O'Connor High School to attend Hollywood Heritage Festival in Los Angeles, CA from April 9 through April 11, 2026.
9. Approve travel for students from Sandra Day O'Connor High

School to attend FCCLA Nationals in Washington, DC from July 6 through July 10, 2026.

10. Approve travel for students from Inspiration Mountain to attend Walnut Canyon Park in Flagstaff, AZ on May 6, 2026.
11. Approve travel for students from Desert Sage Elementary to attend Camp Way in Prescott, AZ from May 13 through May 15, 2026.
12. Approve travel for students from Sandra Day O'Connor High School to attend Davis Monthan AFB, AZ on January 20, 2026.
13. Approve travel for students from Barry Goldwater High School to attend DECA State Leadership Conference in Phoenix, AZ from February 26 through February 28, 2026.
14. Approve travel for students from Barry Goldwater High School students to attend Jazz Madrigal Festival in Flagstaff, AZ from February 6 through February 7, 2026.
15. Approve travel for students from Anthem Elementary School to attend NAU Band Day in Flagstaff, AZ on February 19, 2026.
16. Approve travel for students from Boulder Creek High School to attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from March 3 through March 5, 2026.
17. Approve travel for students from Mountain Ridge High School to attend AZMUN in Tucson, AZ from March 28 through March 29, 2026.
18. Approve travel for students from Hillcrest Middle School to attend the Copper State Championships in Prescott, AZ from January 30 through January 31, 2026.
19. Approve travel for students from Desert Sky Middle School to attend the Copper State Championships in Prescott, AZ from January 30 through January 31, 2026.
20. Approve travel for students from Sandra Day O'Connor High School to attend Paribus Open Tennis Tournament in Indian Wells, CA from March 5 through March 6, 2026.
21. Approve travel for students from Mountain Ridge High School to attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Tucson, AZ from March 3 through March 5, 2026.

1.13.26 Student Travel.pdf

Policy Reference: IJOA

A.R.S. Reference: None

Strategic Plan Reference:

1. C. Future-Ready/College and Career Readiness Skills

4. B. Documented Process

Submitted by: Gareth Diaz Zehrbach, PhD

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to approve Student Travel

D. Approve Human Resource Changes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

POLICY REFERENCE: CBA/GBA/GCC/GCK/GCQC/GDQD

Submitted by: Jenna Moffitt, Deputy Superintendent, HR

HR_Changes 01.13.26.pdf

That the Governing Board accepts the Administration's recommendation to approve the Human Resources Changes

E. Approve Additional Qualified Evaluator for the 2025-2026 School Year

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

POLICY REFERENCE: CBA/GBA/GCC/GCK/GCQC/GDQD

Submitted by: Jenna Moffitt, Deputy Superintendent, HR

HR_Additional Qualified Evaluator List SY2526.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the administration's recommendation for Qualified Evaluator approval for the 2025-2026 School Year.

F. Approve Vouchers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Description - Attached is a recap of Payroll Voucher #12, Payroll Voucher #13, both for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and Expense Vouchers for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Fiscal Impact - The amount each fund expended is listed on the attached recap summary sheet.

A copy of the voucher summary sheet will be attached to the official minutes.

Policy Reference : DK

A.R.S. Reference : 15-321

Strategic Plan Reference : 4.C. Plan, Secure, and Allocate Resources

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - Vouchers.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to approve Payroll Voucher #12 in the amount of $10,364,822.35, Payroll Voucher #13 in the amount of $10,667,560.74 for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and Expense Vouchers on the Voucher Summary Sheet in the amount of $4,685,433.60 for Fiscal Year 2025-26

G. Approve Donations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Description – Attached is a summary list of donations that have been given to various schools.

Rationale – According to A.R.S. 15-342 and District policy KCD, the board must approve all donations received by the district.

Fiscal Impact – The total amount being approved at this time is $14,189.30. The total received for the 2025-26 school year is $262,771.07.

Policy Reference : KCD

A.R.S. Reference:15-342

Strategic Plan Reference: 4.C. Plan, Secure, and Allocate Resources

Submitted by : Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - Donations.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to approve Donations, on behalf of the district, in the amount of $14,239.30

H. Approve Addenda Contracts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Description - Attached is a listing of the award of compensation for

duties assigned to staff district wide for the current year. This list is reflected by categories.

Rationale - The Governing Board must approve all addenda contracts pursuant to A.R.S. 15-502.

Fiscal Impact - The attached list shows the amount requested for each addenda contract.

IBN Addenda are negotiated agreements funded from M&O.

Non-IBN Addenda are established and approved by each supervisor and are typically paid from non-M&O funds such as: State and Federal Grants, eSchool funds, Student Activity, Gifts and Donations, Tax Credits, Civic Center, Community Schools, Bookstore/Athletics, etc.

A copy of the addenda list will be attached to the official minutes.

Policy Reference: None

A.R.S. Reference: 15-502

Strategic Plan Reference: 2.B. Employee Sourcing and Recruitment, 4.C. Plan, Secure, and Allocate Resources

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - Addenda.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to approve the addenda contracts in the attached listing

I. Authorization to enter into Additional Cooperative Contract Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025-26

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Description - It is recommended that the Governing Board authorize the Administration to purchase from the attached list of vendors using cooperative purchasing contracts and develop miscellaneous blanket purchase agreements for the 2025-26 fiscal year. This is a list of anticipated cooperative purchases for FY 25-26. The list includes requests that are expected to arise during the year. By approving these vendors and amounts now, we are able to process requisitions without delay. These are only estimates and total purchases may be lower. If total purchases appear as if they will exceed these amounts, we will request additional approval at a future board meeting.

Rationale - According to State Board of Education Rules and

Regulations and District policy, the board must approve all contract purchases over $100,000. In order to ensure continuity in the payment of ongoing expenses, the Governing Board is being asked to authorize the Administration to proceed with contracts to these suppliers as the need arises. This list of vendors reflects the amount spent in FY 24-25, with request for board approval for FY 25-26 of the same amount or anticipated increased amount. From time to time, it may be necessary to come to the Governing Board with additional cooperative purchase contracts not on this list.

Fiscal Impact - Funds for these contract purchases have been included in the Districts expenditure budget for the 2025-26 school year.

Policy Reference: DJE/DJE-R

A.R.S. Reference: None

Strategic Plan Reference: 4.C. Plan, Secure, and Allocate Resources

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - FY 25-26 ADDITIONAL COOPERATIVE.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to enter into additional Cooperative Contract Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025-26

J. Authorization to enter into Additional Sole Source Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025-26

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Description – It is recommended that the Governing Board authorize the Administration to purchase from the attached list of sole source suppliers and develop miscellaneous blanket purchase agreements for the 2025-26 fiscal year. This is a list of anticipated sole source purchases for FY 2025-26. The list includes requests that are expected to arise during the year. By approving these vendors and amounts now, we are able to process requisitions without delay. These are only estimates and total purchases may be lower. If total purchases appear as if they will exceed these amounts, we will request additional approval at a future board meeting.

Rationale – According to State Board of Education Rules and Regulations and District policy, the board must approve all sole source purchases. In the past, the district has proceeded with contracts for these services and the Governing Board has ratified them via the approval of vouchers. In order to ensure continuity in the payment of ongoing expenses, the Governing Board is being asked to

authorize the Administration to proceed with contracts to these suppliers as the need arises. This list of vendors reflects the amount spent in FY 24-25, with request for board approval for FY 25-26 of the same amount or anticipated increased amount. From time to time, it may be necessary to come to the Governing Board with additional sole source purchase contracts not on this list.

Fiscal Impact – Funds for these contract purchases have been included in the District's expenditure budget for the 2025-26 school year.

Policy Reference: DJE/DJE-R

A.R.S. Reference: None

Strategic Plan Reference: 4.C. Plan, Secure, and Allocate Resources

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - FY 25-26 ADDITIONAL SOLE SOURCE.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to enter into additional Sole Source Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025-26

K. Approve the Per Unit Payment Agreement between Deer Valley Unified School District and Opus Development Company, LLC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is a voluntary assistance fee agreement with a developer currently in the West Wing School attendance area, approximately at the northeast corner of Lake Pleasant Parkway, and Pinnacle Vista Drive. We have consistently required these agreements from developers in boundaries where the school is at or near capacity and the city has changed the original zoning to allow additional houses to be built. This agreement requires a total of $1,000 per apartment unit, to be up to 310 multi-family dwelling units.

Policy Reference: KCD-R

A.R.S. Reference: 15-342

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - Deer Valley School District - Payment Agreement Opus Development (Cibola Vista South, Peoria, AZ).pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to approve the Voluntary Developer Per Unit Payment Agreement with Opus Development Company, LLC

L. Approve Revised Authorized Signers for Written Agreements/Contracts, and Property Control for Fiscal Year 2025-26

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Description – The Governing Board is authorizing certain employees of the District to sign written agreements/contracts on behalf of the Governing Board. There are dozens of agreements the District must enter into each year, such as equipment maintenance and repair agreements, professional service agreements, construction contracts, purchase orders, and for Property Control which includes fixed assets disposition. With the hiring of Christine Gabaldon as our new Purchasing Director, we are adding her to be a signer for purchase orders, and Property Control.

Rationale – This is an annual routine agenda item that must be approved by the board each year. The Governing Board would have to review each and every contract/agreement the District enters into and take action in open Governing Board meetings if they do not authorize other signers.

Fiscal Impact – N/A

Policy Reference: None

A.R.S. Reference: None

Strategic Plan Reference: 4.A. Documented Processes

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to approve Dr. Curtis Finch, Superintendent as authorized signer for all written agreements/contracts; Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent, and Megan Quail, Director of Finance as authorized signers for all written agreements/contracts, and Property Control; and Christine Gabaldon, Purchasing Director, as authorized signer for purchase orders, and Property Control for the 2025-26 School Year

M. Governing Board Policy - BGE - Policy Communication & Feedback

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: First Reading of Governing Board Policy

BGE - Policy Communication & Feedback

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy BGE - Policy Communication & Feedback to accept ASBA recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

Document now includes only change to title of policy to to remove "Communication & Feedback" to be titled "Policy Manual".

This policy was previewed at the December 9, 2025 Board meeting and now being brought back for Board approval.

BGE_POLICY COMMUNICATION FEEDBACK.pdf

Submitted by: Curtis Finch, Superintendent

That the Governing Board approve Policy BGE - Policy Communication & Feedback as recommended

That the Governing Board approve Policy BGD - Board Review of Regulations as recommended

N. Governing Board Policy BGD - Board Review of Regulations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: First Reading of Governing Board Policy BGD - Board Review of Regulations

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy BGD - Board Review of Regulations to accept ASBA recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

Document now includes minor revision to final sentence regarding Board's review of regulations prior to publication; additionally, the legal reference was removed as the statute does not specifically reference the Board's review of regulations.

This policy was previewed at the December 9, 2025 Board meeting and now being brought back for Board approval.

BGD_BOARD REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

Submitted by: Curtis Finch, Superintendent

O. Governing Board Policy BGB - Policy Adoption

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: First Reading of Governing Board Policy BGB - Policy Adoption

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy BGB - Policy Adoption and to accept ASBA recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

Document now includes language from current Policy and merge language from Policies BGC - Policy Revision & Review and Policy BGF - Suspension / Repeal of Policy. The recommended document will also include subheadings added for clarity.

This policy was previewed at the December 9, 2025 Board meeting and now being brought back for Governing Board approval.

A.R.S Reference: 15-321

Policy Reference: BGE

Policy First Reading_12.05.25.pdf

BGB_POLICY ADOPTION.pdf

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DELETED BGF_SUSPENSION REPEAL OF POLICY.pdf

Submitted by: Curtis Finch, Superintendent

That the Governing Board approve Policy - BGB - Policy Adoption as recommended

6. ACTION

A. Approve Employee Professional Development (Out of State)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

That the Governing Board approves all employee out-of-state travel for professional development per Governing Board Policy GCCE.

Policy Reference: GCCE

A.R.S. Reference: None

Submitted by: Sheila Taylor, Governing Board Secretary

01.13.26_Fund List for Travel.pdf

Employee Travel_01.13.26.pdf

B. Approve Revised School Year 2025-2026 Governing Board Meeting Dates

That the Governing Board approve revision to the Governing Board meeting dates for regular scheduled meetings in school year 2025-2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the May 13, 2025 Governing Board meeting, the Board approved dates for regular scheduled Governing Board meetings in school year 2025-2026. This is now being brought back for Governing Board consideration to change the first meeting in February 2026 meeting date from February 10 & 24 to one meeting date on February 17, 2026.

REVISION DRAFT__2025-26 Gov. Bd. Dates.pdf

C. Approve Addenda Pre-Approvals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Attached is a submission of non-IBN addenda pre-approvals for the Winter/Spring of the 2025-26 school year. As a reminder these addenda are being considered for pre-approval at this time and will be brought back for Board approval at a future date.

Policy Reference: None

A.R.S. Reference: None

Strategic Plan Reference: 2.B. Employee Sourcing and Recruitment, 4.C. Plan, Secure, and Allocate Resources

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - Addenda Pre-Approvals.pdf

That the Governing Board accept the Administration's recommendation to pre-approve the addenda as presented

7. PREVIEW

A. Preview School Year 2026-2027 Governing Board Meeting Dates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Attached are recommended meeting dates for regular scheduled Governing board meetings in school year 2026-2027. This will be brought back for Governing Board approval at the next scheduled

meeting on January 27, 2026.

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B. First Reading Governing Board Policy ACA - Sexual Harassment

Executive Summary:

Administration is recommending a revision of Policy ACA - Sexual Harassment and accept ASBA's recommend language to remain compliant with recent changes and updates.

Submitted by: Gareth Diaz Zehrbach, PhD

Policy First Reading_01.13.26.pdf

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C. First Reading Governing Board Policy ACAA - Title IX Sex Discrimination

Executive Summary:

Administration is recommending a revision of Policy ACAA - Title IX Sex Discrimination and accept ASBA's recommend language to remain compliant with recent changes and updates.

Submitted by: Gareth Diaz Zehrbach, PhD

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D. First Reading Governing Board Policy - BE - School Board Meetings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy BE - School Board Meetings and accept recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

Document now includes language provided by legal counsel specific to Executive Sessions.

A.R.S Reference: 15-321 , 15-323, 15-843, 38-431 et seq., 38-431.01, 38-431.02, 38-431.03

Policy Reference: BBA, BED, BEDA, BEDB

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Submitted by: Paul Carver, Governing Board President

E. First Reading Governing Board Policy - BED - Meeting Procedures

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy BED - Meeting Procedures and accept recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

Information from Policies BEDD, BEDF & BEDG were added to Policy BED per ASBA recommendations, and subheadings were added for clarity.

A.R.S Reference: 1-216 **,** 15-321 , 15-341, 15-843, 38-421, 38-431, 38-431.01, 38-431.03, 39-101, 39-121, 39-122

Policy Reference: BEDA, BEDB, BEDC, BEDH, BGB

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Submitted by: Dr. Curtis Finch, Superintendent

F. First Reading Governing Board Policy - BEDA - Notification of Board Meetings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy BEDA - Notification of Board Meetings and accept recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

ASBA is recommending to make minor edit as words "and notice" was removed from document as any other notice than agenda is unnecessary to post per statute.

A.R.S Reference: 1-301 **,** 15-321 , 15-341, 38-431.01, 38-431.02

Policy Reference: BE, BEDB

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Submitted by: Dr. Curtis Finch, Superintendent

G. First Reading Governing Board Policy DA - Fiscal Management Goals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: First Reading of Governing Board Policy DA - Fiscal Management Goals

Administration is recommending a revision to Policy DA - Fiscal Management Goals and to accept ASBA recommended language as indicated through tracked changes in the attached draft document.

Minor edits were made to the policy language to reflect current best practices and the title was updated since the list in the policy reflects board outcomes.

Submitted by: Heather Mock, Deputy Superintendent

1-13-26 Board Work - DA Fiscal Management Goals.pdf

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

9. REPORTS

10. FUTURE MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

11. ADJOURNMENT