

Minutes of Governing Board Special Study & Voting Session Meeting  
Friday, January 23, 2026 @ 2:00 pm  
Prescott Unified School District Governing Board

A Special Study & Voting Session Meeting of the Governing Board of Prescott Unified School District was held on Friday, January 23, 2026, beginning at 2:00 pm in the Boardroom of the PUSD District Office & Virtually via Google Meet. This meeting was not livestreamed.

All supporting documents/attachments can be found by visiting our website:

<https://www.prescottschools.com/>

Board Members present:

Governing Board President, Jane Robertson  
Vice President, Jennifer Bergamini - Arrived at 2:11 pm  
Andy Fraher, Member - Virtually  
Stan Goligoski, Member - Virtually  
Brett Mangum, Member

Others present:

Clark Tenney, Superintendent  
Andy Binder, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources  
Brian Moore, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Torres, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent and Governing Board  
Shae Moore, Student Representative

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Governing Board President, Jane Robertson called this meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Governing Board President, Jane Robertson.

2.A. Consider approving the agenda, as presented.

RELEVANT INFORMATION: Board Policy requires the approval of the agenda.

Governing Board President, Jane Robertson noted, Can I get a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Brett Mangum noted, so moved. Jane Robertson noted, second.

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| <b>Jane Robertson:</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Jennifer Bergamini:</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Andy Fraher:</b>        | <b>Aye</b> |

**Stan Goligoski:**           **Aye**  
**Brett Mangum:**           **Aye**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

3.A. **STUDY AND VOTING SESSION** - If a member of the public wishes to speak to one of the following voting items, please complete and return exhibit BEDH-E, Request for Public Participation in Governing Board Meeting to Sarah Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Governing Board prior to the study and voting session of the agenda. This document can also be found under the Governing Board tab on the PUSD website:<https://www.prescottschools.com>.

For items with the potential to have many speakers, the overall speaking time may be adjusted by the Governing Board. Speakers will be called to speak in the order in which they signed up, first come, first served.

Requests to speak that are emailed will also be first come, first served. Email requests can be sent to [sarah.torres@prescottschools.com](mailto:sarah.torres@prescottschools.com) at any time prior to the study and voting session of the agenda.

There were no requests to speak to this study & voting item.

**3.A.1. Consider hiring a bond/override consultant to guide the District through the processes and decisions leading up to the Governing Board's vote on whether to place a bond and/or override measure on the November 2026 ballot. Consulting services may include demographic research, community surveys, and communications and marketing review and recommendations.**

#### **RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

In the coming months, the PUSD #1 Governing Board will vote on whether to place a bond and/or override initiative on the November 2026 ballot. A consultant would provide guidance and assist in gathering and analyzing information for the Governing Board in advance of that vote.

**Presenter:** Brian Moore, Chief Financial Officer.

The board was asked to consider one of two consulting firms, Highground Public Affairs Consultants and Primary Consultants, L.L.C to assist with a potential 2026 bond and override election. Both Consultants introduced themselves and shared information from their proposals. Board members and representatives from each firm discussed the necessity of voter demographic research and live-caller surveys to gauge community support and optimize ballot language. Concerns were raised regarding the declining response rates for phone surveys and the overall cost of these services. The consultants emphasized that data-driven strategy is essential in the current political climate to distinguish between essential needs and "luxury" projects.

Governing Board President, Jane Robertson noted, Can I get a motion to hire a bond/override consultant to guide the District through the process and decision leading up to the Governing Board's vote on whether to place a bond and/or override measure on the November 2026 ballot. Consulting services may included demographic research, community surveys, and communications and marketing review and recommendations. The board delegates the final selection of the firm and specific services to the district administration. Brett Mangum noted, so moved. Andy Fraher seconded the motion.

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| <b>Jane Robertson:</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Jennifer Bergamini:</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Andy Fraher:</b>        | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Stan Goligoski:</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Brett Mangum:</b>       | <b>Aye</b> |

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT -hearing no objections, Governing Board President, Jane Robertson adjourned this meeting at 3:06 pm.**

Sarah A. Torres, Governing Board Secretary