

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

August 4, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 6:00 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale Arizona. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice was hereby given to the members of the Scottsdale Governing Board and to the general public that the Governing Board would hold a public meeting open to the public on August 4, 2026. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person.

Board Members in attendance were Dr. Donna Lewis, President; Mike Sharkey, Vice President; Amy Carney; Carine Werner; and Dr. Matthew Pittinsky. Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Menzel was also present. A quorum was present. Dr. Lewis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following request was made to amend the agenda:

- Request to pull Consent Agenda Item 8.Y. Approval of Update to Teacher Librarian Job Description for further discussion.

Dr. Lewis moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Acknowledgement of some outstanding celebrations:

- Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, celebrated the SUSD Special Education Team and Pima Day School team for their outstanding efforts to make Pima Level D School a reality for the 2026-2027 school year. Congratulations! We look forward to welcoming the first students on August 10th. Each Special Education and Pima Day School team member in attendance received a challenge coin.
- Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, celebrated Patti Bilbrey and the Nutrition Services Team for being named the Summer Hunger Hero by No Kid Hungry. Congratulations and thank you for living our district's mission every day and ensuring our students are cared for long after the final school bell rings. Each Nutrition Services team member in attendance received a challenge coin.
- Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, celebrated Scottsdale Unified School District/CTE for being named 2025–2026 AZCTECC Member of Distinction. Congratulations! As one of Arizona's inaugural AZCTECC Members of Distinction, your dedication continues to prepare our students for success in college, careers, and beyond. Each CTE team member in attendance received a challenge coin

GOVERNING BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Lewis

- Welcome back everyone!
- Attended New Teacher Orientation at Cherokee Elementary School.

Dr. Pittinsky

- Excited to start a new academic year.
- Attended New Teacher Orientation at Cherokee Elementary School.
- Engaged in emails and meetings with families around Phase II.
- Will be joining Blackboard on November 9th – Blackboard has no commercial/relationship with Scottsdale Unified School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Celebrating 130 Years of Excellence: This school year marks an incredible milestone as Scottsdale Unified celebrates 130 years of serving students and families. From our humble beginnings as a one-room schoolhouse in 1896 to a thriving district serving nearly 20,000 students across 27 schools and learning sites, our story has always been one of growth, innovation, and excellence. This year's theme is A Legacy of Learning.
- Thank you to all that helped with New Teacher Orientation (July 29th–31st). Gratitude to teachers that returned this week and the Communications team who helped put the Back-to-School video together. Thank you to everyone that worked to make sure we are ready for the return of staff and students: facilities workers, custodians, skilled trades, bus drivers, IT team and so many others.

Motion
Approval of
Agenda as
Amended

Students and
Staff
Recognitions and
Celebrations

Governing Board
Reports

Superintendent's
Comments

- Shout out to the Scottsdale Unified School District Foundation – tremendous partner, raised funding to invest in our system and provided more than \$2,200 worth of gift cards and raffle give-a-ways for our staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda, Non-Agenda, Information/Discussion, and Consent Agenda Items
Three (3) Digital Public Comment forms were submitted:

- Shawn Huffman – Commented on the Teacher Librarian job description.
- Jeff Rattay – Personal comment.
- Mike Bengert – Commented on Dr. Menzel.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. A. Status Update Regarding Phase I and Phase II Repurposing of Schools

Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Dr. Scott A. Menzel, Superintendent, provided a status update regarding phase I and phase II repurposing of schools.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Acceptance of Gifts \$538,225.85
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from June 24, 2026, FY26
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from May 28 through July 15, 2026, FY26
- D. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from July 6 through July 14, 2026, FY27
- E. Payroll Vouchers Processed from May 28 through July 14, 2026, FY26
- F. Payroll Vouchers Processed from July 14, 2026, FY27
- G. Monthly Expenditure Report – May 19, 2026, through July 14, 2026
- H. Authorization of Check Signers
- I. Student Activities Fundraising Efforts Authorization
- J. Tax Credit Fee and Waiver Authorization
- K. Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
- L. Approval of Third Amendment to Easement and Option Agreement with AT&T re: Cellular Tower located at Saguaro High School
- M. Adoption of Resolution regarding the Provision of Food and Beverages at District Events
- N. Revocable License Agreement with City of Scottsdale for Main Street Property
- O. Waiver of Policy GBECA and Permission for Serving of Alcohol at Outside Fundraising Event
- P. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2026 Regular Governing Board Meeting and Executive Session
- Q. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2026 Special Governing Board Meeting and Public Hearing and Executive Session
- R. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the City of Phoenix ("City") for School Resource Officers ("SROs") for the 2026-2027 School Year
- S. Personnel Action Items: 06/23/2026 to 08/04/2026
- T. Approval of 2026-2027 Certified Employee Agreement (SEA) Updates
- U. Approval of 2026-2027 Qualified Evaluators
- V. Approval of Limited Appointment for Special Service Providers Contract Template
- W. Approval of Revised Job Description for Student Activities Manager to Student Activities Coordinator
- X. Approval of Revised Job Description for the Athletic Coach Position
- Y. Approval of Update to Teacher Librarian Job Description
- Z. Approval of Revised 12- Month Administrative Position Classifications and Salary Range and Classified Salary Schedule

Dr. Lewis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Congratulations to Timothy Buckey, new Assistant Principal at Desert Mountain High School!
Congratulations to Dr. Ibi Haghighat, new Interim Principal at Copper Ridge School!

Mrs. Carney requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 8.Y. Approval of Update to Teacher Librarian Job Description for further discussion.

Mrs. Carney moved to table Consent Agenda Item 8.Y. Approval of Update to Teacher Librarian Job Description. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion.* Mr. Sharkey voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 1.

9. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comments

Information/
Discussion

Consent Agenda

Motion
Approval of
Consent Agenda
as Amended

Motion
Table Consent
Agenda Item 8.Y.
Approval of
Update to
Teacher Librarian
Job Description

Action Items

9. A. Scheduling of Public Hearing regarding Potential Closures/Repurposing and Potential Boundary Changes for Schools Identified in Phase II

It was recommended that the Governing Board schedule a public hearing on September 22, 2026 to obtain public comment regarding the potential closures/repurposing and potential boundary changes for schools identified in Phase II as required by A.R.S. § 15-341(32) and A.R.S. § 15-341(37) and authorize the Superintendent to issue requisite notice. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Lewis moved to approve the Scheduling of Public Hearing regarding Potential Closures/Repurposing and Potential Boundary Changes for Schools Identified in Phase II as presented. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

9. B. Approval of General Counsel Recommendation and Contract Template

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the recommendation for General Counsel and the associated contract template as presented. Dr. Heather Cruz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Lewis moved to approve the General Counsel Recommendation and Contract Template as presented. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Werner voted No. * The motion was approved with a vote of 3 - 2.

Congratulations to Renee Osipov, new General Counsel!

9. C. Approval of General Counsel Recommendation and Contract Template

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the addition of 5700eL and 5701eL to the HS Planning Guide for the 2026-2027 SY. Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Lewis moved to approve to Add Environmental Science 5700eL and 5701eL to the High School Planning Guide as presented. Mr. Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

FUTURE ITEMS

Mrs. Carney

- Requested a breakdown of all ed tech expenses from 2019 to 2026 including devices, learning management systems, curriculum, assessments and data platforms.

Dr. Lewis

- Requested a continued examination of financial literacy from a K-12 perspective.
- Requested a clarification on where we are with our students having music exposure and what is our music curriculum.

Dr. Pittinsky

- Requested a comprehensive view/understanding of technology spending and discussion regarding technology use framework.
- Requested access to gifted and honors opportunities as well as clubs and activities.
- Study Session on academic performance – discuss raw proficiency level, how we are trending year over year and how we are performing against our goals.

DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next Meeting: August 25, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Special Governing Board Meeting - Coronado High School – meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

At 7:16 PM, Dr. Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 4th day of August 2026

* Comment/Statement Made

Motion
Approval of Scheduling of Public Hearing regarding Potential Closures/Repurposing and Potential Boundary Changes for Schools Identified in Phase II as presented

Motion
Approval of General Counsel Recommendation and Contract Template as presented

Motion
Approval to Add Environmental Science 5700eL and 5701eL to the High School Planning Guide as presented

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion
Adjournment

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Dr. Donna W. Lewis, President



Amy Carney



Dr. Matthew Pittinsky



Mike Sharkey, Vice President



Carine Werner