

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

September 8, 2026

A Regular Meeting and Executive Session 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 September 8, 2026. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person.

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

Mr. Sharkey moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion
Approval of
Agenda as
Presented

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Acknowledgement of some outstanding celebrations:

- Dr. Scott Menzel, Superintendent, celebrated 130 Years of Excellence in Scottsdale Unified. For 130 years, dedicated educators, employees, families, and community members have worked together to create exceptional opportunities for generations of students. Thank you to our students, employees, families, and community for continuing to be part of the legacy and helping us write the next chapter of learning and excellence in Scottsdale Unified.
- August 29th - Middle School Athletic Festival. Shout out to the Athletic team, the volunteers and the coaches who made the Middle School Athletic Festival possible for the students. Thank you!
- Our theme for this milestone year, "A Legacy of Learning," reflects both where Scottsdale Unified has been and where we are going. While we celebrate the generations who have helped shape this district, we are also focused on the opportunities ahead and the important work that will prepare our students for an ever-changing future.

Students and
Staff
Recognitions and
Celebrations

GOVERNING BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Carney

- Thank you to everyone that has reached out, for sharing your concerns and for meeting.
- Disappointed to learn of the emails that went out to tour Copper Ridge – tours should not be scheduled until after the Board has made a decision.

Mr. Sharkey

- Thank you to the Coronado Learning Community for the invitation to attend their Strategic Planning sessions.
- Visited Redfield Elementary and Cheyenne Traditional – thank you Principal Rand and Principal Oseguera.
- Thank you for the emails and thank you to the Laguna families that reached out and for taking the time to meet.

Dr. Pittinsky

- Thank you to everyone for engaging. Keep the emails coming.

Mrs. Werner

- Thank you to everyone that has reached out – appreciate the feedback and engagement.

Governing Board
Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- Bond Town Hall Meetings:
 - Coronado Learning Community, Tuesday, September 1st | 6–7 pm (Coronado High School – Governing Board Room)
 - Desert Mountain Learning Community, Tuesday, September 15th | 6–7 pm (Desert Mountain High School – Library)
 - Saguaro Learning Community, Thursday, September 17th | 6–7 pm (Saguaro High School – Auditorium)

Superintendent's
Comments

- Chaparral Learning Community, Wednesday, September 23rd | 6–7 pm (Chaparral High School – Auditorium)
- Arcadia Learning Community, Tuesday, September 29th | 6–7 pm (Arcadia High School – Mt. Olympus)
- We are excited to celebrate a major milestone in the Coronado Learning Community as Coronado High School marks its 65th anniversary. On Friday, September 25th, we invite students, families, alumni, former staff, and the entire community to join us at 5pm for an evening filled with celebrations, school spirit, Homecoming festivities, and opportunities to honor the generations of people who have made Coronado such a special place. We look forward to celebrating 65 years of memories while welcoming the community to be a part of Coronado's exciting future.
- The annual College & Career Fair returns on Saturday, September 26th, from 10am to 2pm at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library. In partnership with the Scottsdale Public Library and Scottsdale Career Services, this free event gives students and families the opportunity to explore colleges, career pathways, skilled trades, employment opportunities, and more.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda, Non-Agenda, Information/Discussion, and Consent Agenda Items
Twenty-four (24) Digital Public Comment forms were submitted:

- Haley Fortney - Commented on Phase 2 at CRS.
- Gabi Young – Commented on Phase 2 committee/process.
- Scott Clark – Commented on Phase 2 closures.
- Ellen Douglass – Commented on Phase 2 committee and process.
- Ali Ellis – Commented on Phase 2/committee.
- Sidney McGuire – Commented on Phase 2/Redfield.
- Amy Fergus – Commented on Phase 2.
- Teresa Banas – Commented on Phase 2/Redfield.
- Kate Russo – Commented on school closures and committee process.
- Nicole Young - Commented on school closures and committee process.
- Laura Husband - Commented on school closures and committee process.
- Sydney Cobb - Commented on school closures and committee process.
- Christen Piccola – Commented on Laguna closure.
- Heather Hotta – Commented on Phase 2.
- John McDonnell – Commented on Laguna school closure option.
- Mary Kathryn Harris – Commented on Redfield.
- Lindsay Powers – Commented on Phase 2/Laguna.
- Angela Lucero – Commented on CLC Phase 3.
- Carolyn Walsh – Commented on Laguna school closure.
- Kelly Cabral – Commented on keeping Laguna Prep open.
- Darci Aronson – Commented on Phase 2.
- Olivia Garlock – Commented on Phase 2/Redfield.
- Chris Irish – Commented on school closures.
- Shea Najafi – Commented on Board Members Carney and Werner.

7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. A. Scottsdale Administrators Association (SAA), Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), Scottsdale Support Professionals Association (SSPA) and Scottsdale District Administrators Association (SDAA) Updates

SAA, SEA, SSPA and SDAA presidents presented one shared message from the four associations. Shelley Hummon and Melinda Splitek, SAA Co-Presidents; Mark Fifer, SEA President; Krista Demetrulias and Julie Gildersleeve, SSPA Co-Presidents; and Patti Bilbrey, SDAA President were available to answer questions.

7. B. Phase II Design Advisory Team - Committee Record and Options Review

Dr. Scott A. Menzel, Superintendent; Dr. Christine Bonow, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; and Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education presented the Phase II Design Advisory Team's committee record and options review. This item was presented for Governing Board information, review, public discussion, and consideration of potential next steps. PowerPoint presentation: Phase II Design Advisory Team

Public Comments

Information/
Discussion

7. C. Coronado Learning Community Design Team (Phase III) - Superintendent Advisory Committee Update

Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Dr. David Priniski, Director of State and Federal Programs, presented an update on the work of the Coronado Learning Community (CLC) Superintendent Advisory Team which was charged with examining the future of the learning community and developing recommendations to help the CLC thrive. PowerPoint presentation: Coronado Learning Community Governing Board Update.

At 9:33 PM The Governing Board paused for a break

At 9:43 PM the Regular Meeting reconvened

7. D. Achievement Update

Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Dr. Cindy Bochna, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented a review of trends in assessment results over time in Math and ELA, beginning of the year district assessment results and next steps in regards to supporting schools with their focus on student achievement. PowerPoint presentation: SUSD Achievement Update.

7. E. First Read: Governing Board Policy BEDB re Agenda

The proposed revisions to the policy reflect the requirements of Chapter 62, HB 2876, amending Arizona's Open Meeting Law. Updates were made to align the district policy to the current ASBA model. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

7. F. First Read: Governing Board Policy CBA re Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent

The proposed revision reflects the requirements of Chapter 58, HB 2370, amending A.R.S. 15-341. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

7. G. First Read: Governing Board Policy DGD re Credit Cards

The proposed revisions reflect the requirements of the Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) Compliance Questionnaire relating to District credit/procurement cards. Updates were also made to align the district policy to the current ASBA model. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

7. H. First Read: Governing Board Policy DJ re Purchasing

The proposed revision incorporates the guidance in the Arizona Auditor General's Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) regarding the approval and documentation of food and beverage purchases made with public monies. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

7. I. First Read: Governing Board Policy DJE re Bidding/Purchasing Procedures

The proposed revision reflects the 2027 Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) update increasing the threshold for written price quotations from ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

7. J. First Read: Governing Board Policy EF re: Food Services & Removal of Policies EFC and EFE Due to Consolidation

Policy EFC — Free and Reduced-Price Food Services and Policy EFE — Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines was moved to Policy EF; therefore, Policies EFC and EFE were removed from the model manual. The following subtitle was added to Policy EF to align with the updated policy content: Free and Reduced Price, Competitive Food Sales, Vending Machines. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions

7. K. First Read: Governing Board Policy IHA re Basic Instructional Program

The proposed revision reflects the requirements of Chapter 92, HB 2423, amending A.R.S. 15-708 and aligns with the most current version of the ASBA policy. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions

7. L. First Read: Governing Board Policy IKF re Graduation Requirements

The proposed revision reflects the requirements of Chapter 117, HB 2895, establishing A.R.S. 15-701.05 and aligns with the most current version of the ASBA policy. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions

7. M. First Read: Governing Board Policy JJAB re Limited Open/Closed Forum

The proposed revision reflects the provisions of Chapter 4, HB 2312, establishing A.R.S. 15-120.08. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions

7. N. First Read: Governing Board Policy KFA re Public Conduct on School Property

ASBA has indicated that this policy has been comprehensively updated as part of ASBA's continuing review of the model policy manual and that the revisions improve the organization and alignment of the policy with Arizona law governing public conduct on school property. The changes proposed align with a ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Hartzell v. Marana Unified School District* in which the court held that portions of Policy KFA were unconstitutional. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Acceptance of Gifts \$279,090.24
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from July 22, through August 12, 2026, FY26
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from July 22 through August 12, 2026, FY26
- D. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from July 20 through August 17, 2026, FY27
- E. Payroll Vouchers Processed from July 28 through August 4, 2026, FY26
- F. Payroll Vouchers Processed from July 28, through August 11, 2026, FY27
- G. Monthly Expenditure Report – July 15, 2026, through August 20, 2026
- H. Approval of Selection of Self-Insurance Trust Board Trustee
- I. Approval of Second Amendment to Easement and Option Agreement with Verizon re: Cellular Tower located at Chaparral High School
- J. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with Maricopa County Health Services for Food Services for the 2026-2027 School Year
- K. Approve the Emergency Procurement of Portable HVAC Units for Chaparral High School
- L. Approve the Ratification of the Increase of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Scottsdale Police Department for School Resource Officers (SROs)
- M. Approve the use of Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of Identity and Access Management Platform
- N. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2026 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- O. Personnel Action Items, 08/04/2026 to 09/08/2026
- P. Approval of the Classified Substitute Job Description
- Q. Acceptance of the NEA Grant for Arts-Integration
- R. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with Pascua Yaqui Tribe ("PYT") for the Purpose of Providing Education and Related Services to Students in Grades Kindergarten (K) through Twelve (12)

Mr. Sharkey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

9. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

9. A. Approval of Special Education Shared Services Agreement - Pima Day School

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the Special Education Shared Services Agreement in the form presented authorizing SUSD to provide special education programming and related services at the Pima Level D Public Day School to students from participating school districts. Lea Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Sharkey moved to approve the Special Education Shared Services Agreement - Pima Day School as presented. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

9. B. Approval of AP Statistics Adoption

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the curriculum for use in the AP Statistics

Consent Agenda

Motion
Approval of
Consent Agenda
as Presented

Motion
Approval of
Special
Education
Shared Services
Agreement -
Pima Day School
as presented

classroom beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Tamara Jagodzinski, Director of Teaching and Learning, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Sharkey moved to approve the AP Statistics Adoption. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

9. C. Approval of Update to Teacher Librarian Job Description

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the update to the Teacher Librarian job description. Dr. Scott A. Menzel, Superintendent, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Sharkey moved to approve Update to Teacher Librarian Job Description as defined in the agenda. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 - 1.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:54 PM Mr. Sharkey moved to convene in Executive Session for:

10. A. The Governing Board recessed into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(5) for the purpose of discussions with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the interest-based negotiation process and obtain direction regarding the salaries and benefits.

10. B. The Governing Board recessed into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for the purpose of discussion or consultation regarding the Superintendent's goals in connection with the 2026-2027 evaluation.

Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

At 11:47 PM Mr. Sharkey adjourned the Executive Session.

At 11:47 PM, Mr. Sharkey moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

11. ACTION ITEM – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

11. A. Direction to the representatives of the public body regarding interest-based negotiations as discussed in executive session.

Mr. Sharkey moved to direct the representatives of the public body regarding interest-based negotiations (IBN) as discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

FUTURE ITEMS

Mrs. Carney

- Requested a presentation on all ed tech expenditures from 2019 – present.
- Seconded the review and discussion re technology use and screen time guidelines.
- Requested that Jennifer MacLennan draft a Governing Board Policy re employee travel for a first read.

Dr. Pittinsky

- Requested to revisit the Superintendent evaluation instrument.
- Requested to revisit the District's technology spend with a comprehensive analysis.
- Review and discuss the technology use and screen time guidelines – Board policy or guidance?

DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next Meetings: September 22, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Public Hearing - Desert Mountain High School - Auditorium; October 6, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Regular Governing Board Meeting - Coronado High School; October 27, 2026 - 6:00PM - Special Governing Board Meeting - MDA

At 11:52 PM, Mr. Sharkey moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Pittinsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

Motion
Approval of AP
Statistics
Adoption

Motion
Approval of the
Update to
Teacher Librarian
Job Description
as defined in the
agenda

Executive
Session

Motion
Convene in
Executive
Session

Adjourn
Executive
Session

Motion
Reconvene
Regular Meeting

Action Items

Motion
Direct the
representatives
of the public body
regarding
interest-based
negotiations
(IBN) as
discussed in
Executive
Session

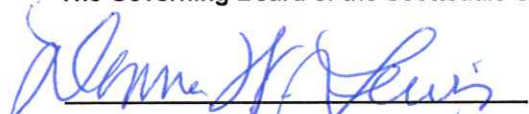
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Dates of
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Meetings

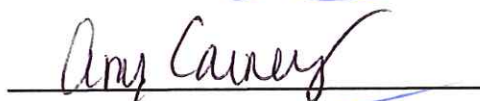
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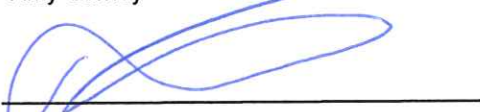
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Dr. Donna W. Lewis, President



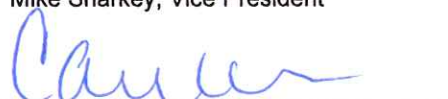
Amy Carney



Dr. Matthew Pittinsky



Mike Sharkey, Vice President



Carine Werner

Motion
Adjournment