

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

September 22, 2026

A Special Meeting and Public Hearing 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 Desert Mountain High School, 12575 E Via Linda, 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 22, 2026. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person.

Members of the public were also able to view the public portions of this meeting online, at the usual live streamed site through [YouTube](#).

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. D. Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-341(32) and (37) that a public meeting will be held on September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium located at Desert Mountain High School located at 12575 E. Via Linda, Scottsdale, AZ 85259.

Public Hearing to obtain public comment regarding potential school closures and boundary changes

2.E. Presentation of Information Regarding Potential School Closures and Boundary Changes

Dr. Scott A. Menzel, Superintendent, opened the meeting and provided an overview of the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Regarding the Potential School Closures and Boundary Changes

Public Comment

- Yee Huang – Commented on the facilities and layout of Desert Canyon campuses.
- Linda Bird – Commented on Phase II.
- Kaylyn Deegan – Commented on Desert Canyon.
- Nicole Carey – Commented on Phase II.
- Joe Corcoran – Commented on Desert Canyon Elementary School preservation.
- Alison Ellis – Commented on Phase II.
- Emily Niesz – Commented on Phase II.
- Robb Boscardin – Commented on Phase II proposals/Laguna Prep.
- Ashley Blaine – Commented on Phase II.
- Ginna Cummings – Commented on Phase II.
- Nick Hartman – Commented on Phase II.
- Carolyn Walsh – Commented on school closures.
- Chris Tubilewicz – Commented on Phase II.
- Carrie Miller – Commented on school closures.
- Amanda Zahariades – Commented on Desert Canyon.
- Randy Widmaier – Commented on Phase II.
- Lena Shakir – Commented on support of Redfield Elementary.
- Ellen Douglass – Commented on Phase II.
- Kelly Miles-Vandenheuvel – Commented on school closures.
- Anya Borshch – Commented on school repurposing.
- Jen Kelly – Commented on school repurposing.
- Amy Fergus – Commented on closures.
- Mary Kathryn Harris – Commented on Redfield Elementary.
- Nic Crutchfield – Commented on Phase II school repurposing.
- Kate Russo – Commented on school repurposing.
- Megan Kraatz – Commented on Redfield Elementary.
- Jessica Runberg – Commented on support for Option C 1A.
- Evie Racette – Commented on Phase II school repurposing.
- Hillary Mackowski – Commented on consideration of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale in the decision.

- Lindsay Powers – Commented on closures.
- Mac Cobb – Commented on closures.
- Steven Banas – Commented on advocating for Option C.
- Sydney Cobb – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Becky Ross – Commented on advocating for Redfield Elementary and Desert Canyon Middle School.
- Tyler Johnson – Commented on saving Copper Ridge School.
- Emma Goetz – Commented on Option C.
- Hamed Abbaszadegan – Commented on Copper Ridge School closure.
- Eric Runberg – Commented on boundary changes and middle schools.
- Rissel Langbecker – Commented on school closures.
- Samantha Taylor – Commented on Laguna Prep/Special Education/closures.
- Vikas Aligh – Commented on saving Laguna Prep and Model 6.
- Jeanne Beasley – Commented on school closures.
- Patricia Pellet – Commented on school closures.
- Jona Davis – Commented on school closures.
- Sarah Kuchenbecker – Commented on Option C and gratitude for the courage to make a tough decision.
- April Beauboeuf – Commented on Phase II.
- Maggie Mills – Commented on Phase II.
- Stella/Amie Hegeman – Commented on Phase II and the Mandarin program impact.
- Heidi Lally – Commented on Phase II.
- Michelle Hellen – Commented on Copper Ridge School.
- Jeremiah Moog – Commented on Phase II.
- Sarah Stabenfeldt – Commented on closures.
- Aimee DeYoung – Commented on sense of community/Laguna Prep.
- Sean Jurkowski – Commented on school closures.
- Kaitlin Barkley – Commented on school closures.
- Christen Piccola – Commented on school closures.
- Ryan James – Commented on support for Redfield Elementary.
- John McDonnell – Commented on fiduciary duty of the Board.
- Jenny Budwig – Commented on closing Laguna Prep.
- Stephen Hannaman – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Christian Sanft – Commented on potential closures.
- Kelsey Tyler – Commented on school closures.
- Christie Stormer – Commented on Redfield Elementary.
- Victoria Sully – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Mark Steinbeck – Commented on Phase II.
- Justin Cramer – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Taylor Lyons – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Laura Villani – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Chris Mullen – Commented on Phase II school repurposing.
- Mahlaima Boemark – Commented on keeping Laguna Prep open.
- Ellen Lembke – Commented on Laguna Prep/plans for Pre-K.
- Lisa Schiffer – Commented on reduction of students that moved while closing schools.
- Bri Murdock – Commented on support of Option C and keeping Desert Canyon Elementary School open.
- Jackie Stanton – Commented on school closures.
- Jonathan Miller – Commented on saving Laguna Prep.
- Micah DesJardins – Commented on Laguna Prep for special needs families.
- Fae Fosdick – Commented on keeping Laguna Prep open.
- Rose Smith – Commented on school closures.
- Katie Keating – Commented on not closing Laguna Prep.
- David Hickey – Commented on school closures.
- David Clark – Commented on Redfield Elementary.
- Kateryna Bilous – Commented on K8 and financing.
- Casey O'Neill – Commented on Phase II.
- Sonja Matson – Commented on not closing Laguna Prep.
- Sara Solem – Commented on not moving Cheyenne Traditional School.
- Devon Vero – Commented on not moving Cheyenne Traditional School.
- Elise Donnelly Stein – Commented on Option B – Copper Ridge School.

- Jaime Cushing – Commented on Redfield Elementary.
- Lauren Krupinski – Commented on Laguna Prep school closure.
- Laura Darcy – Commented on support for Redfield Elementary.
- Nicole Young – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Ashlee Soderman – Commented on keeping Laguna Prep open.
- Sara Hartman – Commented on special needs kids and what the plan is to transfer them to a new school.
- Gabriel Ortega – Commented on school closures.
- Erin Hunter – Commented on Laguna Prep.
- Mike Bengert – Commented on school closures.

Each Board member thanked the public for attending the public hearing.

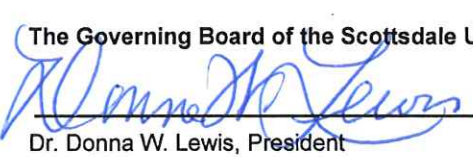
At 9:24 PM Dr. Lewis moved to adjourn the Special Meeting – Public Hearing. Mr. Sharkey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Adjournment

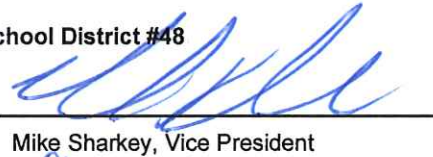
Dated this 22nd day of September 2026

* Comment/Statement Made

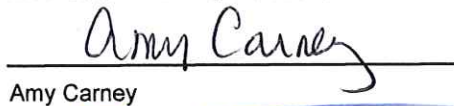
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