MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FOR THE FOWLER SCHOOL DISTRICT #45
1617 SOUTH 67TH AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
September 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER	The Governing Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Montoya at 4:00 p.m.
OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING: Roll Call	Ms. Montoya, Ms. Lisa M. Perez, Mr. Joe Montoya were present
Others Present	Dr. Micheal Halpert, Jessica Larson, Andrea Barrera, Gary Holland, Barbara Gill, Miguel Picazo, Vince Medina, Viviana Valenzuela, Roy Valenzuela, Stephanie Nardi, Stacie Swartz, Cindy Bradley, Angie Krenkel, Petra Kesler, Jennifer Quirk, Robert Altavilla, Amelia Sanchez, Loni Fife, Tobie Stevens, Leticia Valenzuela, Darren Diehl, Amy Hablutzl, Elizabeth Camu, Lizeth Hermosillo - Camu
Adoption of Agenda	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to approve the agenda for September 8, 2026 as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Pledge of Allegiance	Ms. Montoya asked Dr. Halpert to lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to approve the minutes for: • August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting • August 15, 2026 Board Work Study Session Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
PRESENTATIONS	FY27 Budget Revision #1 ..... Gary Holland, Director of Finance Mr. Gary F. Holland, Director of Finance, presented the FY 2026–2027 Expenditure Budget Revision #1. The presentation reviewed the budget revision timeline and factors affecting the District's Maintenance and Operations and Unrestricted Capital budgets, including student enrollment, carryforward balances, adjustments, and other funding considerations. FY27 Budget Revision #1 Mr. Holland reviewed changes from the adopted budget, including revised Average Daily Membership (ADM), Maintenance and Operations funding, the General Budget Limit, and the Unrestricted Capital Budget Limit. The presentation reflected a revised FY27 General Budget Limit of approximately **$39.95 million** and a revised Unrestricted Capital Budget Limit of approximately **$11.02 million**. FY27 Budget Revision #1 The presentation concluded with an opportunity for Governing Board members to ask questions regarding the proposed budget revisions.

COMMENTS/CALL TO THE PUBLIC	There were no Public Comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to Approve Expenditure Budget Revision #1 for FY27	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Consulting Service Agreement with School Connect, Inc	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Authorize the Superintendent to Issue Mobile Phones as Listed	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the First Reading of ASBA's Proposed Policy Advisories 1047-1064; 1066; 1067-1068	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, to approve the policy advisories with the exclusion of #1054-IKF – Graduation Requirements, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the Proposed Revisions to the Food Program Service Agreement	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the FESD Teacher Evaluation Instrument for the 2026-2027 School Year	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya

Recommendation to Approve the Following Administrators to Conduct Certified Evaluations	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya
Recommendation to Approve the List of Extracurricular Activities for the 2026-2027 School Year	There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, and Mr. Montoya

CONSENT ITEMS:

Personnel Changes Summary of Report:	• Twenty-One (21) Employee was approved for Internal Transfers • Twenty-Three (23) New Employees were processed • Two (2) Position was processed for Pay Change • Four (4) Employees Separated from employment • Thirty-Five (35) Supplementals for Additional Duties or Stipends
Payroll and Expense Vouchers	Payroll vouchers FY26 & FY27 Expense vouchers FY26 & FY27
Budget and Expenditure	The Budget and Expenditure Report was provided to the Governing Board for approval. By approving the report monthly, the Board approves any minor changes between programs that the Finance Department may make as needed.
Student Activities and Fundraising Activities	The Student Activity Reports and their planned Activities through August 2026
Donations	Western Valley Middle School – Donors Choose – Music Supplies, Drums - $840.00 value.
Disposal of District Property	The District has determined that the attached list of district property no longer holds service value or is broken or obsolete. There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve consent items 1 through 6 as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya

E. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Food Service Reports	The Food Services report covers August 2026. All are presented for information purposes only.
Head Start Monthly Report	The Fowler Elementary School District Head Start Monthly Report for August 2026 was presented for information purposes only.

Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requests.

REPORTS:

Summary of Current Events

Superintendent

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Halpert

Dr. Halpert, Superintendent, welcomed staff and Governing Board members and reflected on the positive start to the school year. He expressed appreciation for employees throughout the District and recognized the collaborative efforts of the District leadership team. Dr. Halpert also announced that the District Office is now fully staffed and welcomed a new administrator to the Fowler Elementary School District.

Dr. Halpert reported that District leadership will continue meeting regularly to strengthen collaboration among departments and enhance coordinated planning and decision-making. He also provided an overview of the recent Governing Board Retreat, during which the Board and executive leadership team reviewed the District's Mission, Vision, and goals, with an emphasis on student achievement, foundational academic skills, and long-term educational outcomes.

Additional updates included participation in various school, District, and community activities, including meet-and-greets, curriculum meetings, PTO meetings, Title I family events, and regional superintendent meetings. Dr. Halpert shared positive observations from his campus visits and expressed appreciation for the dedication and contributions of instructional staff, transportation, maintenance, and support personnel.

Dr. Halpert concluded his report by recognizing community support of the District, including a donation of Amazon backpacks to a school site. A student thank-you video was shared in appreciation of the generous contribution.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Montoya, Governing Board President, shared that the Governing Board participated in a four-hour work session on Saturday, August 15, to focus on two key areas. The first was beginning the process of refreshing the District's Mission and Vision statements. She explained that the Board generated several ideas but recognized the importance of gathering input from staff across all Fowler Elementary School District departments, with plans to eventually seek feedback from parents as well. Ms. Montoya expressed enthusiasm for the process and emphasized the importance of periodically reviewing and

updating the District's Mission and Vision to ensure they reflect the District's current goals and direction.

The second area of focus was the development of goals for the Superintendent. Board members discussed measurable goals for the upcoming year that will help guide and evaluate the Superintendent's leadership, in collaboration with the District leadership team.

Ms. Perez, Governing Board Member, discussed her desire to prepare a letter to the owner of a property located near the West Valley campuses. She noted that she has raised concerns regarding the property in the past and expressed concern about the potential impact its condition may have on the surrounding schools and District community. Ms. Perez indicated that the letter could be presented for consideration and signed by all three Governing Board members.

Ms. Perez also announced that a GAIN event will be held on October 17 in conjunction with the dedication of a new community park. She shared the journey and challenges involved in securing funding for the park and expressed her excitement that the community will now have an opportunity to celebrate its completion and dedication. She noted that the new park will provide an additional community resource benefiting Fowler Elementary School District students and families.

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perezm Ms. Montoya

Governing Board Member

10/6/2026
Date

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