

SUPERIOR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
1500 W. Panther Drive, Superior, AZ 85173

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: 1500 W. Panther Drive, Suite 101, Superior, AZ 85173, Room 106

AGENDA

Call to Order

6:00pm

a. In Attendance:

Jessie Arroyos	Present
Nick Cruz	Present
Monica Denogean	Present
Henry Gutierrez	Present
Martin Navarrette	Present

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Approval of Agenda

Board member Cruz motioned to approve agenda as presented. Board member Navarrette seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0, motion carried.

d. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No requests were received.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved Governing Board Minutes – January 7, 2026.
2. Ratified Expense Vouchers #2621-#2624 = \$159,323.78. and Payroll Vouchers #20- #22 = \$321,384.30.
3. Approved Auxiliary accounts for December 2025.
4. Approved Student Activity accounts for December 2025.
5. Approved Disposals and Acceptance of Donations for January 2026. David & Leslie Alexander \$400 4th grade Tax Credit; R.M. Cisneros-Leathers \$200 FCCLA Tax Credit.
6. Approved FCCLA Students overnight travel to attend Spring FCCLA Leadership Conference on March 3rd – 5th, 2026 in Tucson, AZ.
7. Approved 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.

Board member Navarrette motioned to approve consent agenda items 1-7. Board member Curz seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0, motion carried

8. **ENHANCING EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION**

Dawn Wilkinson highlighted that 90% of a child's brain development occurs by age 5, emphasizing the critical impact of these early years on future learning and social-emotional development. Dawn is requesting repurposing unused school classrooms for childcare as a viable solution. Dawn confirmed that they have actively identified several potential locations within Superior, including classrooms in the 3rd building here at the JFK Elementary School, Town Hall and former Head Start Building. The proposed model involves an outside provider leasing the space, ensuring that the school district does not incur additional staffing or operational burdens. Repurposing classrooms here at JFK offers a multitude of benefits for both the school district and the broader community. It fosters family loyalty to the school, creating a pipeline from early childhood programs to Kindergarten and beyond.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL**

a. Friday School – Addison, Angela

- b. CTE Culinary Arts Paraprofessional – Diaz-Gonzales, Josie
- c. HS Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach – Formo, Camille
- d. Sped Director Extra Duties – Hill, Sandra
- e. HS Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach – Lopez, Steve
- f. Sped Director Extra Duties – Munoz, Maria
- g. Resignation – Munoz, Naomi
- h. HS Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach – Toner, Richard
- i. Resignation – Varela, Frank
- j. Friday School – Vines, Cameron

No motion was made to enter executive session.

10. **Personnel**

Board member Navarrette motioned to approve Personnel items a – j. Board member Arroyos seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0, motion carried.

11. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Board Member Cruz stated that Resolution Copper is upgrading the Mine Competition area for Apache Leap Days.

Board Member Arroyos wanted to remind everyone about Apache Leap Days coming up in March. Board President Denogean will be attending Early Childhood Day on 2/16/26. On 2/17/26 there will be a Rotary Meeting from 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the Arboretum.

12. **INFORMATION ITEMS: REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Report on First Things First

13. **NEXT MEETING DATE**


February 20, 2026
February 28, 2026
March 4, 2026

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

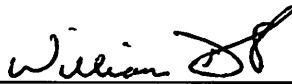
Board member Cruz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Arroyos seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES:

I, by signing below, certify that these are the Official Minutes of the Superior USD #15 Governing Board Meeting held February 11, 2026, as approved at a legally noticed Superior USD #15 Governing Board Meeting held on March 4, 2026.



Monica Denogean, President



William Duarte, Interim Superintendent