

**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday December 21, 2015**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**Arizona Department of Education, Room 122**  
**1535 W. Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85007**

The Arizona State Board of Education held a regular meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson Street, Room 122, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present**

Chuck Schmidt  
Tim Carter  
Dr. James Rottweiler  
Amy Hamilton  
President Greg Miller  
Vice President Reginald Ballantyne III  
Roger Jacks  
Jared Taylor  
Superintendent Diane Douglas

**Members Absent**

Dr. Michael Crow

9:00 a.m. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

**1. BUSINESS REPORTS**

**A. President's Report**

1. Appointment of Nominating Committee—President Miller and Member Rottweiler will head the committee.
2. School Accountability Update—President Miller advised that they have reviewed legislation and made minor changes to be presented for this upcoming 2016 Legislative session.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

1. Updates on Department of Education Activities—Superintendent Douglas advised that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the successor to No Child Left Behind, has been approved by Congress. The 1200 page document is currently being reviewed by Arizona Department of Education (ADE) staff. President Miller requested that ADE make a presentation of the ESSA framework before the State Board of Education (SBE) after it is reviewed.

**C. Board member Reports**

1. Member Amy Hamilton—Teacher and Principal Evaluation Task Force—Member Hamilton advised that they have finalized the new evaluation framework.

2. Member Jared Taylor—AZ Standards Development Committee Update—Member Taylor advised that the Committee is still working through the public feedback. He advised they will update the Board with their progress at the end of January.

**D. Executive Director's Report**

1. Update on studies regarding the feasibility of multiple assessment options - Dr. Karol Schmidt, Executive Director of the SBE, requests that she be able to call for update from the public before coming to final decision.
2. Investigative Unit update—Dr. Schmidt advised that the Investigative Unit is currently working to identify cases under review. She stated that she has had one-on-ones with all remaining Investigative Unit staff, and found deficiencies in training. She identified the root causes of the problems and offered various aids:
  - There were no standard operating procedures (SOP) previously, which will be corrected by the SOP being developed by the ADE Certification Unit.
  - Lack of accountability: as the members of the Investigative Unit were not on the MAP program, they had no oversight. This is being corrected by upcoming trainings with the Arizona Department of Administration.
  - Periodic audits by the Attorney General's office will be encouraged for accountability.
  - Systematic training and retraining will be initiated. On-the-job training will be replaced with standard induction training.
  - Will also encourage timely resolution of investigations: Pending cases will be reassigned and reevaluated in terms of urgency.
  - There will have more transparency in Investigative Unit actions by developing evaluative measures, as well as developing measures of accountability for SBE staff.
  - Clarification on settlement and Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC)—The suspension of certificates agreed upon in settlements with dates noted will be cross-checked to accurately correspond with actual start and stop dates of suspension of certifications.
  - Transparent communication with SBE—SBE staff will start giving monthly updates on Investigative Unit activities.
  - Updating Article VII regarding procedures in code to bring clarity to SBE.
  - Targeted outreach opportunities with various stakeholders by Investigative Unit.

Member Carter made a statement of appreciation for the work of Executive Director in compiling this list.

Superintendent Douglas requests a hard copy submission of this plan to the SBE. The Superintendent stated that Investigative Unit would have the most oversight and be able to help the public that they serve best by moving the Investigative Unit back to the ADE facilities.

Vice President Ballantyne gives compliments to Dr. Schmidt for her hard work.

President Miller also gives congratulations for handling problems with Investigative Unit right after starting the job.

Dr. Schmidt acknowledges help from ADE's Certification Unit in preparing material.

Superintendent Douglas requested the number of cases currently in backlog. Dr. Schmidt advised that she will give firm numbers at the January SBE meeting.

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

President Miller inquired if any members had items that they requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Member Schmidt requested that items 2A, 2D and 2G be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Vice President Ballantyne moved to approve Consent Agenda minus the aforementioned items. The motion was seconded by Member Rottweiler.

All in favor, motion passes.

### **A. Approval of the following contract abstracts:**

Member Schmidt inquired if updates have been given to the SBE on grants in the past. He clarified he wants to be ensured of transparency and accountability in ADE for the administration of grants and responsibility in dispersal of the award monies.

President Miller stated that historically the reporting process is on a selective basis. Superintendent Douglas advised that the ADE is in the process of reviewing and evaluating the grants management process at the SBE's behest. Superintendent Douglas advised that she will make a presentation to SBE as soon as possible, but estimates it will be at least a 6 month process.

Member Hamilton advised that she agrees with Member Schmidt about the importance of accountability, especially when it comes to the award mentioned in Item 2G for opportunities for teacher development and retention.

Member Taylor advises that he also agrees with Member Schmidt about accountability and money management and efficiency. He requests that there be a robust financial component to the report.

Member Carter inquires if report will include entitlement grants and competitive grants. Member Schmidt advised that he also wants to know about comparison of both types of grants.

Member Schmidt moves to approve 2A, D and G. Seconded by ???

All in favor, motion passes.

1. Migrant Education Grant
2. Math and Science Partnership Grant

### 3. School Safety Grants.

- B. Approval of the permanent revocation of any and all educator certificates, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, held by Russell Arlos Williams.
- C. Approval of the voluntary surrender of the educator certificates held by Juan F. Gatica.
- D. Approval to accept grant monies related to the Johnson-O'Malley grant in the amount of \$345,246.00.
- E. Approval of Move on When Reading LEA Literacy Plans for release of K-3 Reading Base Support Funds.
- F. Approval of additional monies for Teacher Compensation for the Fiscal Year of 15-16, Snowflake Unified School District.
- G. Approval of the Award for the Alternative Teacher Development Program Grant.
- H. Approval of the Move on When Ready World History Qualifying Scores for Fall 2015.

### 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No requests.

### 4. GENERAL SESSION

- B. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding criteria to identify schools with "below average level of performance" during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 schools years.**

Leila Williams, the Associate Superintendent of High Quality Assessments introduced the issues related to Accountability and criteria in the accountability transition process for alternative schools. She advised that after meeting with stakeholders, there is the universal hope for additional flexibility in accountability after the 2016 Legislative Session. Ms. Williams introduced Dr. Metcalfe to review plan.

Dr. Metcalfe advised that even though Arizona does not give letter grades to these alternative schools, we are required to report all schools that are below average. The goal is to extend these criteria to Alternative Schools. She advised that there will be no change to business rules.

She talked on what criteria the state should use to identify the lowest performing alternative schools, and also touched on the methods for how to best to support these schools. She advised that using the option of the Priority Criteria referenced in her slideshow would use multiple years of Alternative School performance to compare to similar traditional schools.

Dr. Metcalfe recommended that we use the Priority criteria previously approved for Arizona's ESEA Flexibility Request to identify the lowest performing alternative schools.

Member Jacks inquired what percentage of alternative schools would fall under this category. Dr. Metcalfe advised that she does not have the exact numbers, but would estimate that at least 5% fall in this category with 33% ranked below average.

Vice President Ballantyne moves to adopt the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rottweiler.

All in favor. Motion passes.

**C. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rules R7-2-607 regarding General Certification Provisions and R7-2-619 regarding Certification Renewal Requirements.**

Member Carter requests that all three items 4C, 4D, and 4E be handled as a single motion as long as rules specified are outlined in motion.

Member Carter moves that C, D and E be approved. Seconded by Vice President Ballantyne.

All in favor. Motion passes.

**D. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to Board rule R7-2-614E regarding the Teaching Intern certificate.**

**E. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to Board rule R7-2-615 regarding Special Subject Area Endorsements, Gifted Endorsements, and Library-Media Specialist Endorsements.**

**F. Presentation and Discussion regarding NAEP 2015 Mathematics and Reading Results for Grade 4 and Grade 8.**

Associate Superintendent Leila Williams explained that the National Assessment on Educational Process (NAEP) tests are surveys given nationally to children in different states

and is compared to international benchmarks. Dr. Shelly Pullnow is the NAEP Director for Arizona and provided the SBE the following update on Arizona's results.

Dr. Pullnow made a presentation found on slideshow in Agenda. She advised that the NAEP test gives no individual student results, solely state level results. It is given to a sample of children in 349 Arizona schools. Compared to national results, Dr. Pullnow advised that Arizona scored 2 points below the national average in Grade 4 mathematics, while at Grade 8 Arizona is not significantly different from the national average in mathematics. It was found that Arizona's Grade 4 reading scores were 6 points below national average, while Arizona scored at the national average in reading for Grade 8.

Dr. Pullnow went on to describe upcoming additions to the NAEP test: Music and Visual Arts based Arts Assessment in 2016 will be added. She also added that NAEP will be initiating a Digitally Based Pilot in Mathematics. She clarified that the test administrators will bring in all necessary equipment.

Vice President Ballantyne asked to confirm the information in the given report regarding Arizona's progress from Grade 4 to Grade 8, and closing the state's gap with the national average in reading and math from previous years. He thought that this was especially impressive considering the upheaval from the change in standards and curriculum with the changeover to Arizona College & Career Ready Standards.

Dr. Rottweiler stated that we are seeing gaps closing due to Arizona's commitments to increasing standards. He recommended that we cannot grow lax because we are now at the national average for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Member Taylor asserted that he is wary of adding arts assessments and adding more burden of assessment on schools, especially since individual schools don't receive data. He requested justification for arts test. Dr. Pullnow advised that Director of Arts and Arts Teachers nationally are supportive because arts is now part of ESSA. She went on to advise that, in general, what is valued is assessed and that it gives importance to the arts programs by reporting them. Member Taylor advocates for giving feedback to schools to make it worthwhile to them to administer this test.

President Miller stated that he is pleased to see that Arizona's trend line is going up, while for many states it is down. He is also pleased to see that Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are now meeting the national average. He advised to stay the course and keep on with increasing standards: it is reflected in scores.

**G. Presentation, discussion and possible action concerning the Department's procedures related to the issuance of copies of educator certificates.**

Dr. Schmidt advised that this Item was tabled back in October, that she has obtained information and copies of current practices in ADE.

Member Rottweiler reiterates concern over potential nonconformance with college and national standards if our certificates are changed. Stakeholders are concerned only with the stamped date of printing on the certificate and signature of the elected official certifying that this is a valid document.

Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Associate Superintendent of Highly Effective Teachers and head of ADE's Certification division, advised that copies of certificates are not utilized except by the SBE Investigative Unit. Copies are only issued if a certified teacher requests them. This information is being transferred to electronic system and will not be necessary to be reissued. The intent of the signature should be a "one point in time" document as to when they received it, not when printed. No changes will be made to the certificate after print, with the name, signature of elected official at time of issuance, and the original print date and date of original issuance.

Member Rottweiler advises that the print date is the only date that matters, not the date of original issuance. The signature of the current Superintendent is to certify that it is an official document.

President Miller suggested that a possible workaround would be to have a stamp of the Director of Certification Unit certifying that the document is legitimate.

Dr. Johnson clarified that they hope to make it similar to a Diploma. It would be a copy of certificate, not the real certificate.

President Miller advises that issue was not based on Certification or Investigative Unit request, but was based on the request of the current Superintendent.

Dr. Rottweiler asserted that he is not trying to be adverse, just concerned that it is imperative that the Certifying Agent needs to match the Print Date, but conceded that it can be the Director of Certification and can be opened like Transcript.

Superintendent Douglas clarified that the signature issue did come up through inadvertent printing of a certificate through an investigation request. She advised that it should be locked in time based on date of certification of teacher and should be electronic files locked in time.

Vice President Ballantyne inquired of Member Schmidt if the stamp suggestion would work, but not as a transcript, rather a license given only to educator but based on the original

document. Member Schmidt advised that the stamp would be considered valid. Dr. Johnson advised that the method will be considered.

Member Carter advised that, as County School Superintendent, counties and HR departments use Teacher Certificates as well with signature and stamp showing that it was validated on a certain date. He advised that for his purposes, the local Superintendents don't care when the document was printed, just that it shows that it was valid for a certain date range. He advised that they cannot make a payment to the teacher without seeing valid certificate. Dr. Johnson advised that it seems to meet needs.

**H. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) to approve the settlement agreement for Ninfa Bianco.**

Assistant Attorney General Schwartz presented to the Board on the details of the potential settlement agreement for Ninfa Bianco. He advised that Ms. Bianco gave a letter of resignation regarding being given an opportunity for career advancement elsewhere, however, she did not have the approval of governing board before she left her post, and was written up for unprofessional conduct. The PPAC calls for a 3 month suspension of her teaching certificate.

Member Jacks advised that this is serious problem faced by many school districts and that this is not deterrent enough.

Dr. Clay advised that the Board could request stronger discipline on future cases for the Investigative Unit.

Superintendent Douglas advised there is a second one in the agenda later but is having a year stripping of the Certificate. Counsel Schultz advised that this settlement is a plea agreement, while the second one went to trial and was given a heavier penalty.

Member Carter agrees that length of suspension should be equal to length of contract left unfulfilled by leaving post without notice. Requests it should be uniform across the board.

Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Taylor, to adopt the recommendation of the PPAC.

Superintendent Douglas requests to explain her vote. She advises she doesn't feel it's fair or equitable, but votes yes to support the PPAC.

Vice President Ballantyne agrees with the Superintendent, as does Member Carter. Member Carter requested that guidelines be forwarded to the SBE by the Investigative Unit. Dr. Clay advised working on matrix.

Member Jacks voted No.

8-1, motion passes.

**I. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the settlement agreement for Tammy Lee McGuire.**

Mr. Schultz, Assistant Attorney General, advised that back in September of 2013 Tammy Lee McGuire was a teacher and the principal had received several reports that Ms. McGuire smelled of alcohol. She denied the allegations, but after it occurred a second time, tests were given and the results came back showing alcohol in her blood. She was given a suspension with conditions. The PPAC called for a 2 year suspension of certificate from 2014 to 2016, not from today's date, with alcohol abuse therapy.

Ms. McGuire advised that she was not aware after resignation that it would take so long. She advised that she had no guidance from school board for the process on how to get reinstated and has continued and excelled in AA program and counseling. She advised that the original offer for revocation of certificate until 2018 is excessive considering she is already two years out of work.

Member Rottweiler moved that certification be renewed from 2014 to 2016. Seconded by Vice President Ballantyne.

Superintendent Douglas voted no and explained her vote. She advised that it should be a full two year suspension starting from this point, considering she had endangered children.

8-1 Settlement approved.

**J. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC to revoke the certification of the following individuals:**

**1. William Eddings, Jr.**

Mr. Schultz advised that William Eddings Jr. was a principal of a charter school from 2006 to 2008 who falsified attendance records, committed money laundering and was henceforth convicted of a felony.

Vice President Ballantyne moves to adopt the recommendations of the PPAC. It was seconded by Member Schmidt.

All aye. Motion passes.

**2. Matthew Harry Conover**

Mr. Schultz advised that Matthew Harry Conover was an Assistant Principal involved in an inappropriate relationship with student.

Vice President Ballantyne moved to adopt the recommendations of the PPAC. Seconded by Member Taylor.

All Aye. Motion passes.

**K. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC to suspend the certification of the following individuals:**

**1. Tara L. Andrews**

Assistant Attorney General Schultz advised that Tara Andrews was a teacher at charter school, and one of her students confided in her of abuse and neglect allegations at home, but Ms. Andrews did not report issues, and only mentioned it to a fellow teacher 9 days later, after the student called again. The second teacher then reported the incident. Teachers have a statutory requirement to report abuse and neglect. The PPAC recommended a 2 year suspension of Ms. Andrews' teaching certificate.

Amy Hamilton moves to adopt the recommendation of the PPAC, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne.

Supt Douglas voted Nay and wanted to explain her vote. She stated that the responsibility to report neglect and wrong-doing against a student is a statute that there is no wavering on. It is a teacher's duty to immediately report it, and furthermore Ms. Andrews showed no remorse at all for her actions.

Chuck Schmidt voted Nay and wanted to explain his vote. He does not believe that it is harsh enough.

President Miller also voted Nay.

6-3 Motion passes

**2. Darrell L. Foster**

Assistant Attorney General Schultz advised that Darrell L. Foster was a teacher who did not follow the correct procedure for resigning from his post, making it another breach of contract case. Mr. Foster abruptly resigned, and did not give a reason for leaving, but now he cannot be found. The reasoning of the PPAC was that since Mr. Foster signed a one year contract, he should be given a one year suspension. Mr. Schultz advised that since this suggestion was based on a hearing decision and not a settlement, it could be modified.

Member Carter moved for holding to one year suspension, seconded by Member Taylor.

Vice President Ballantyne votes No, as we cannot find him to tell him of the decision.

All others vote Aye

Motion passes 8-1.

**3. James A. Sykes**

Mr. Schultz advised that the aforementioned was a teacher in 2012, and it was reported by a student that he had been exposed to pornographic pictures on Mr. Sykes' personal laptop. The PPAC voted for a one year suspension of his certificate, as it was not purposeful intent and it was on his personal computer.

Vice President Ballantyne advised regardless of vehicle of instrument, it was still exposed to students. He advised that he doesn't think a one year suspension is high enough punishment.

Member Schmidt moves that his certificate be revoked, not merely suspended. That would make it five years before he could apply again. They accept findings of fact and conclusions of law, but not recommendations of PPAC, but instead move to revoke his certification. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Douglas.

Member Carter advised he feels there should be more consistency. He feels that a matrix should be created to have consistency, based on aggravating or mitigating factors.

Superintendent Douglas agrees with this statement, but that it should not only be designed by Investigative Unit, but should instead be drawn up by the Board initially then given to the Investigative Unit to base their matrix around.

Vice President Ballantyne agrees with Superintendent Douglas. He inquired what Member Carter would do in this case.

Member Carter advises that there should be starting point, a base punishment for whatever offense is being considered, then add or subtract from that in a logical, thoughtful way based on incriminating or mitigating factors.

Member Schmidt stated that he doesn't think that this person deserves to teach again. He would have to go back before the PPAC to be considered.

Superintendent Douglas agrees, and adds that this particular offense takes away the privilege to ever work with children again.

Vice President Ballantyne agrees with Superintendent Douglas.

All in favor.

**L. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC to grant the application for certification for Allan R. Smith.**

This item was presented by Acting Chief Investigator, Garnett Winders. In a review case, the PPAC voted unanimously to give Allan Smith his Principal certification, but he was found to be in possession of marijuana after the PPAC decision and his clearance card was revoked. Mr. Smith advised that in both instances, the drugs in his possession were not his but a passenger in the car, but he was given responsibility because he was driver. The PPAC voted 3-2 to give him back his Principal's certification with the 2 vote being due to immoral behavior, but the majority thought that Mr. Smith's life experience and sincerity would be beneficial for classroom.

Member Jacks requested review.

Superintendent Douglas inquired about why younger brother was brought into investigation with the school. Mr. Smith advised that his younger brother committed suicide, but younger brother was friends with a teacher at the school, who reported the incident. Therefore it became associated with the school, and his certification was flagged. He advised that the second incident with marijuana happened to be left in car by family member. A restraining order was put on the uncle who had marijuana.

No motion, no action.

Member Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, to deny the approval of application of Principal certification for Allan R. Smith.

Motion to deny passes unanimously.

**M. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding local education agency (LEA) declarations of curricular and instructional alignment.**

Dr. Schmidt advised that this item was tabled to today's meeting.

Member Taylor advised that the declaration of curricular alignment is not necessary because it is redundant, as schools must already agree to follow law.

Member Taylor made the motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to rescind the requirements to collect the signatures of curricular alignment made by the LEAs.

Dr. Schmidt advised that the Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment requirement is listed as necessary in our ESEA Waiver. Dr. Schmidt advised that the State Educational Agency (SEA) must notify the United States Department of Education (DOE) and request to modify the amendment. She advised of possible consequences of not following the law.

Superintendent Douglas advised that the ADE has submitted our Declarations to the US DOE, and that they are satisfied. She advised does not think that this is necessary, as schools are required to follow standards anyway in other laws.

Member Carter expressed concerns that dropping this requirement of declaration will drop requirement for schools to adhere to standards. Superintendent Douglas advised that this is not the defining factor in holding states to standards, rather the state statute is. Member Carter advised that he is concerned about the accurate documentation of compliance rate in reporting to the DOE.

Member Taylor advised that there are lots of points in law that the SEAs commit to, and are held to accountability by state audits anyway. The Declaration is unnecessary.

Superintendent Douglas also advised that the new ESSA requirements are not the same, and they do not require states to pledge to federal standards.

The Executive Director, at behest of Vice President Ballantyne, stated that she is only concerned over compliance with federal requirement for declaration in the ESEA Waiver, not with state law.

Member Schmidt inquired if it will raise issues with the US DOE if we take this step away.

Dr. Cecilia Johnson advised that one of her responsibilities is to oversee the ESEA Waiver. She advised that the US DOE has initiated new accountability measures of the ESEA Waiver.

They have signified no required action or documentation to submit any additional information in action items.

President Miller advised that without direct permission from the US DOE to stop the requirement, they should not stop.

Superintendent Douglas advised the data from the signatures was used in a report showing the signed declaration. Creating the report using the data was just a single requirement and it was not expected to be ongoing. The Waiver is approved, therefore we do not need to continue with the Declarations.

Dr. Johnson advised that this item is not included in exhaustive action list and is no longer required.

President Miller advised that this agenda item is immature and that it should be voted on subsequently.

Member Carter advised that we can either:

1. Take the word of ADE and stop the signing of the Declarations.
2. Inquire of the US DOE if it is okay if we eliminate the need for document.
3. Take no action.

Dr. Johnson advised that Waiver expires August of 2016, then we await further direction.

Member Schmidt stated that he supports the Amendment to seek clarification from the US DOE in writing if they have no problem with Arizona taking this action. Member Carter offered an amendment, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to direct the ADE to seek specific clarification from the US DOE, in writing, that they will not require these signatures again to complete our ESEA Waiver.

Roll Call on amended motion.

Superintendent Douglas votes Nay because ADE has ongoing discussions with DOE. She stated it is not written policy by Board.

Member Rottweiler voted Aye

Member Hamilton Aye

Member Jacks Aye

Member Schmidt Aye

Member Taylor Aye

Vice President Ballantyne Aye

President Miller Aye

Overall motion now amended.

Superintendent Douglas advised with the ongoing discussions with the US DOE that ADE has, she laments imposing unnecessary action on schools.

Member Schmidt explains his vote, that he has concerns over the requirements and just wants to get clarification.

All other members vote aye in roll call vote. Motion passes 7-1.

**N. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding approval of ADE's recommendation regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Multi-State Alternative Assessment to A.R.S. 15-741(A)(7)**

Dr. Leila Williams introduced Chief Procurement Officer, Mr. Paulson, to give recommendations. Mr. Paulson informed the Board that an independent evaluation team reviewed the merchant proposals and the extent to which they comply with our requirements. He recommends that we give the award to the selected vendor, which, by law, must remain anonymous until award is given, to administer the MSAA.

Dr. Schmidt advised that they are able to vote to convene in Executive Session to consider the details of the anonymous vendor. We cannot reveal the vendor to the public until the award is given.

Member Taylor made the motion to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Member Schmidt, to review the procurement process.

Motion to convene in Executive Session at 12:40 p.m.

Pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03 the Board may vote to convene in Executive Session to consider records exempt by law from public inspection.

Reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

Member Jacks made the motion to approve recommendation of selected vendor, and was seconded by Vice President Ballantyne.

All approved.

**O. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding issuance of an RFP for a legislative liaison for the State Board of Education.**

Ms. Robin advised that they issued a Request for Quotations, not an RFP, to save time. ProcureAZ issued an RFP to vendors and hiring agencies to be presented with proposals for a Legislative Liaison. The offers were limited to \$100,000 for a 1 year contract. Ms. Robin advised that reference checks still need to be done for the list of eligible applicants. The intention is to have the award completed this week.

Pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03 the Board may vote to convene in Executive Session to consider records exempt by law from public inspection.

Member Taylor made a motion to convene in Executive session and was seconded by Member Jacks.

All voted in favor to convene.

Convened at 12:51 p.m. Back into regular session at 12:58 p.m.

Vice President Ballantyne moved to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Member Carter.

Superintendent Douglas voted nay, as the Board has not adopted a Legislative Agenda, so it seems premature.

All others voted Aye. Motion passes 7 - 1.

## **5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, FUTURE MEETING DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.**

Member Carter advised that the Board needs to call a Special Meeting or discuss at the next meeting to meet with the firm.

Member Taylor wants to meet to discuss data privacy for student records and add the policy to the Board rules to support it.

Vice President Ballantyne wants to discuss advances in education and enhancements in the system and invite leaders in the education community to discuss these good things. He requests that we reserve a spot for this on each Agenda.

Superintendent Douglas still requests session to give guidance to the PPAC on what their expectations will be.

President Miller called for Adjournment at 1:03 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**