

# GLENDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40

Special Meeting of the Governing Board - *TELEPHONIC*

April 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

## **Public Notice - Meeting Agenda**

Notice of this meeting has been posted consistent with the requirements of A.R.S. §38-431.02.

The meeting's location is the Executive Conference Room in the District Office, 7301 N. 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale.

The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings, which are scheduled for a specific time. Governing Board members may participate via telephone conference call if necessary. The Governing Board reserves the right to convene to executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney for any item listed on the agenda, in person or by telephone, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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### **GOVERNING BOARD PRIORITIES**

- Student Achievement
- Quality Teachers and Staff
- Financial Stability
- Community Engagement

### **OUR GOALS**

Increase Student Achievement

Eliminate the Achievement Gap

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#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

#### **2. Opening Exercises**

- a. Adoption of Agenda
- b. Approval of Acting Clerk (if necessary)

#### **3. Call to the Public**

The public is invited to address the Board on any issue within its jurisdiction, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. Governing Board members are not permitted to discuss or take legal action on matters raised during open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. However, the law permits Board members to do the following at the conclusion of the open call to the public: (a) Respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board; (b) Ask staff to review a matter; or (c) Ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

Those wishing to address the Board should complete a "Call to the Public" form and submit it to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker will be provided three (3) minutes to address the Board, unless provided other direction by the Board. At the outset of the speaker's remarks, the speaker should state their name and the Board requests that the speaker provide his/her address.

#### **4. Action Item**

##### **a. Resolution**

The Governing Board will discuss and consider taking action to adopt the resolution proposed by the Arizona School Boards Association in opposition of legislation to expand Arizona's Education Savings Accounts Program.

#### **5. Adjournment**

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**ACTION AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA NO: 4.A. TOPIC: Resolution

SUBMITTED BY: Ms. Brenda Bartels, Governing Board Member

RECOMMENDED BY: Mr. Joe Quintana, Superintendent

DATE ASSIGNED FOR CONSIDERATION: April 19, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governing Board will discuss and consider taking action to adopt the resolution proposed by the Arizona School Boards Association in opposition of legislation to expand Arizona's Education Savings Accounts Program.

**RATIONALE:**

The Arizona School Boards Association drafted the attached resolution for member Boards to consider adopting. They wish for school boards to stand united declaring a clear opposition to the expansion of Education Savings Accounts.

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Source of Funding -  
M & O \_\_\_\_\_ State Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Grant \_\_\_\_\_ Capital \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



## GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXPANSION OF EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (SB1431)

The Arizona Legislature recently passed, and Governor Ducey signed, Senate Bill 1431 which expands Arizona's Education Savings Account (ESA) program to any student in Arizona. This resolution opposes this expansion for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, the Legislature is charged under the Arizona Constitution to provide for "the establishment and maintenance of a general and uniform public school system" (Art. 11, Sec. 1);

WHEREAS, the Legislature is charged under the Arizona Constitution to "make such appropriations, to be met by taxation, as shall insure the proper maintenance of all state educational institutions, and shall make such special appropriations as shall provide for their development and improvement" (Art. 11, Sec. 10);

WHEREAS, the Arizona Constitution prohibits any "tax shall be laid or appropriation of public money made in aid of any church, or private or sectarian school, or any public service corporation" (Art. 9, Sec. 10);

WHEREAS, "the general conduct and supervision of the public school system shall be vested...in such governing boards for the state institutions as may be provided by law" (Art. 11, Sec. 2)

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 48<sup>th</sup> in school funding (Education Week, Quality Counts, 2017), with Arizona teachers receiving the lowest salaries in the nation (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Morrison Institute, 2016), the third highest class sizes in the country (National Center for Education Statistics, 2015) and a growing teacher shortage crisis due to low pay and unacceptable working conditions;

WHEREAS, the cost of ESAs is covered exclusively by our state's general fund hurting the ability to fund our public schools and other programs;

WHEREAS, it has been shown that most of those using ESAs are the affluent who may have chosen to attend private school, even absent an ESA;

WHEREAS, the so-called cost savings and accountability measures contained in SB1431 do not safeguard the state's general fund enough and ESA proponents have already vowed to repeal them;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that the school district governing board of the Glendale Elementary School District, made up of locally elected and accountable school governing board members representing our community oppose the passage and signing of SB1431 into law and urge its reconsideration and repeal.

Adopted by the governing board at a meeting held on April 19, 2017.

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Board President