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## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 3:30 pm

Bouse Elementary School

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-432.01, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the GOVERNING BOARD and the general public that the GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 will hold a meeting open to the public. The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorney, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(A) (3). Additional documentation relating to the public meeting agenda may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting the business office at (928)851-2213.

## \*\*AGENDA\*\*

- 1. Call the meeting to order.** Meeting began at 3:30pm  
**Roll call:** Pam Finkbeiner, Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Jody Wilson, Paul Martin, Cassandra Calderon, Dru Waggoner, Heather Huhtala, Alexis Goodson
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- 3. Approve the agenda:** A motion was made by Jody Wilson and Seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson.  
Motion carried
- 4. Call to the public-** *This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38- 431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. No Public comments*

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## 5. Superintendent's Report-

### 1. Enrollment

Our current enrollment is 48, with an expectation of two more students returning later this month and several more students expected in the second quarter as well.

### 2. Testing

All students have completed their initial ELA LEXIA Placement Test.

All students are currently taking the first round of Galileo Assessments in ELA (K-8), Math (K-8) and SCIENCE (2-8)

Students in grades K-6 will be taking the initial DIBELS Assessments with a focus on reading and retelling by the end of the month.

### 3. Events

School Open House is taking place this Thursday, August 17th from the hours of 5-6:30pm. Letters have been sent home with all students.

### 4. Training

Business Manager, Cassandra Calderon and Board Member, Jody Wilson will be attending the 2 Day AZ School Law Conference in September.

### 5. Other news

Work continues on replacing irrigation valves and sprinklers throughout the school property. A common shed was purchased with rent monies for staff housing. Mr. Martin is continuing to apply for an APS grant for monies to purchase trees for all school grounds. Two remaining A/C roof units need to be replaced. We are utilizing state funds to complete this process.

**6. Approve regular board minutes for July 5th, 2023.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

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**8. Discussion/Action to offer Graciela Gutierrez the position of Paraprofessional** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried

**9. Discussion/Action to approve Financial Report.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

**10. Discussion/Action to approve Cassandra Calderon as Business Manager.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion Carries.

**11. Discussion/Action to offer Samantha Phillips the position of K-1st Paraprofessional.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

**12. Discussion/Action to pay stipend - student council sponsor.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried

**13. Discussion/Action to pay teachers out of prop 301 monies.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carries.

**14. Discussion/Action on reimbursing staff for college classes for the overall benefit of the organization retention purposes.** This has been tabled until the policy for reimbursing staff for college classes has been revised.

**15. Discussion/Action to authorize La Paz County to invest idle funds for FY 23/24.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried

**16. Adopt and implement the new state law Senate Bill 15-704-ARS 15-704 for FY 23/24. (Arizona Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA))** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

**17. Discussion/Action to approve Bouse Elementary Food Program Service Agreement changes for FY 23/24.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster Wilson. Motion carried.

**18. Discussion/Action to approve FY 23/24 bus schedule.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

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**19. Discussion/Action to approve FY 23/24 Professional Development Days for educational staff.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

**20. Discussion/Action to approve new K-8 ELA curriculum being purchased from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt with approved state grant monies. Specifically, approval to allow the public 30 days to review the curriculum, then gain final board approval on September 6th, 2023 for implementation purposes.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

**21. Discussion/Action to approve outside entity, First Things First, Represented by Heather Huhtala, to present information during Open House, which is on August 17, 2023, for families who are interested in early childhood development resources.** A motion was made by Jody Wilson, seconded by Ann LeMaster-Wilson. Motion carried.

**22. Next regular board meeting will be held on September 6th, 2023.**

**23. Adjourn Board meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at: 4:06 PM**

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Pamela Finkbeiner, President

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Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Clerk

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Jody Wilson, Member

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