

Governing Board Agenda
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA FOR
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: August 1, 2013

TIME: Special Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Telephonic Participation by Board Members

PLACE: Administrative Center – Anasazi Room
4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304-1505

CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN ARS 38-431.02,
NOTICES OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY POSTED.

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I. SPECIAL MEETING – GENERAL FUNCTION

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Adoption of the Special Meeting Agenda

It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

- C. Approval of the Minutes

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2013 Executive Session. (Governing Board members not present were Mr. Chris Maza and Ms. Clorinda Graziano.)

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

- D. Public Participation**

- Members of the public may address the Governing Board during this portion of the agenda in regard to non-agenda items (not to exceed three (3) minutes at chair's discretion). If interpretation services are used, the time shall not exceed six (6) minutes, including interpretation.)
- Additionally, or instead of, members of the public may address the Governing Board during a specific item that is on the agenda (not to exceed three (3) minutes at chair's discretion). If interpretation services are used, the time shall not exceed six (6) minutes, including interpretation.)

- E. It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- *A. Approval/Ratification of Vouchers 1-2
The Vice President of the Board reviews all vouchers prior to the meeting of the Board. Vouchers represent orders for payment of materials, equipment, salaries and services.

- *B. Personnel Items 3-6
Personnel items include resignations, terminations, requests for retirement or leave, recommendations for employment and position changes.

- *C. Public Gifts and Donations (The Value of Donated Items is Determined by the Donor) 7
 - 1. Acacia Community Group donated a check in the amount of \$1,350.00 to the Capital Projects/Business Services Department to be used to complete a District fencing project.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM

- A. To Consider, Discuss, Amend if Desired, and, if Deemed Advisable, to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Statements of the Governing Board of the District in Connection with the District's Special Budget Override Questions (Cathy Thompson) 8-11

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

V. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

NOTES: As a matter of information to the audience, five days prior to any Governing Board Meeting, Board Members receive the agenda along with the extensive background material which they study individually before action is taken at the meeting. Routine matters will be asterisked and approved as consent agenda items. Any member of the Governing Board may remove items from the consent agenda.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting 602-347-2802. Requests should be made at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting in order to allow time to arrange for the accommodation.

(* Items marked with an asterisk (*) are designated as Consent Agenda Items. This implies that the items will be considered without discussion. Consent Agenda items may be removed for discussion and debate by any member of the Governing Board by notifying the Board President or the Superintendent twenty-four (24) hours before regular Board meeting or by a majority of the Governing Board members present at the Board Meeting.

(**) Members of the public who wish to address the Board during Public Participation or on an item which is on the agenda may be granted permission to do so by completing a PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SPEAKER COMMENT form and giving it to the Board's Secretary PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. Those who have asked to speak will be called upon to address the Board at the appropriate time. If interpreter services are needed, please contact Angela Perrone at 602-347-2609 at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Board Meeting in order to allow sufficient time to arrange for an interpreter to be available.

(**) During open session, the Board shall not hear personal complaints against school personnel or any other person connected with the District. Policy KE is provided by the Board for disposition of legitimate complaints including those involving individuals.

(**) The Board may listen but cannot enter into discussion on any item not on the agenda. Depending upon the number of requests to speak to the Board, time limitations may be imposed in order to facilitate accomplishing the business of the District in a timely manner.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

TO: Governing Board X Action
 Discussion
FROM: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent Information
 1st Reading
DATE: August 1, 2013
AGENDA ITEM: *Approval/Ratification of Vouchers

INITIATED BY: Elizabeth Martinez, Accounting Manager SUBMITTED BY: David Velazquez, Director of Finance

PRESENTER AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services
GOVERNING BOARD POLICY REFERENCE OR STATUTORY CITATION: BBA, DK and A.R.S. §15-321

SUPPORTING DATA

Funding Source: Various
 Budgeted: Yes

The Vice President of the Board reviews all vouchers prior to the meeting of the Board. Vouchers represent orders for payment of salaries, materials, equipment, and services. Documentation for warrants is available for inspection from the Finance Department located at the District Administrative Center.

APPROVE/RATIFY FY13/14 PAYROLL VOUCHERS (warrants for services and materials, payroll expense):

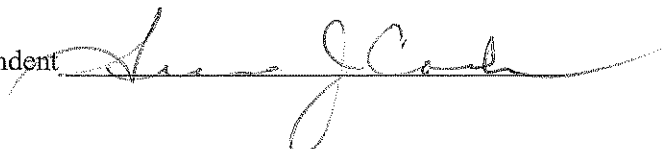
07/12/13	682,485.79
07/26/13	<u>555,997.21</u>
Totals:	<u>1,238,483.00</u>

APPROVE/RATIFY FY 12/13 EXPENSE VOUCHERS (warrants for services and materials, payroll expense):

07/01/13	2,005.57
07/03/13	1,364,046.37
07/11/13	2,343,946.76
07/18/13	<u>461,931.82</u>
Totals:	<u>4,171,930.52</u>

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve and ratify the payroll and expense vouchers as presented.

Superintendent 

Board Action	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Adams					
Graziano					
Jahneke					
Lambert					
Maza					

Agenda Item *II.A.

***Approval/Ratification of Vouchers**

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APPROVE/RATIFY FY 13/14 EXPENSE VOUCHERS (warrants for services and materials, payroll expense):

07/08/13	425,000.00
07/10/13	1,372,606.78
07/17/13	<u>652,835.01</u>
Totals:	<u>2,450,441.79</u>

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

TO: Governing Board X Action
 FROM: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent Discussion
 Information
 1st Reading
 DATE: August 1, 2013
 AGENDA ITEM: *Personnel Items
 INITIATED BY: Justin Wing, Director of Human Resources SUBMITTED BY: Justin Wing, Director of Human Resources
 PRESENTER AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: Justin Wing, Director of Human Resources
 GOVERNING BOARD POLICY REFERENCE OR STATUTORY CITATION: BBA

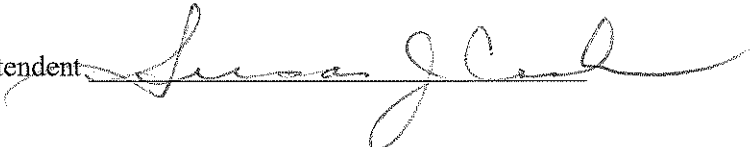
SUPPORTING DATA

Funding Source: Various
 Budgeted: Yes

The attached personnel actions are presented for approval.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the personnel items as presented.

Superintendent 

Board Action	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Adams					
Graziano					
Jahneke					
Lambert					
Maza					

Agenda Item *II.B.

PERSONNEL ACTION RECOMMENDED
August 1, 2013

I. RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS, EXCESSES, AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE**A. ADMINISTRATIVE**

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	LOCATION	ACTION	YEARS OF SERVICE	EFFECTIVE DATE
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B. CERTIFIED

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	LOCATION	ACTION	YEARS OF SERVICE	EFFECTIVE DATE
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Bard	Jennifer	Teacher-Mathematics	Cholla	Resignation	0	8/5/2013
Benson	Ingrid	Teacher-Reading	Desert Foothills	Resignation	1	5/30/2013
Boop	Jenny	Teacher-2nd Grade	Tumbleweed	Resignation	1	5/30/2013
Chadwick	Nancy	Teacher-CCSC Autism	Royal Palm	Resignation	0	7/31/2013
Cobbs	Veronica	Teacher-5th Grade	Ocotillo	Resignation	0	8/5/2013
Columbus	Melissa	Teacher-3rd Grade	Tumbleweed	Resignation	6	5/30/2013
Mahurin	Julie	Teacher-PE	Desert Foothills	Resignation	8	5/30/2013
Morgan	Daniele	Teacher-1st Grade	Manzanita	Leave of Absence for Fiscal Year 13-14		7/1/2013
Neil	Mary	Teacher-PE	Sunnyslope	Resignation	3	5/30/2013
Rufkahr	Anthony	Teacher-8th Grade	Royal Palm	Resignation	4 mo.	5/30/2013
Sandler	Deborah	Teacher-1st Grade	Alta Vista	Retirement- SmartSchools	28	5/30/2013
Spears	Amy	Teacher-Music	Cholla	Resignation	1	5/30/2013
Thompson	Katie	Teacher-4th Grade	Sunnyslope	Resignation	0	7/10/2013
Vandermolen	Sonya	Teacher-6th Grade	Lakeview	Resignation	3	5/30/2013
Walsh	Sonja	Teacher-3rd Grade	Shaw Butte	Leave of Absence for Fiscal Year 13-14		7/1/2013

C. FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	LOCATION	ACTION	YEARS OF SERVICE	EFFECTIVE DATE
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Candelaria	Christopher	Custodian 9 mo.	John Jacobs	Resignation	1	5/30/2013
Montelongo	George	Custodian	Ironwood	Leave of Absence for Fiscal Year 13-14		7/24/2013

D. PART-TIME CLASSIFIED

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	LOCATION	ACTION	YEARS OF SERVICE	EFFECTIVE DATE
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Carrel	Denise	Special Ed. Assistant	Mountain Sky	Resignation	2 mo.	5/29/2013
Casale	Suzanne	Special Ed. Assistant	Mountain Sky	Resignation	2	5/29/2013
Chavez	Darrellina	Paraprofessional	Mountain View	Leave of Absence for Fiscal Year 13-14		5/29/2013
Contreras	Roxana	Special Ed. Assistant	Manzanita	Resignation	1.5	5/29/2013
Dumdie	Sean	Paraprofessional	Manzanita	Resignation	2 mo.	5/29/2013
Dunn	Cody	KidSpace Assistant	Abraham Lincoln	Resignation	2	5/29/2013
Endres	Rodell	Teacher Assistant	First Things First	Resignation	2 mo.	5/29/2013
Evans	Jo	Crossing Guard	Shaw Butte	Resignation	1 mo.	5/29/2013
Garcia	Mary	Monitor/Crossing Guard	Roadrunner	Resignation	4	5/29/2013
Guthrey	Renata	Crossing Guard	Palo Verde	Resignation	3 wks.	5/29/2013
Khan	Nazneen	Special Ed. Assistant	Lookout Mountain	Resignation	8	5/29/2013
Putter	Nancy	KidSpace Assistant	Tumbleweed	Resignation	1 mo.	5/29/2013
Rodriguez	Ana	Crossing Guard	Washington	Resignation	1	5/29/2013
Ruiz	Darlene	Bus Driver	Transportation	Resignation	1	5/30/2013
Shiban	Amanda	Paraprofessional	Mountain View	Resignation	2	5/29/2013
Towne	Rachel	Special Ed. Assistant	Sweetwater	Resignation	1	5/29/2013
Wade	Alyssa	Paraprofessional	Lakeview	Resignation	1	5/29/2013
Walashek	Brittany	Paraprofessional	Cactus Wren	Position Ended	1 mo.	5/29/2013

PERSONNEL ACTION RECOMMENDED

August 1, 2013

II. EMPLOYMENT

A. ADMINISTRATIVE

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	(E)XISTING OR (N)EW	LOCATION
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B. CERTIFIED

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	(E)XISTING OR (N)EW	LOCATION
Anker	Allison	Teacher-4th Grade	E	Lookout Mountain
Archuleta	Raquel	Teacher-6th Grade	E	Lakeview
Basista	Bradley	Teacher-6th Grade	E	Maryland
Bieschke	Kathryn	Teacher-1st Grade	E	Shaw Butte
Bonavito	Victoria	Teacher-PE	E	Desert View
Borland	Laura	Teacher-2nd Grade	E	Sunburst
Bridwell	Matthew	Teacher-4th Grade	E	Ocotillo
Bube	Susan	Teacher-LD	E	Ocotillo
Butler	Scott	Teacher-Mathematics	E	New Beginings Academy
Carbone	Kimberly	Teacher-Kindergarten	E	Washington
Coash	Jacob	Teacher-Band/Strings	E	Tumbleweed/Cactus Wren/Sunset
Connor	Dara	Teacher-3rd Grade	E	Ocotillo
Copely	Lindsay	Teacher-Social Studies	E	Mountain View
Cottrell	Stephanie	Teacher-PE	E	Arroyo/Maryland
Dauids	Francine	Speech Pathologist	E	Special Services
Dunn	Susan	Teacher-Gifted	E	Ironwood
Fagersten	Ashley	Teacher-1st Grade	E	Moon Mountain
Fisher	Daniel	NBA Behavior Intervention	N	New Beginings Academy
Foster	Jennifer	Teacher-Mathematics	E	Cholla
Froncek	Katherine	Teacher-2nd Grade	E	Washington
Gagnepain	Mary	Speech Pathologist	E	Chaparral/Abraham Lincoln
Harrison	Jay	Teacher-PE	E	Roadrunner/Ocotillo
Hart	Stacy	Speech Pathologist	E	Washington
Hartt	Lindsay	Teacher-1st Grade	E	Mountain View
Herrera	Sheri	Teacher-Autism	E	Royal Palm
Hottle	Heather	Teacher-5th Grade	E	Orangewood
Jech	Allison	Teacher-1st Grade	E	Maryland
Jones-Krysinski	Laura	Teacher-CCB	E	Ironwood
Kelleher	Chad	Teacher-CCSC	E	Moon Mountain
Kerger	Shelby	Teacher-2nd Grade	E	Tumbleweed
Lilly	Christopher	Teacher-Reading	E	Desert Foothills
Love	Lisa	Teacher-4th Grade	E	Sunnyslope
Lowenstein	David	Teacher-Science	E	Palo Verde
Lyding	Brianna	Speech Pathologist	E	Special Services
MacCart	Rebecca	Teacher-CCSC	E	Cactus Wren
Manak	Stephen	Teacher-PE	E	Acacia
Martin-Schlose	Taylor	Teacher-6th Grade	E	Maryland
Monzon	Ashley	Teacher-5th Grade	E	Mountain View
Nagle	Laurie	Teacher-Language Arts	E	Mountain Sky
Navarro	Connie	Teacher-Kindergarten	E	Sahuaro
Pfafman	Donna	Teacher-Art	E	Manzanita
Powers	Amber	Teacher-Mathematics	E	Sweetwater
Ramberg	Kelsey	Teacher-6th Grade	E	Acacia
Reyher	Pamela	Speech Pathologist	E	Mountain View
Richardson	Lori	Teacher-Music/Band	E	Arroyo
Ruhl	Christine	Teacher-LD	E	Abraham Lincoln
Sampson	Racheal	Teacher-CCSC	E	Arroyo

PERSONNEL ACTION RECOMMENDED**August 1, 2013****B. CERTIFIED (continued)**

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	(E)XISTING OR (N)EW	LOCATION
Sanders	Susan	Teacher-Art	E	Lookout Mountain
Schregel	Lauren	Teacher-Music	E	Sunnyslope
Stefanic	John	Teacher-Language Arts	E	Desert Foothills
Stewart	Cheryl	Teacher-6th Grade	E	Ocotillo
Tang	Michael	Teacher-English	E	Royal Palm
Thompson	Jessica	Teacher-1st Grade	E	Maryland
Tribble	Nichollette	Teacher-5th Grade	E	Ocotillo
Tyler	Rachel	Teacher-PE	E	Cholla
Villamil	Jenny	Teacher-First Things First	E	Shaw Butte
Wilcox	Rebecca	Teacher-6th Grade	E	Sahuaro
Wilshire	Heather	Teacher-2nd Grade	E	Tumbleweed

C. FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	(E)XISTING OR (N)EW	LOCATION
Bacal	Emily	Psychologist	E	Special Services
Daniel	Carmen	Parent Liaison	N	Cardinals Academy
Grand	Blake	Mechanic I	E	Transportation
Heath	Justin	Night Custodian	E	Mountain Sky
Mahaney	Tim	Safety Coordinator	N	Safety & Security
Martinez	Tirzah	Office Specialist	E	Academic Services

D. PART-TIME CLASSIFIED

LAST NAME	FIRST	POSITION	(E)XISTING OR (N)EW	LOCATION
Bassett	Cheri-Lee	Occupational Therapist Assistant	N	Special Services
Bellamy	Amanda	Paraprofessional	N	Cactus Wren
Burris	Marrisha	Paraprofessional	E	Ocotillo
Cook	Richard	Bus Driver	E	Transportation
Fleetwood	Susan	Food Service Helper	E	Orangewood
Grant	Erica	Paraprofessional	E	Sunnyslope
Harvell	Linda	Food Service Helper	E	Mountain Sky
Hemmann	Amanda	Food Service Clerk	E	Lookout Mountain
Hernandez	Veronica	Food Service Helper	E	John Jacobs
Hicks	Tina	Special Ed. Assistant	E	Lookout Mountain
Levreau	Jean	Special Ed. Assistant	E	Sweetwater
Luther	Kathleen	Special Ed. Assistant	E	Lookout Mountain
Macias	Jessica	Office Technician	E	Special Services
Marogy	Iman	Special Ed. Assistant	E	Sweetwater
Mills	Joanna	KidSpace Assistant	E	Acacia
Nebrich	Jodi	Speech/Language Pathology Assistant	E	Desert Foothills/Manzanita
Truman	William	KidSpace Assistant	E	Lookout Mountain
Wait	Jessica	Speech/Language Pathology Assistant	E	Special Services
Webster	Nancy	Paraprofessional	E	Royal Palm
Ybarra	DeAnna	Office Technician	E	Roadrunner

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

TO: Governing Board X Action
 FROM: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent Discussion
 Information
 1st Reading
 DATE: August 1, 2013
 AGENDA ITEM: *Public Gifts and Donations (The Value of Donated Items is Determined by the Donor)
 INITIATED BY: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent
 PRESENTER AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent
 GOVERNING BOARD POLICY REFERENCE OR STATUTORY CITATION: BBA and A.R.S. §15-341

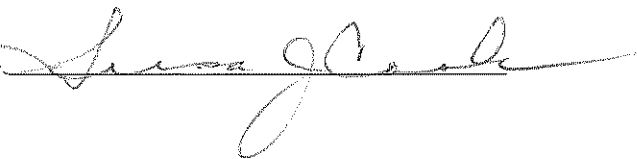
SUPPORTING DATA

Funding Source: Donations
 Budgeted: N/A

1. Acacia Community Group donated a check in the amount of \$1,350.00 to the Capital Projects/Business Services Department to be used to complete a District fencing project.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve the gifts and donations as presented.

Superintendent 

Board Action	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Adams					
Graziano					
Jahneke					
Lambert					
Maza					

Agenda Item *II.C.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

TO: Governing Board X Action
 X Discussion
 FROM: Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent Information
 1st Reading

DATE: August 1, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: To Consider, Discuss, Amend if Desired, and, if Deemed Advisable, to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Statements of the Governing Board of the District in Connection with the District's Special Budget Override Questions

INITIATED BY: Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services SUBMITTED BY: Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services

PRESENTER AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services

GOVERNING BOARD POLICY REFERENCE OR STATUTORY CITATION: BBA

SUPPORTING DATA

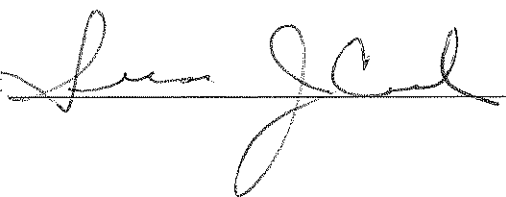
Funding Source: N/A
Budgeted: N/A

A.R.S. 15-481.9 authorizes that an argument shall be submitted by the Governing Board of a school district proposing an override. "Arguments for the proposed increase in the budget shall be provided in writing and signed by the governing board." This statement shall be in a form prescribed by the County School Superintendent and shall not exceed 200 words. The statements are due in the County Superintendent's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2013. These statements will be included in the publicity pamphlet.

The Governing Board discussed language for the statements at the July 11, 2013 regular meeting. Attached is the final draft of the statements and a resolution that verifies approval of the statement by Governing Board members. The Resolution is recommended by Jim Giel, Attorney at Law, Gust Rosenfeld, PLC, who prepares legal documents for WESD elections.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt the resolution approving the statements of the Governing Board of the District in connection with the District's special budget override questions.

Superintendent 

Board Action	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Adams					
Graziano					
Jahneke					
Lambert					
Maza					

Agenda Item III.A.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRICT'S SPECIAL OVERRIDE ELECTIONS; AND RATIFYING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN TO FURTHER THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Washington Elementary School District No. 6 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "*District*"), has ordered and called a special election to be held in and for the District on November 5, 2013 to submit to the voters the question of authorizing the District to continue to exceed the revenue control limit by 15% and the question of authorizing the District to adopt a budget which includes an amount for capital purposes that exceeds its "district additional assistance" budget limit by the lesser of \$7,800,000 dollars or 10% of the District's revenue control limit per fiscal year (the "*Election*"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-481.B.9, the Governing Board of the District (the "*Board*") shall prepare a written "for" argument in support of the proposed increase in the budget to be contained within the informational pamphlet; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, the Board shall approve and cause to be signed by the Board the written statements "for" each question of the Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 OF MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Approval.** The Board hereby approves the statements "for" the Election attached hereto as *Exhibit A* and causes the same to be signed by the Board and submitted to the Maricopa County School Superintendent for inclusion in the informational pamphlet.

Section 2. **Ratification of Actions.** All actions of the officers and agents of the District which conform to the purposes and intent of this resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. The proper officers and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver all such documents on behalf of the District as may be necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Board of Washington Elementary School District No. 6 of Maricopa County, Arizona, on August 1, 2013.

President

EXHIBIT A

**Argument for the Washington Elementary School District No. 6
Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Budget Override Election**

In the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) we are committed to:

- achieving excellence for every child; every day; every opportunity.
- schools where students can be successful with highly trained and effective teachers, preparing students to become college and career ready using curriculum aligned with Arizona Standards and assessments to monitor their progress.
- meeting all of our students' needs with full-day academic kindergarten programs, reading and math interventions, programs for our English language learners; and providing Music, Art and PE for all students.

Arizona Revised Statute §15-481(G) was amended in 2009 and allows school districts to combine their K-3 Override and their M&O Override into one Override request, therefore, saving the cost of separate elections for WESD and confusion to our taxpayers.

As Governing Board members, our job is to make responsible decisions that demonstrate that we are accountable to you, our taxpayers, ensuring continued effective fiscal management.

We ask for your continued partnership by reauthorizing the Washington Elementary School District's combined Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Budget Override, enabling WESD to continue providing quality educational programs for more than 23,000 students.

Please support WESD students and vote YES on November 5, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by WESD Governing Board,

Chris Maza, President

Aaron Jahneke, Vice President

Bill Adams, Member

Clorinda Graziano, Member

Tee Lambert, Member

EXHIBIT A

**Argument for the Washington Elementary School District No. 6
Capital Override Election**

Technology is everywhere in our daily lives, in ways that we often take for granted. Mechanics plug your car into a computer to evaluate what's wrong. In restaurants and stores, technology is used for inventory, tallying your purchases and providing store discounts. In an office, the use of technology has increased productivity, and is used for research, reports, communication and accounting. At home, your digital television, cellular phone and even the microwave are useful tools, thanks to technology. It is this world for which we, in the Washington Elementary School District (WESD), prepare our students to be college and career ready.

The State has mandated requirements of schools, creating a need for technology in order to implement the Arizona Academic Standards and to develop critical thinking skills, but has not provided the funding. This Capital Override will provide the needed tools in each classroom. Technology is as necessary as a #2 pencil.

Our children are our greatest gifts, keys to a promising future and worthy of our investment. WESD needs your support as we educate our students to be Arizona's productive employees and innovative leaders of tomorrow. Please vote YES to support WESD students. Invest in our future.

Respectfully submitted by WESD Governing Board,

Chris Maza, President

Aaron Jahneke, Vice President

Bill Adams, Member

Clorinda Graziano, Member

Tee Lambert, Member