

Governing Board Information



Paradise Valley™
Unified School District

Thank you for your interest in PVSchools!

The Board and staff appreciate your interest in the Paradise Valley Unified School District. Informed and involved parents and citizens are the best guarantees of excellence in our schools. Persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation, and interpreter services are also available, by contacting the Governing Board secretary at 602-449-2298. Please make your request as early as possible.

Si necesita los servicios de un intérprete, por favor llame lo más pronto que sea posible a la secretaria de la Junta Directiva, al teléfono 602-449-2298.

The role of the board

The Governing Board has final control over local school matters within the laws of the Arizona Legislature and the rules and regulations of the Arizona Board of Education. The board sets policy for the management of the district. The superintendent and district staff are responsible for the execution of these policies.

The general responsibilities of the board are to:

- ▶ Select the superintendent
- ▶ Establish policies for the operation of the district
- ▶ Upon recommendation of the superintendent, approve the hiring of personnel and changes in employment status, and set salaries for district employees
- ▶ Decide how district resources will be used
- ▶ Adopt an annual budget
- ▶ Solicit and interpret the educational desires of the community
- ▶ Communicate the needs and progress of the district to the community and other educational governing boards, municipal bodies and legislators

Board elections

The five members of the governing board are elected for staggered, four-year terms. They serve without compensation, and devote many hours to their duties. The board elects a president at its first meeting in January.

What's your opinion?

There are many ways to let us know of your concerns and opinions.

Speak at board meetings

Visitors are always welcome to speak on agenda items. Please fill out a *Request to Address the Governing Board* card before the meeting and hand it to the board secretary, who is seated at the front of the room. You will be invited to speak when the item comes up for discussion at the appropriate place on the agenda. **Call to the public** is a time set aside at each meeting for citizens to address the board on any issue or concern not listed on the agenda. Because of the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the governing board cannot discuss or take any action on items not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to three minutes if you are speaking as an individual and five minutes if you are the authorized spokesperson representing an organization.

Talk to your child's teacher or principal

If you are concerned about your own child or a problem with your child's school, the place to begin is with your child's teacher. He or she needs to know about problems your child is having or concerns you have about your child's education. The school principal is the next person to see. If you then feel you need more direction, call the Instructional Support Department, at **602-449-2095** (elementary) or **602-449-2097** (middle or high school).

Join your child's PTA, PTO, booster club, school council or the United Parent Council

Active parent involvement is a tradition in the Paradise Valley Unified School District. Parent groups play vital roles in schools, both as advocates for children and schools, and as advisors to the district administration and Board.

Your Governing Board members



Nancy Case, president
Term: Jan. 2017— Dec. 2020

Board meetings

Regular board meetings are held at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the Governing Board Room of the District Administrative Center, 15002 N. 32nd Street.

All regular meetings of the board are open to the public, with the exception of executive sessions. Agendas are posted at the District Administrative Center at least 24 hours prior to each meeting. Detailed agenda information is available on the district website at pvschools.net and available for review in the Superintendent's Office at the District Administrative Center, 15002 N. 32nd Street, during regular working hours at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

By Arizona law, executive sessions may be called by the governing board to discuss personnel matters; records exempt by law from public inspection; bargaining; legal matters with attorneys; purchase or lease of real property; and litigation.

2017-18 meeting dates

2017	2018
Aug. 3*	Jan. 11
Aug. 17	Feb. 8
Sept. 4	Feb. 22
Oct. 5	Mar. 8
Oct. 19	Mar. 22
Nov. 2	April 5
Nov. 16	April 19
Dec. 7	May 3
	May 17
	June 7*
	June 28*

*5:00 p.m. start time



Julie Bacon, member
Term: Jan. 2015 — Dec. 2018



Mark Lane, member
Term: Jan. 2015 — Dec. 2018

The board agenda

An agenda and backup materials for a regular board meeting shall be compiled by the superintendent and delivered to each member at least 24 hours prior to the board meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting shall also be included.

The superintendent consults with the president of the board concerning the proposed agenda before its completion. Any board member may submit agenda items either to the president or to the superintendent. Whenever possible, items presented by an individual other than a member of the board or superintendent shall be presented in writing to the superintendent or president. These items will be considered for placement on the agenda for a future meeting of the board.

The board uses an exception format for many routine matters. These items will be considered as a group and will be approved when the agenda is adopted. Items approved by exception will not come up for discussion during the meeting. Prior to the agenda being adopted, members of the governing board or audience may ask that a particular item be deleted from the exception list. If so, the item will be brought to the floor for discussion at the appropriate place on the agenda.

Materials available online

The district website is a source for governing board agendas and backup materials, archived minutes, meeting dates and contact information.

Visit pvschools.net/governingboard



Anne Greenberg, member
Term: Jan. 2017— Dec. 2020



Sue Skidmore, Ed.D, member
Term: Jan. 2017— Dec. 2020

Need more information?

If you need information about particular topics, contact the administrator who oversees that function.

Questions about ...

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School boundaries
and attendance areas
Maps are available online

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