MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VACTE GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING LOCATION

Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education

3405 E State Rte 89A Bldg B, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Regular Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
   The Chairman will call the meeting to order.
   - *The Chairman Jeff Wassell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.*

2. **Board Roll Call**
   - *Board Members present: Jeff Wassell (Chairman), Ed Mezulis (Clerk), Kathleen Fleenor, Dave Leckington, and Jill Myers.*

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   The Chairman will lead the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
   - *The Chairman Jeff Wassell led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

4. **Adoption of Agenda (Action Item)**
   The Board will now approve the formal agenda.
   - *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve the formal agenda. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

5. **Consent Agenda Items (Action Item)**
   The consent portion of the agenda is to expedite routine matters that must be acted on by the Governing Board. All items approved will be done by one motion passed unanimously. Any item may be removed for debate at the request of any member of the Board. Items removed from the consent portion become the first items of business on the regular agenda. Items that may be included:
   A. Approval of Meeting Minutes
      a) Regular Meeting Minutes July 7
   B. Approval of Expense Vouchers (A copy of the voucher details will be available for public inspection)
      a) Voucher 1036 for $140,890.62
      b) Voucher 1037 for $5,887.53
      c) Voucher 1038 for $1,810.05
      d) Voucher 2000 for $14,639.47
      e) Voucher 2001 for $24,852.32
      f) Voucher 2002 for $12,051.02
      g) Voucher 2003 for $138,566.02
      h) Voucher 2004 for $10,881.38
   C. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
      a) Voucher 1 for $18,772.25
      b) Voucher 2 for $18,450.79

c) Voucher 3 for $29,768.67

D. July Cash Balance Report

E. July Satellite Schools Report

F. July Student Activity Report

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

6. Call to the Public - Legal A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H)

Anyone interested in making a Call to the Public for this meeting is asked to complete a Call to Public form BEDH-E Public Participation at Board Meetings and present it in person or e-mail the Governing Board Secretary prior to 4:30 p.m. on the date of the board meeting. Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item should do so at this time. The audience comments will be limited to (3) three minutes. The Board Chair reserves the right to limit the number of audience members speaking on an issue. No formal action may be taken on any issue unless the item appears on the agenda. The Board may respond to criticism, ask that a matter be reviewed by staff, or place an item on a future agenda.

7. Reports and Presentations

A. Report from Superintendent Bob Weir

- *Superintendent Weir gave the Board estimated FY27 Funding for Satellite Districts Passthrough payments and the CTED generated FY27 Classroom Site Fund Payments for the Satellite and Central Campus from the Arizona Department of Education. Superintendent Weir also finished with the accolades from the VACTE CTSO's; FCCLA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA.*

B. Report from VACTE Board

- *Chairman Jeff Wassell commended Superintedent Weir on his recent ACTE Lifetime Achievement award he received at ACTE Summer Conference.*

8. Discussion and Action Items

A. Discussion on VACTE Central and Satellite Enrollment.

- *Superintendent Weir gave the Board an update on Current ADM/Enrollment for Central and Yavapai, including the 13th year Students.*

B. Discussion and possible action to provide direction to the Superintendent regarding the future planning of a VACTE Central Campus.

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve Superintendent Weir to assemble a small group, of staff and board members, to tour a possible future VACTE site, at the earliest convenience. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Model Policy Part 1, as presented.

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve the Model Policy Part 1, as presented. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

D. Discussion and possible action to approve the Model Policy Part 2, as presented.

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve the Model Policy Part 2, as presented. Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

E. Discussion and possible action to participate and help fund up to $2,500 for an amicus brief relating to the Apache Junction Unified School District #42 v the East Valley Institute of Technology #401 (EVIT) ruling seeking to clarify statute, solidify practices and provide background knowledge related to CTED operations. The Board may vote to discuss this matter in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).

- *Ed Mezulis made the motion to move into Executive Session regarding the amicus brief relating to the Apache Junction Unified School District #42 v the East Valley Institute of Technology #401 (EVIT). Kathleen Fleenor made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye) The Board went into Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.*
- *The Board Came out of Executive Session at 5:26 p.m.*
- *Kathleen Fleenor made the motion to approve to participate and help fund up to $2,500 for the Amicus Brief relating to the Apache Junction Unified School District #42 v the East Valley Institute of Technology #401 (EVIT) ruling seeking to clarify statute, solidify practices and provide background knowledge related to CTED operations. Dave Leckinton made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye)*

F. Discussion on the recent Performance Aduit Report, Publication, report Confidential Safety Report with the Arizona Auditor General's Office. The Board may vote to discuss this matter in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to move into Executive Session regarding the recent Performance Aduit Report, Publication, report Confidential Safety Report with the Arizona Auditor General's Office. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye) The Board went into Executive Session at 5:27 p.m.*
- *The Board Came out of Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.*

G. Discussion and possible action to approve Security Incident Response System.

- *Superintendent Weir gave a presentation on 3 different Security Incident Response Systems for the District.*

9. Board Member upcoming events

A. Next Regular Board Meeting September 1st, at 4:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn (Action Item)

- *Jeff Wassell made the motion to approve to adjourn the meeting. Ed Mezulis made the second with the vote 5-0. (Kathleen Fleenor aye, Dave Leckington aye, Ed Mezulis aye, Jill Myers aye, Jeff Wassell aye) The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Governing Board Secretary Shawnna Patton

____ Kathleen Fleenor, Board Member

____ Dave Leckington, Board Member

_______________________________________ Ed Mezulis, Board Member

_______________________________________ Jill Myers, Board Member

____ Jeff Wassell, Board Member