AZTEC HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of AZTEC High School consists of five to seven members who are selected by the Presiding Judge of the Yuma County Juvenile Court from applications submitted by community members. Members serve a three year term, and may be re-appointed. The Board membership is not limited, and future expansion with community stake holders may be undertaken. The officers of the Governing Board consist of Chair and Vice-Chair. The school Secretary serves as the Clerk of the Governing Board.

Membership:

Chair: John H. Rodriguez, Local Business Owner
Vice Chair: Edward Robinson, Retired Elementary Principal, current elementary PE teacher
Suzanne Alka, Gila Ridge High School Assistant Principal
Lurinda Ward, Gila Vista Junior High School Assistant Principal
Christopher Bedinger; Yuma Visitor's Bureau Events Director, former teacher
Carla Peterson, Yuma County Library District Assistant Director
One vacant position

Board members at AZTEC High School are appointed by the presiding Juvenile Court Judge to three year terms. Prospective members apply for membership, and are interviewed by the Judge, who makes the final decision. New members receive an orientation from the school Principal. Meetings are held monthly at the school site.

Role:

1. ***Advisory***

The Governing Board of AZTEC High School has limited its authority to advisory and active... The school is managed fiscally by the Juvenile Court/Yuma County, and is considered a division of the Juvenile Court. The Board also defers to the management of the school (Juvenile Court and Principal) to develop the course of study in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 15, and Arizona Administrative Code Title 7, Chapter 2. The Governing Board reviews decisions made, and is informed of any proposed changes. The Board defers to the Juvenile Court to hire/dismiss the Principal and staff, and to manage financial records for the school, in accordance with Yuma County and Arizona Department of Education financial process and procedures in its advisory capacity.

2. ***Active***

The Juvenile Court finance officer assigned to the school submits monthly financial statements to the Board, and is present at the meeting for clarification. The Board formally approves and

accepts the financial reports each month. This includes the monthly report of the Student Activities fund.

The Governing Board has designated the Principal and the School Probation Officer as the individuals who may refer students for suspension or expulsion. Upon their recommendation, the Governing Board, at a specially designated meeting, conducts a hearing to determine the outcome for the student. A.R.S. 15-843 and 844 are followed.

The Governing Board has established criteria for the disbursement of Proposition 301 monies to teachers, and upon presentation of the criteria as met, accepts the report for disbursement in December of each year.

The Governing Board sets the school calendar, and approves changes in staffing and curriculum.

The Governing Board adopts policy for the school, and approves the School Parent/Student Handbook annually as operating policy for the school.

The school Principal prepares a monthly report to the board, outlining the activities of the school during the month, and notifying the members of upcoming events.

The Governing Board receives a report on the academic performance of the school on AIMS and AZLEARNS, and is able to visit the school at any time to personally review student performance records.

The Governing Board monthly meeting Agenda is posted, per ARS 38-431.02 , at the school, the main lobby of the Yuma County Juvenile Court, the Yuma County Superior Court Bulletin Board, and the Yuma County Board of Supervisors Bulletin Board. Agendas for any special meetings are posted at the same sites.

The notice and agenda of annual meetings for budget proposal and adoption are posted on the Arizona Department of Education web site.