



1525 W. Frye Road
Chandler, Arizona 85224

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
November 29, 2017
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Sessions 4:30 pm

1.01 Move on When Reading

Frank Narducci, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Dr. Strom, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Educational Services, and Autumn Sample, Elementary Specialist, detailed the changes to the Move on When Reading (MOWR) program.

1.02 Chandler Early College, Chandler Online Academy and Hill Learning Academy Updates

Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Shawn Mitchell, Chandler Early College (CEC); Jarrett Pack, Chandler Online Academy; and Dave Constance, Hill Learning Academy, updated and discussed their respective programs with board members. Shawn Mitchell explained the instruction available in a non-traditional setting allowing for flexible scheduling on the Chandler Gilbert Community College campus. Jarrett Pack explained the lab locations for the On-line Academy, the staff and the various opportunities for students to take concurrent classes or attend part-time. All finals are proctored on site. Dave Constance outlined the variety of the student clientele at Hill Learning Academy and the different programs available to meet their individual needs. The staff purposely works to make a strong connection with each student.

2. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

2.01 Roll Call

Bob Rice, President; Annette Auxier, Vice President; Karen McGee and Barb Mozdzen, Board Members, were present. David Evans, Board Member, was excused.

Dr. Camille Casteel, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Sandy Cooper, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Frank Narducci, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Dr. Matthew Strom, Assistant Superintendent for K-12 Educational Services; and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, were present. Joel Wirth, Chief Financial Officer, was excused.

2.02 Reflection

Bob Rice provided the Reflection.

2.03 Pledge of Allegiance

3. Routine Business

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

The Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

3. Routine Business (cont'd)

- 3.02 Approve Payroll for December 7, 2017 and Current Expenditures
Approve Payroll for December 7, 2017 and Current Expenditures

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Karen M McGee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

- 3.03 Correspondence
No correspondence presented.

4. Comments

- 4.01 Student Body President Comments
Erin Broas, Student Body President, gave an update of events and activities at Arizona College Prep-Erie.
- 4.02 Citizen Comments
Vernon Stewart, as the spokesperson for a group of bus drivers and bus attendants, expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the new parking lot at the Hamilton facility. Pastor Victor Hardy, 1st Congressional Church of Chandler and Chandler Men of Action, spoke of the upcoming events of the Chandler Men of Action. January 12-14, 2018 International Film Festival and the first ever Unity Festival downtown Chandler. February 22, 2018 is the Chandler Men of Action Annual Banquet where they present scholarships to African-American young men and always feature an outstanding citizen. Their goal is to help the District and young people to move ahead in their education and become great community leaders in the city of Chandler.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning
An out of state field trip pre-planning form for SJHS was provided. Following Governing Board pre-approval, the Superintendent (designee) will monitor trip arrangements before providing final approval.
- 5.02 Donations
Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$212.66.
- 5.03 Monetary Gifts
Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$91,739.28.
- 5.04 Resolution for School Facilities Board Grade Level Reconfiguration
Chandler Unified School District has moved modular buildings from CTA Humphrey to ACP-Oakland. The School Facilities Board requires reconfiguration of these modulares from K-6 to 6-8 in order to keep their information up to date.
- 5.05 Sunland Health Associates, LLC DBA Montecito Post-Acute Care and Rehabilitation Clinical Affiliation Agreement
Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses support students earning industry recognized certifications where applicable. In the CUSD Medical Professions program, students are working towards earning their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) or Licensing Nursing Assistant (LNA) credentials. As part of the nursing assistant training program, students must participate in a minimum of 40 hours of clinical experiences.

The Clinical Affiliation Agreement offers eligible Medical Professions II students at Perry High School the opportunity to participate in clinical experiences at Montecito Post-Acute Care and Rehabilitation at 51 South 48th Street, Mesa, AZ 85206. This Agreement is for a term of one (1) year, and will be automatically renewed for an unlimited number of renewal terms of one (1) year, unless written notice of termination is given by either Party.

5. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 5.06 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, and Compensation

Accept the Consent Agenda as presented by Dr. Casteel.

Motion by Annette V Auxier, second by Karen M McGee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

6. Action Items

- 6.01 Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution Providing for all Matters Related to the Refunding of Certain Bonds of the District by the Sale and Issuance of Refunding Bonds of the District including Delegation to the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to Determine Certain Matters Related Thereto

Interest rates remain near historically low levels providing the District an opportunity to refinance a portion of its outstanding bond debt for debt service savings. Approximately \$16.5 million of District bonds issued in 2008 and 2011, currently outstanding at interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00% can be refinanced today at a true interest cost (TIC) of approximately 2.0%. It is estimated that the refinancing will save district taxpayers approximately \$1.2 million in bond debt service over the next eight to nine years, depending on prevailing interest rates at the time of the bond sale (est. early December, 2017). A refinancing program of this size might normally be added to a future new money bond sale by the District. However, current tax reform bills in Congress, if enacted, could prevent this type of tax-exempt refinancing after this calendar year. Therefore, the District Chief Financial Officer believes it is financially prudent to move expeditiously to complete the bond sale prior to year-end to be able to achieve the savings. Passage of tax reform this year remains highly uncertain at this time.

The Authorizing Resolution calls for the possible issuance of a not-to-exceed principal amount of refunding bonds of \$17.0 million to allow flexibility to adjust to market conditions at the time of sale. The Refunding bonds will maintain the same term as the bonds to be refinanced.

Governing Board action will allow the District's investment banker, Stifel, and bond counsel, Greenberg Traurig, to proceed expeditiously with preparing the legal documentation and offering documents necessary to complete this advantageous sale on behalf of the District. Should the Board elect to go forward with the refunding, staff will work diligently with its finance team and bond counsel to close the transaction prior to the end of the calendar year.

Adopt the Resolution providing for sale and issuance of certain Refunding Bonds of the District including approval and authorization of Execution and Delivery of all necessary documents and the delegation of the determination of certain matters to certain Officers of the District.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Karen M McGee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

- 6.02 Approval of the Amended School Facilities Board 2018 Capital Plan

Chandler Unified School District's FY 2018 Capital Plan was submitted to the School Facilities Board (SFB) on August 3, 2017 and approved by the CUSD Governing Board on August 23, 2017. The SFB has allowed CUSD to amend the FY 2018 Capital Plan because CUSD may qualify for additional funding for 9-12 space. The amended plan was presented to the Board for approval.

Approve Chandler Unified School District's amended 2018 Capital Plan.

Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

6. Action Items (cont'd)

6.03 Purchase of new General Education and Special Education Buses

The Chandler Unified Transportation team is recommending Canyon State Bus Sales for our General Education & Special Education transportation needs for FY 2018. In working to create a more efficient and positive experience for our students, we need to replace some of our older buses and add to our existing fleet. Canyon State is a distributor of Blue Bird buses and hold 50% share of the market. Canyon State has been exemplary in regards to all vehicle parts and service needs.

Request approval to purchase:

(3) Rear Engine General Education route buses (\$162,218.77 each)

(6) Conventional Special Education buses (\$129,114.01 each)

(1) Rear Engine Special Education bus (\$178,974.44)

Total request: \$1,440,314.78

Approve the purchase of ten (10) Bluebird buses from Canyon State Bus Sales in the total amount of \$1,440,314.78.

Motion by Bob JC Rice, second by Karen M McGee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

6.04 Architect and Engineering Fee's for SPED & COA Building

The District intends to build a 35,000 square foot building on the Willis Junior High Campus to house Special Education and Chandler On-Line Academy students. HDA Architects has been selected as the architect of record. Their proposed fee is \$352,000 or 5.6% of the estimated \$6,300,000 construction budget. The proposed schematic drawing was presented for review. Recommended approval of HDA Architects to design the 35,000 square foot facility for SPED and COA in the amount of \$352,000.

Approve HDA Architects to design the 35,000 square foot facility for SPED and COA for the amount of \$352,000.

Motion by Annette V Auxier, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

6.05 Chandler High School (2) Story Wing

The District intends to build a 25,472 square foot facility at Chandler High School to house both ACP-Oakland and Chandler High students. HDA Architects has been selected as the Architect of record. Their proposed fee is \$231,000 or 4.6% of the estimated \$5,000,000 construction budget. The proposed schematic drawing was presented for review. Recommended approval of HDA Architects to design the 25,472 square foot facility at Chandler High School in the amount of \$231,000.

Approve HDA Architects to design the 25,472 square foot facility at Chandler High School in the amount of \$231,000.

Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Bob JC Rice, Annette V Auxier, Karen M McGee, Barb R Mozdzen

7. Information Items

7.01 Student Activity Report

The Student Activity Report for the months ending July 01, 2017 through October 31, 2017 was provided.

7. Information Items (cont'd)

- 7.02 Revision to Policy JFABC - Admission of Transfer Students
Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) recommended changes to Policy JFABC - Admission of Transfer Students. House Bill 2389 adds Chapter 7 to A.R.S. 1-701. Language in the chapter establishes that school districts may evaluate the transcripts of transfer students for the assignment of credit pursuant to A.R.S. 15-701.1. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. Approval will be requested at the December 13, 2017 board meeting.
- 7.03 Junior High School Course Catalog 2018-2019
The draft of the 2018-2019 Junior High School Course Catalog and a summary of the recommended additions was provided as Information. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 13, 2017 Board Meeting.
- 7.04 High School Course Catalog 2018-2019
The draft of the 2018-2019 High School Course Catalog and a summary of the recommended additions and deletions was presented for Information. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 13, 2017 Board Meeting.
- 7.05 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap
Board members discussed upcoming activities and events.
- 7.06 Superintendent Comments
Dr. Casteel congratulated Casteel High's football team for winning the 3A state championship Saturday night, defeating Pusch Ridge of Tucson 35-28. It was an exciting game between two really strong programs - both undefeated going into the game - a fabulous matchup. Despite having no senior class, the Colts won the school's first team championship. CUSD is guaranteed to have a second football champion because two of our schools will meet in the 6A finals at Arizona Stadium Saturday night, when Perry and Chandler square off. This is the second time we have had an all-CUSD final; Hamilton and Chandler faced off in 2014. Although we will feel bad for whichever team comes up short, they are both winners and it will be a special night.
Chandler High School's Treblemakers, with Director Lori Lyford, will perform for the State tree lighting ceremony Thursday morning at the Capitol.
Saturday morning from 8am-12noon, staff, parents and students at Casteel High will host a fund raiser for Principal Sandy Lundberg, who is fighting a serious illness. The culinary students are making breakfast and there will be silent auction items to help raise money to help her pay medical expenses. She has a big fight ahead, but she forges ahead with a big smile and positive attitude. Our prayers continue to be with Sandy and her family.
A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who came together to make the Chandler CARE Center Thanksgiving Family Assistance Day so successful. The District Office, as well as many of the schools around the district, collected money to purchase turkeys and/or donated items. Students and staff from around the district volunteered that morning as more than 600 families were provided all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. This is a very heartwarming event each year.
Dr. Casteel concluded by thanking everyone for their continued support.
- 7.07 Board Member Recognition / Comments
Annette Auxier recognized Hull Elementary for the great art masterpiece display and thanked all the volunteers who make this program possible.

8. Adjournment

- 8.01 Adjourn the Meeting
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.