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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
June 24, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session - 4:30 pm

1.01 Review Survey Results and Re-opening Plan

Re-opening plans were presented and discussed beginning with the proposed change to the calendar, face coverings, other precautions regarding health, cleaning and disinfecting, communication, safety, transportation, food & nutrition. Lyndsay Hartley, Director of Health Services, explained health protocols in detail that will be in place. Frank Narducci, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, and Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, explained the Models of Instruction, either In-person or Online, which are available for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Jessica Edgar, Director of Elementary Curriculum, reviewed the virtual Elementary Connect in detail.

Administration answered clarification questions from board members. Time constraints dictated that further questions would continue in the Regular Board Meeting.

2. Break

3. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

3.01 Roll Call

Barb Mozdzen, Board President; Lara Bruner, Board Vice President; David Evans, Lindsay Love and Karen McGee, Board Members, participated virtually.

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 and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, participated virtually. Dr. Wendy Nance, Assistant Superintendent for PK-12 Instructional Services, attended the study session and was excused from the board meeting.

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

David Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

4. Public Hearing

4.01 Public Hearing on the Revised 2019-2020 Budget

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the revised 2019-2020 budget in detail.

5. Routine Business

5.01 Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by David F Evans.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

5. Routine Business (cont'd)

- 5.02 Approve Payroll for June 4 and 18, 2020 and Current Expenditures
Approve Payroll for June 4 and 18, 2020 and Current Expenditures Check# 1800027612-1800027745, 1800027747-1800027889 and E-Pay Check# 1800027611 and 1800027746.

Motion by David F Evans, second by Lindsay A Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

- 5.03 Correspondence
No correspondence presented.

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning
Out of state field trip pre-planning form for ACP E was provided. Following Governing Board pre-approval, the Superintendent (designee) will monitor trip arrangements before providing final approval. Final trip approval will be determined on a case by case basis and will be contingent upon current health guidelines.
- 6.02 Monetary Gifts
Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$63,992.46.
- 6.03 Donations
Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$1,330.95.
- 6.04 Bank Account Signatories
Requested approval of the Resolution for the Chandler Unified School District to designate banking account custodians, signatories, and student activity fund treasurer and assistant treasurer.
- 6.05 Approval of Resolution to Appoint District Authorized Representative to the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc.
Requested that Lana Berry be authorized to represent the District in all matters pertaining to the Agreement between the Trust and the District.
- 6.06 Approval of Resolution to Appoint District Authorized Representative to the Arizona School Alliance for Workers' Compensation, Inc.
Requested that Dr. Camille Casteel be authorized to represent the District in all matters pertaining to the Agreement between the Alliance and the District.
- 6.07 Approval of Resolution for Designation of District Agent to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Requested that the Governing Board designate Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, as the Agent of the Chandler Unified School District to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs authorized to file on its behalf.
- 6.08 Contract Renewal with Chandler Education Foundation
Requested approval to renew the Contract between Chandler Unified School District (C.U.S.D.) and the Chandler Education Foundation (C.E.F.).
- 6.09 2020-2021 Secondary Course, CTE, and Extracurricular Fee Schedule
Requested approval of Secondary Course and Extracurricular Fees/CTE Course Fees and Secondary Extracurricular Activity Fees for the 2020-21 school year.
- 6.10 Disciplinary Hearing Officer 2020-2021 School Year
Recommended approval to appoint Fred Coates and Terry Williams as the district disciplinary hearing officers for the 2020-2021 school year.

6. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 6.11 Approval of Vista Higher Learning Spanish Resources
Recommended approval of The Vista Higher Learning Spanish resources to be used by 6th grade Dual Language Immersion Teachers at CTA Liberty to support Spanish instruction. Additionally, the Vista Higher Learning resources will be used at Bogle Junior High and ACP-Oakland to support students transitioning into junior high who are fluent in speaking Spanish (heritage speaker). Funding for training and materials would be provided through District Textbook budget. Estimated cost of the purchase is \$17,000.65.
- 6.12 2020-2021 Curriculum
The primary and supplementary curricula list for all grades and subjects for the 2020-2021 school year was presented for approval.
- 6.13 Warehouse Stock General Supplies Bid #03-21-21
Recommended approval to award the warehouse stock bid #03-21-21 for the fiscal year 2020-2021.
- 6.14 RFP for Professional Development
Requested approval of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Development. up to \$500,000
- 6.15 ESI, Inc. - Employee Staffing Agreement
Requested approval of ESI, Inc. Employee Staffing Agreement for 2020-2021.
- 6.16 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Lara E Bruner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

7. Action Items

- 7.01 To Consider and, If Deemed Advisable, Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes on Behalf of the District
Tax Anticipation Notes are used to cover operating deficits created by uneven property tax collections and state aid receipts.
Bill Davis answered specific questions from board members.
- Adopt a Resolution authorizing the sale of Tax Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$50 million.**
- Motion by David F Evans, second by Lara E Bruner.**
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee
- 7.02 School District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #2 FY 2019-2020
In accordance with Arizona Statute A.R.S. 15-905 and 15-910, by June 30th the Board may revise the School District Annual Expenditure Budget after notice has been given and a public meeting has been held. The revision reflects the adjustment for ADM, operating and capital budget line item changes to account for actual and encumbered expenses, reflection of new revenue and expenditures in direct relation to COVID-19, and the addition of budgeted expenditures for constructing and opening of the new schools.
- Adopt the 2019-2020 District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #2.**
- Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by David F Evans.**
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

7. Action Items (cont'd)

7.03 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, school districts must publish a Public Hearing Notice and the Summary of the Proposed Budget on district-wide basis for fiscal year 2020-2021. The publication will indicate that on July 15, 2020, there will be a public hearing on the 2020-2021 budget.

Approve the 2020-2021 budget for publication.

Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Lindsay A Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

7.04 Proposed Amendments to 2020-2021 School Calendar

The administration recommended delaying the start of school two weeks and making up the 180 required days by eliminating the first week of the October and March Intersessions.

Approve the amended 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented.

Motion by David F Evans, second by Karen M McGee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

7.05 Face Coverings

Recommended approval for the guidelines for Face Coverings as defined by state and local governments for all patrons 6 years of age and over and that the Governing Board give the Superintendent the authority to adjust the precautionary measures as the County and/or local Government regulations change.

Discussion ensued regarding the age requirement for face coverings stating that a kindergarten class could have both 5- and 6-year old's and it would be confusing/challenging when not everyone was observing the face covering guidelines. Lara Bruner stated that parents may choose the Method of Instruction based on the current guidelines for face coverings and requested that changes only be made at the quarter or semester break to give parents the opportunity to change the Method of Instruction for their children, if desired. Lindsay Love stated that at this point, physical needs are the highest priority over students' social/emotional needs and concurred with Ms. Bruner. Dr. Casteel assured that she would not make a decision without consultation and input from medical and state authorities and, of course, discussing with the Governing Board. After much discussion, the motion was amended to state grade level as opposed to age restrictions and called for a vote.

Approve the guidelines that all patrons from Kindergarten and above wear face coverings on school grounds when social distancing is not feasible and give the Superintendent the authority to adjust the precautionary measures as the County and/or local Government regulations change.

Motion by David F Evans, second by Karen M McGee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee

7.06 Approve Plan to Reopen Schools

In-person and Online Models of Instruction were shared for the 2020-21 school year. Continuing from the Study Session, board members asked clarifying questions about the process for both Models of Instruction.

Barb Mozdzen clarified that students can participate in extracurricular activities at their home site if they choose the online model. Lindsay Love confirmed that there would be plans to support families with technology issues, computer navigation, language barriers and CTE classes. She stated the Online Model was workable but expressed her hesitancy with an In-person Model because of her lack of faith in the way Arizona has handled the whole COVID-19 situation. Lara Bruner thanked the committees, staff, CEA, families, students for the time they contributed to complete surveys, send comments, and help

7. Action Items (cont'd)

- 7.06 Approve Plan to Reopen Schools (cont'd)
design the Instructional Models. She felt the Elementary Online Model meets the needs of students, helps young learners connect and socialize, and is hopeful it will meet the needs of families that cannot attend in person; however, she expressed concern for students, families and staff for the In-person Model, stating junior high and high school students move every period, pass in crowded hallways, and have large classes. After thoughtfully considering all sides she proposed an alternative plan to help feel safer by splitting students in half, attending 2 days in person and 2 days online, which would reduce exposure. Because her plan was not included, and without trigger language to make high schools safe, she stated that she cannot support the plans. David Evans stated that while he has concerns, he felt that students did need to return to school and parents had the opportunity to choose what is best for their family. After much discussion, President Barb Mozdzen called for a vote.

Approve the attached Online and In-person Models of Instruction for the 2020-21 school year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, David F Evans, Karen M McGee

Nay: Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love

8. Information Items

- 8.01 Nearpod License for Junior Highs and High Schools
On August 14, 2019, the Governing Board reviewed and approved Nearpod as one of the social and emotional curricula for high school learning. Nearpod is an online product. The Educational Services Department will be requesting approval of the entire Nearpod Lesson Library for all high schools and junior high schools. The total cost for the licenses, including tax, is \$92,681.05. In accordance with A.R.S. 15-721, the curriculum will be available for public review for 60 days at the Melinda Romero Instructional Center starting June 25, 2020.
- 8.02 Modifying Exhibit JLF-EA - Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection (Child Abuse Report)
The Child Abuse Report form, Exhibit JLF-EA, has been updated as a fillable form for ease in completing. This is presented as Information; Exhibits do not require approval.
- 8.03 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap
Barb Mozdzen stated the next meeting is July 15, 2020 for the purpose of approving the 2020-21 Budget.

9. Comments

- 9.01 Superintendent Comments
Because of the lengthy meeting, no comments presented.
- 9.02 Board Member Recognition / Comments
David Evans stated the Board had to make difficult decision tonight. The landscape is changing constantly, and we need to make sure we are meeting the needs of all families. He acknowledged that Dr. Casteel is living this every minute of every day and requested that we continue to communicate where we are going.
Barb Mozdzen encouraged specific questions be directed to staff and Dr. Casteel, reiterating the board should be kept updated. Barb also stated that even though they might not always agree, she appreciated the respectful conversations between board members this evening stating we can work together because we respect each other's opinions. She thanked board members for remaining professional.
Lara Bruner thanked everyone for trying to make the best for our students; to Food Services for serving food in this heat, and she looks forward to amazing work from all staff members in the district.
Lindsay Love expressed her thanks to administration.
Karen McGee thanked Dr. Casteel for spending long hours working on all of this and thanked the parents, students, and staff for their emails and suggestions/opinions. Board members do appreciate the input and take it into consideration as they make decisions. She hopes this is a temporary situation and this too shall pass.

10. Adjournment

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 pm.