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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
August 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Sessions 4:00 pm

1.01 Maricopa County Department of Public Health Information

Marcy Flanagan, Executive Director of Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) presented an overview of COVID in Arizona and specifically Maricopa County. Numbers are headed in the right direction. There has been a steady decline since the mandatory mask requirement in public. Hospitalization has followed the same trend lines. Thursday Maricopa County will announce that some businesses can begin to re-open. The three benchmarks for schools are: 1) number of cases; 2) percent positivity; and 3) number of COVID-like illnesses. By tomorrow (Thursday), Maricopa County will have been in the moderate range for two weeks allowing schools to open in a hybrid model. All of this information is available on the Arizona Department of Health Services website.

Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) use the actual medical data from Arizona for their numbers and metrics. Other organizations do not have access to actual Arizona data, they can only present models. Maricopa County is the only County in Arizona breaking down the data further than county level, i.e. by zip code.

The Center of Disease Control (CDC) does not recommend routine testing of student and staff, only those who were exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case. Schools must report when there are two (2) or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students, children in care, residents, or staff with onsets within a 14-day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing. This reporting is not new, just COVID has been added to other diseases. ADHS will notify schools with information when someone is identified as a confirmed COVID case and help with identifying who may have been exposed and recommended procedures. More information is located on www.maricopa.gov/coronavirus or the Public hotline: 602-747-7099.

The message is to keep children at home if they present any type of illness symptoms until they are symptom free. COVID presents similar symptoms to a common cold, flu, even asthma. Arizona still recommends anyone should be tested if they feel they may have been exposed. Positivity rates will increase when only symptomatic folks are tested. Asymptomatic spread is safe as long as they are wearing a mask. Individual or school cases will not be released because of FERPA. The recommended mitigation techniques are:

- Clean high touch surfaces
- cloth face coverings
- ample handwashing/sanitization
- social distancing
- stay at home when sick
- limit touching face, eyes, nose

Marcy confirmed that a hybrid instructional model is more difficult for a district to implement; but it is not a higher health risk. Academic research shows that COVID-19 is droplet spread, not aerosolized, thus social distancing and face coverings will help in the spread of the virus. Trends indicate with businesses reopening, there may be an increase in cases; the caution is to contain so not to allow it to increase widespread. There will be an ebb and flow in numbers until a vaccine is in place. There will be a push this year for the regular flu immunization so that we don't overwhelm hospitals with flu and COVID.

2. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

2.01 Roll Call

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

Dr. Camille Casteel, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Dr. Wendy Nance, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Frank Narducci, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Larry Rother, Sr. Executive Director of PK-12 Educational Services; and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, were present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

3. Routine Business

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the minutes of the August 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

3.02 Approval and Ratification of Payroll and Expenditure Vouchers

Approve and Ratify Payroll for August 13, 2020 and Current Expenditures.

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

3.03 Correspondence

Dr. Casteel shared the letter from Chandler Education Foundation.

4. Presentation

4.01 Citizen Comments

Terry Locke summarized the electronic citizen comments and provided board members with all the comments in their entirety.

5. Consent Agenda

5.01 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$44,488.64.

5.02 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$5,297.40.

5.03 Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Career and Technical Education (CTE) Curriculum Consortium for the 2020-21 School Year

Requested approval of the Arizona CTE Curriculum Consortium Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2020-21 school year.

5.04 Arizona School Risk Retention Trust COVID-19 Insurance

Requested approval of the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust COVID-19 Insurance endorsement option at a cost of \$150,000 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

5.05 Participation Agreement with Public Consulting Group for Medicaid Services

Recommended participation with Public Consulting Group as the Third-Party Administrator for the Arizona State Medicaid Agency (AHCCCS) Medicaid School-Based Claiming program in FY21. An estimate of annual Direct Service Claiming fees to be paid to Public Consulting Group for FY21 is \$130,000.00 and \$31,100.00 in Medicaid Administrative Claiming fees for FY20.

5. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 5.06 Club CUSD Extracurricular Activities- Supplemental RFP# 11-21-23
Requested Governing Board approval to award contracts to the vendors listed below to provide enrichment activities at various sites on an as-needed basis as determined by the Director of Community Education for our Club CUSD program.
- Creating IT Foundation/ Techgirls
 - Imagine Arts Academy
 - Sarah's Spanish School
 - Strong Foundation Academy
 - The Be Kind People Project
- 5.07 ACA - Sexual Harassment Policy and Regulation ACA-R Revisions
Recommended approval of the changes to Policy ACA - Sexual Harassment and Regulation ACA-R as suggested by Arizona School Boards Association.
- 5.08 New Policy ACAA - Title IX Sexual Harassment and Regulation ACAA-R
Requested approval of New Policy ACAA - Title IX Sexual Harassment and Regulation ACAA-R as recommended by Arizona School Boards Association.
- 5.09 Human Resources
Employment, Separation and Compensation.

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, 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

6. Action Items

- 6.01 Approve State Board of Education Diploma Seals
Requested Board approval for participation in three new seals that recognize high school students who achieve proficiency in fine arts, civic literacy, and personal finance. Students are recognized with a seal on their diploma and a notation on their transcripts. Coaches will provide alternatives because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Approve participation in all three of the Arizona State Board of Education Diploma Seals Program.

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

- 6.02 First Amendment to the IGA between the City of Chandler and Chandler Unified School District (Road Deferral Agreement)
Recommended approval of the first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Chandler and Chandler Unified School District, Road Deferral Agreement in the estimated amount of \$1,097,300.00.

Approve the first amendment to the IGA between the City of Chandler and Chandler Unified School District for Road Deferral in the estimated amount of \$1,097,300.00.

Motion by Karen M McGee, 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

6. Action Items (cont'd)

- 6.03 Determine District Representative for Delegate Assembly
Approve Karen McGee as the delegate for Chandler Unified School District at ASBA's Delegate Assembly on October 17, 2020.
- Motion by Lara E Bruner, second by Barb R Mozdzen.**
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee
- Approve Barb Mozdzen as the alternate delegate for Chandler Unified School District at ASBA's Delegate Assembly on October 17, 2020.**
- Motion by Lindsay A Love, 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
- 6.04 Board Consideration of the Draft 2020-21 Political Agenda
Governing Board members discussed the lengthy list of proposed 2021 Political Agenda items and how it was difficult to make progress on so many variables. They prefer to focus on just a few, so they advised Mrs. McGee to vote on the items that CUSD had submitted and use her best judgement on the remaining items when put forth for vote.
- Direct the Karen McGee to focus on the items CUSD presented.**
- Motion by Lara E Bruner, 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
- Additionally, the Board would ask Karen McGee to use her discretion to represent the Board's position on other items.**
- 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. Information Items
- 7.01 PLT4M Physical Education Program
PLT4M is a physical education program that will be used by all Hamilton High School boys and girls PE classes, including Introduction to PE, Weight Training, Yoga Fitness, Body Conditioning, and Academies. Hamilton High School estimates that 1,500 students will use this program the first year. Total cost for Hamilton High School is approximately \$2,975.00.
- 7.02 4th Quarter Technology Report
The 4th quarter Technology Reports were presented in a new format, per Board request.
- 7.03 Revision to Policy IHA - Basic Instructional Program
Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) recommended changes to Policy IHA - Basic Instructional Program. These changes were presented as Information and approval will be requested at the September 9, 2020 board meeting.
- 7.04 Revision to Policy KB - Parental Involvement in Education
Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) recommended changes to Policy KB - Parental Involvement in Education. These changes were presented as Information and approval will be requested at the September 9, 2020 board meeting.

8. Comments

8.01 Superintendent Comments

Before Dr. Casteel began, Board President Barb Mozdzen commented on the excellent study session with Marcy Flanagan, Executive Director of Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH). Because of the numbers going in the right direction, the board is calling for a Special Board Meeting next Wednesday, September 2, 2020 to discuss the re-opening of CUSD schools for in-person instruction.

Dr. Casteel announced that Forbes, a global media company, this week published "America's Best Employers by State". We were excited to learn that Chandler Unified School District has been named the 4th best employer in Arizona! She believes the trends from the annual WestGroup surveys were among the criteria used to determine their rankings.

Dr. Casteel also congratulated our own Heather Anguiano, principal of Hartford Sylvania Encinas, for representing Arizona in the National Association of Elementary School Principal's 2020 Class of National Distinguished Principals. Heather is recognized as a leader for setting high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and a climate for the students, families, and staff in their learning communities. Congratulations Heather!

8.02 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Karen McGee reflected that there has been a lot of discussion over the past few months regarding COVID and many ideas have been offered. Karen reminded that when we are able to open, students will have classrooms, desks, textbooks, etc. unlike the areas dealing with wildfires and hurricanes in the south. She encouraged families to gather their families together before they go to bed and say a prayer for those affected by the disasters.

David Evans congratulated Chandler High School teacher Sarah Wyffels again for making the top ten finalists as Arizona Education Foundation Teacher of the Year hoping that she moves forward in the competition.

Lara Bruner thanked the administration for making the impossible, possible; families for working hard to support their child(ren) education; and the teachers for working extremely long hours and seeking ways to help students through challenges and barriers.

Barb Mozdzen echoed appreciation for teachers, stating these are difficult times that divides our community as to what is best for their child(ren). Parents do know what is best, but sometimes we (the Board/District) cannot do everything everyone wants us to do. The requests are contradictory. Barb assured parents that she is listening to individuals and appreciates your thoughts and concerns, acknowledging it is difficult to get back to everyone, but she is trying.

9. Adjournment

9.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.