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Minutes of a Special Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
September 2, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Executive Session - 4:00 pm**

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session - Safety

**Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(8), discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs.**

**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**

1.02 Adjourn from Executive Session

**Motion to Adjourn from Executive Session.**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

**Not Present at Vote: Lara E Bruner**

**2. Opening Items - 6:00 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 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

**Motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 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**

**4. Presentation**

4.01 Citizen Comments

Terry Locke summarized 1,187 comments submitted, sharing the categories. The entire comments verbatim are posted on the CUSD website. Barb Mozdzen affirmed the board is reading all the comments.

#### 4. Presentation (cont'd)

##### 4.02 Safety Protocols and Mitigation Strategies

Terry Locke shared the safety protocols in place, showing photos and complimenting the work of the Task Force.

Lyndsay Hartley shared the health mitigation protocols already in place, the education for students, and daily symptom screening procedures. She explained how the health staff has been trained in managing potentially ill children and process for parent pickup. Teachers also have received guides to outline procedures when a student feels ill. She will continue to work very closely with the County Health Department.

Amber Stouard presented the results of the teacher survey, with 96% teachers responding also stating that 1,300 comments were received.

#### 5. Action Items

##### 5.01 In-Person Instruction

Dr. Gilbert and Frank Narducci reviewed the transitions from May 2020 and the Taskforce reopening plans created in June 2020. Mr. Narducci reviewed the programs in place per the Governor's Executive Order and the elementary student sections based on grade level and Dr. Gilbert shared the secondary numbers by junior high and high schools. He also provided the benchmarks and learning scenarios per the Maricopa County Health Department. Mr. Narducci reviewed the options for elementary, while Dr. Gilbert reviewed the secondary options.

Board members and administration discussed the options related to the reopening of CUSD schools for in-person instruction, stating their personal positions.

**Approve Option D for elementary moving to Option C on October 13 if the benchmarks remain positive; Option B moving to Option C on October 13 if the benchmarks remain positive.**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Fails**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Karen M McGee**

**Nay: Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love**

**Approve Option D for elementary moving to Option C on October 13 if the benchmarks remain positive; Option C on October 13 for secondary if the benchmarks remain positive.**

**Motion by David F Evans, second by Barb R Mozdzen.**

**Motion Carries**

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

**Nay: Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love**

#### 6. Information

##### 6.01 Social/Emotional Learning Update

This item was postponed to the September 9, 2020 board meeting.

#### 7. Comments

##### 7.01 Superintendent Comments

Dr. Casteel thanked Mr. Narducci and Dr. Gilbert for the many hours they have spent working through all the details of the various instructional models the past few months. It has been a challenge and we have received many emails and communications. She thanked the board for moving forward tonight and assured that administrators will pursue opportunities to help orient the students as they return to campus. Elementary principals are on board with phasing in students. All of the information, Q&A's, and procedures have been on the website, but it's a lot of information to absorb. Support Staff and administrators have been on duty since July. Teachers are knocking it out of the park. Parents have sent emails and comments for both sides of the issue. It's been very challenging to navigate. She closed by thanking the parents, teachers, and staff for believing in us.

**7. Comments (cont'd)**

7.02 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Barb Mozdzen thanked Frank Narducci, Dr. Craig Gilbert, and all staff for their hard work, acknowledging that many people have been involved with all of this. She also thanked all the community who have sent emails, confirming that she has spent hours reading them. She appreciates them expressing their thoughts and concerns, affirming that the board is listening. Have a great weekend.

**8. Adjournment**

8.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.