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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
November 18, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Sessions - 4:30 pm

1.01 COVID-19 / Virtual Instruction Discussion

Dr. Casteel opened by acknowledging all the emails received and assured everyone that the board and administration read all of them. Tonight the administration will present our plan and rationale for moving forward. The District is watching the State, County, and community levels and working closely with the Maricopa County of Public Health. For many, fatigue has set in for wearing masks and distancing. Dr. Casteel encouraged everyone to recommit to those mitigation strategies. The district is taking this very seriously and watching the data closely.

Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, shared county data and specific to zip code data within the Chandler School District, explaining the current District situation. We are transparent for our district. Larry Rother, Senior Executive Director for PK-12 Educational Services, explained the mitigation strategies currently in place and the updated CDC mask guidelines, encouraging parents to keep students at home if they are exhibiting signs of illness. He shared the updated dashboard and current data from CUSD. Dr. Gilbert shared the strategies for maintaining in-person learning. The data shows that the rates in the community do not mirror the rates in our schools. Social/emotional supports are more readily available in-person than online. He explained that we can control where students are when they are in school, but not when they are online or out of school. Research also shows that online school is more difficult for students in grades K-3. Frank Narducci, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, shared the plan to return to a virtual learning environment when a school reached a certain percentage level. Mr. Narducci explained the timeline and process for a temporary closure if a school hits the threshold of student/staff active COVID-19 cases.

Board members asked about the availability of substitutes and resources available to help students; strategies to relieve the stress of staff and families; procedures when someone tests positive; support for those feeling depression and anxiety (students and staff); ensuring a seamless experience from the classroom to virtual and maintaining the rigor level, and stated that the district must be prepared and remain flexible to flow for the benefit of students and staff. Barb Mozdzen mentioned that nation-wide studies show that the spreading of the virus is not happening at the same rate in schools as it is in communities. Lara Bruner and Lindsay Love do not feel this plan is adequate and would like to see the District in a hybrid mode.

1.02 Integrated Units

Dr. Jessica Edgar, Elementary Curriculum Director; Katie Moe, Assistant Director Chandler Online Academy/Elementary Connect; and Jena Phillips, Elementary Science Instructional Coach, presented on Integrated Units. Dr. Edgar shared the details, and the design including the five E components - Elaborate, Engage, Explain, Explore and Evaluate. Katie Moe explained the details of the Roadmap that teachers use for the units. Jena Phillips explained and demonstrated an actual lesson. Being that the models are created by CUSD staff and recommendations are suggested by the users (teachers), adjustments are easily made. They reported that the buy-in from teachers has been fantastic.

2. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

2.01 Roll Call

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

Dr. Camille Casteel, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Sandy cooper, Assistant Superintendent; 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, Senior Executive Director of PK-12 Educational Services; and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations; were present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / National Anthem

After the pledge, Tia Gramzinski introduced the recording of the National Anthem in Navajo.

3. Routine Business

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting 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

3.02 Approval and Ratification of Payroll and Expenditure Vouchers

Approval and Ratify Payroll for November 5, 2020 and Current Expenditures.

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

3.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

4. Presentation

4.01 Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

Tia Gramzinski, Native American liaison, introduced herself in Navajo and read the Native American Heritage Proclamation.

5. Consent Agenda

5.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for BHS and HHS are 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.

5.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$25,947.65.

5.03 Donations

Request approval of items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$3,488.16.

5.04 Emergency Procurement

Requested board ratification for the purchase order created to purchase Wet Ones for warehouse stock. The contracted vendor was unable to fulfill this order and due to Covid-19, it was deemed necessary to purchase these items to have available to staff. The Purchasing department reached out to multiple vendors searching for someone that could provide them in a timely yet fiscally responsible manner. This vendor was not on any contracts and was deemed an emergency purchase.

5. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 5.05 MOU Agreement between The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department and Chandler Unified School District #80
Requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC).
- 5.06 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Approve consent Agenda as presented.

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

- 6.01 Approve Publication of School Level Reporting 2019-2020
In the past, School Level Reporting was included with the Annual Financial Report submission but changes by the AZ Department of Education this year gives an extension until November 20 of this separate report. Requested approval of the School Level Reporting 2019-2020.

Approve publication of the School Level Reporting 2019-2020.

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 Determine District Representative for ASBA Annual Business Meeting
The Board was asked to approve one delegate and an alternate for the ASBA Annual Business Meeting to vote on the board's behalf.

Approve Barb Mozdzen as the delegate for Chandler Unified School District at ASBA's Annual Business Meeting on December 3, 2020.

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

Approve Lindsay Love as the alternate delegate for Chandler Unified School District at ASBA's Annual Business Meeting on December 3, 2020.

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

Motion Carries

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

7. Information Items

- 7.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports
Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July through October 2020 were provided.
- 7.02 Junior High School Course Catalog 2021-2022
The draft of the 2021-2022 Junior High School Course Catalog and a summary of the recommended additions were provided as Information. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 9, 2020 Board Meeting.

7. Information Items (cont'd)

7.03 High School Course Catalog 2021-2022

The draft of the 2021-2022 High School Course Catalog and a summary of the recommended additions were provided as Information. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 9, 2020 Board Meeting.

7.04 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board members discussed upcoming events and activities.

8. Comments

8.01 Citizen Comments

Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, summarized and presented the 387 Public Comments submitted online. The comments were provided in their entirety to board members as well as posted on the CUSD website.

Kurt Rohrs, parent, addressed curriculum concerns regarding philosophies on Marxism and Socialism, stating that trends are attributed to incorrect information presented on social media and felt the biggest concern in our country is Socialism.

8.02 Superintendent Comments

Dr. Casteel thanked students, staff, and community for their support with the Chandler CARE Center's annual Thanksgiving Family Assistance event last Saturday. In collaboration with our friends at AZCEND, we were able to help ensure 500 families had turkeys and accompaniments for their holiday meal. She wished the community a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday filled with the love of family and friends.

8.03 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Lindsay Love thanked Dr. Sallu and Tia Gramzinski for their presentation on the Native American Heritage and said she is proud to be a part of a District that can celebrate diversity in our community.

Lara Bruner also thanked Dr. Sallu and Tia Gramzinski and mentioned that there was good news that Prop 208 will provide a little more stability to district budgets. She also thanked staff who are risking family and health to serve our families and children.

Barb Mozdzen thanked teachers and staff for all they are doing and stated that students and families are also very appreciated for their efforts. She mentioned that she had read most of the emails and comments submitted and would finish reading the remainder this evening. She concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

9. Adjournment

9.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 am.