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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
July 14, 2021
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Sessions - 5:30 pm

1.01 Update on ESSER III

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, provided a detailed update on the budget explaining the loss of Average Daily Membership (ADM) dollars, Distance Learning and COVID19 Recovery. The Governor provided the Enrollment Stability Grant to help cover the ADM losses. Mrs. Berry shared how the ESSER I and ESSER II funds were spent to help with the distance learning expenses. She also explained the ESSER III plan requirements. Funds can be used for safe, in-person schooling, strong classroom instruction and to support students' mental and physical health. It also requires Community Outreach. Superintendent Frank Narducci detailed the 9 strategies that CUSD will address with stakeholder input and Mrs. Berry listed the next steps.

2. Public Hearing - 6:00 pm

2.01 Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 District Annual Proposed Expenditure Budget

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a public hearing on the 2021-2022 District Annual Proposed Expenditure Budget.

Legislative Updates:

- qualifying tax rate decreased \$3.6742 to \$3.5388
- proposed tax rate and history
- District Additional Assistance was fully restored
- GAP funding
- Special Education funding was increased
- Opportunity weight for underachievement
- Transportation support increased from \$2.74 to \$2.77
- Prop 301

Tax rate was \$6.4111 in 2020-21 and decreased to \$6.0708 in 2021-22 because of assessed values increasing. Mrs. Berry highlighted the non-levy funds and Federal & State Grants as well as new budget expenditures.

2.02 Public Hearing on Truth in Taxation Notice of Tax Increase

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a public hearing on the 2021-2022 Truth in Taxation Notice of Tax Increase to explain the Taxes.

3. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

3.01 Roll Call

Barb Mozdzen, Board President; Jason Olive, Board Vice President; Lara Bruner, Lindsay Love and Joel Wirth, Board Members, were present.

Frank Narducci, Interim 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; Larry Rother, Senior Executive Director of PK-12 Educational Services and Discipline; Leo Schlueter, Director of Elementary Education; Colleen Flannery, Executive Director for K-12 Technology; Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Accountability, Assessment and Research; Ken James, Executive Director of Administrative Services; Dr. Kym Marshall, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning; and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations; were present.

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

4. Routine Business

4.01 Approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

4.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

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Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

4.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

5. Comments

5.01 Citizen Comments

Kurt Rohrs - Curriculum - challenged the District to disengage with ASBA

Jamie Smith - CRT - Deep equity education is on tonight's agenda and posters in hallways at schools. Some teachers signed a petition that they will teach CRT regardless. CRT will take time away from core subjects. Create a positive environment and stop the divide.

Jeremy Wilson - Social Emotional Learning - Parents have figured out the game, you just change the wording - social emotional wording just got passed after CRT was banned. White privilege and guilt are taught; teach kids that they can achieve as long as they work for it.

Nicole Eidson - Priorities in 2025 Journey - Learned what CRT was on CUSD web with links - things like "white parents are ultimately the problem with today's schools". You should be promoting equal opportunity, not equal outcome.

Peter Marring - Kids I Coached with at Boys & Girls Club - Every child has intrinsic value, worth. Remember the Golden Rule.

Ryan Heap -New Legislation - Concerned about CRT in our community and nation. We all have intrinsic value. You just ratified a budget to participate in ASBA and continue to find loopholes to champion CRT. Board says they don't use CRT, but that is not true.

Stephanie Murphy - Concerns - thanked teachers who care and educate our children. Ensure that your personal, religious, and political beliefs are kept out of the classroom. Equality is what our country is founded on. We need a non-biased safe place where all children can reach their potential.

Ann Adams - Oath and Affidavit to uphold Law - Lindsay Love had a post that said she felt threatened; I have never seen violence from parents at meetings. Some of you feel CRT is right; Christians cannot bring Bible; Muslims cannot bring their book; so you should not bring CRT. Oath of office says you will uphold the constitution/state laws.

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.01 Monetary Gifts
Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$21,165.70.
- 6.02 Donations
Requested approval of items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$14,800.47.
- 6.03 2021-2022 ASBA Annual Membership Dues
Recommended approval of the 2021-2022 ASBA Annual Membership Dues at .025% of all budget items except capital outlay, but not more than \$10,368.00 or less than \$250.00.
- 6.04 2021-2022 IGA with CUSD and Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) for Dual Enrollment Courses
The Intergovernmental Agreement between CUSD and Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) for Dual Enrollment courses for the 2021-2022 school year was presented for approval. Board approval authorizes the Superintendent to take such further action and execute such documents to carry out the intention of this Agreement.
- 6.05 Basha High School's Institute of Cyber Operations & Networking (ICON) - Career & Technical Education (CTE) Network Security Program – Security Pro
Basha High School's Institute of Cyber Operations & Networking (ICON) will be adding Security Fundamentals and Ethics in IT course, CYB400, beginning SY21-22. This Career & Technical Education (CTE) course will be the third year of the Cyber program. The district recently moved through two textbook adoption processes for this course in accordance with A.R.S. 15-721 and CUSD Policies IJJ and IJJ-R and recommended Security Pro online curriculum by TestOut. The price is guaranteed for two years at \$2,650.00 per year for a total of \$5,167.00. Licenses will provide access for 50 students each year and will be funded through the District Textbook budget. Recommended approval.
- 6.06 Basha High School's Institute of Cyber Operations & Networking (ICON) - Career & Technical Education (CTE) Network Security program – Ethics in Technology
Basha High School's Institute of Cyber Operations & Networking (ICON) will be adding Security Fundamentals and Ethics in IT course, CYB400, beginning SY21-22. This Career & Technical Education (CTE) course will be the third year of the Cyber program. The district is recommending Ethics in Information Technology, 6th Edition textbook by Cengage which includes Printed Student Textbook, eBook 6-year license, and Online Instructor Resources. The cost for the curriculum is \$4,620.00 including shipping and process fee and will be funded through the District Textbook budget.
- 6.07 Approval of International Baccalaureate Print and Digital Resources
Chandler Unified School District has a long tradition of a strong International Baccalaureate program. Resources for IB courses come primarily from four publishers: IB Source, International Baccalaureate, Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press. Approval to purchase print and digital resources for these IB courses from the following publishers was requested:
- IB Source
 - International Baccalaureate
 - Oxford University Press
 - Cambridge University Press
 - Pamoja Education – Online Courses
- 6.08 Approval of 2021-2022 Curriculum and Resources
Chandler Unified School District uses curricula aligned to the Arizona State Standards in order to meet the diverse learning needs of students. The primary and supplementary curricula list for all grades and subjects for the 2021-2022 school year was presented for approval. These curricula may have been used in prior years or have been approved by the Governing Board through a Request for Information (RFI) process. Annually, the curricula list was presented to the Governing Board for approval. Additionally, Chandler Unified School District uses digital resources aligned to the Arizona State Standards in order to meet the diverse learning needs of students. The list of website subscriptions, online applications, and software used in the district were presented for approval for the 2021-2022 school year.

6. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

6.09 Central Kitchen High/Low Equipment Maintenance and Repair
This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

6.10 Special Education Day Schools
The District requested Board approval for a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,300,000 for all off-site day schools approved by the Arizona Department of Education. This request is made in order to be more efficient and assign students in a timelier fashion. The projected expenses for 2020-21 are currently at \$3,951,000. Recommended Board approval for a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,300,000 for special education day schools on an as-needed basis as determined by the Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning. This authorization is for services received between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 with reports provided to the Board for review on a quarterly basis.

6.11 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, Compensation, and Job Description.

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

7. Action Items

7.01 Approval of Truth in Taxation Increase for FY2021-2022

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the Truth in Taxation tax increase as outlined in the published notice. The notice was published on July 1, 2021, per Arizona Revised Statutes requirements identified in §15-905.01 and §15-1461.01.

Recommend approval of the Truth in Taxation tax increase as outlined in the notice. The notice was published on July 1, 2021, per Arizona Revised Statutes requirements identified in §15-905.01 and §15-1461.01.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Joel H Wirth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

7.02 Governing Board Override Election Pro Statement

Approve the Governing Board override election pro statement.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lindsay A Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

7.03 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. During the first half of each fiscal year the District incurs expenses, including payroll and insurance trust payments, which can exceed available revenue. When this occurs, the District experiences temporary operating or cash flow deficits. Tax Anticipation Notes are used to cover these deficits until sufficient property tax and state aid revenue is received by the District. The fiscal impact to the District is dependent upon the amount of Tax Anticipation Notes issued and the interest rate at time of issuance. Therefore, it was recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing the sale of Tax Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

6. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 7.03 To Consider and, If Deemed Advisable, Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes on Behalf of the District (cont'd)
Adopt a Resolution authorizing the sale of Tax Anticipation Notes in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lindsay A Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

- 7.04 Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget
In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes §15,905, §15-962, §15-1103 and §15-1107, the District has advertised the preliminary budget and requested the Board, after the public hearing, adopt the budget.

Adopt the 2021-2022 proposed budget as presented.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lindsay A Love.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

- 7.05 Purchase of School Buses for the 2021-2022 School Year
After annual review of the District's transportation fleet, the administration recommended the purchase of 28 additional buses to help meet the growing needs of our community and student population. A rubric was used to determine routes for the upcoming year, along with the number of working fleet and spares that will be available to accomplish the task of safely transporting over 13,000 students each day. All vehicles will be purchased through the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative which complies with all applicable procurement rules and were selected based on price, inventory, and life cycle costs.

Approve the purchase of 28 General Education 2022 Blue-Bird All American 84-passenger buses for student transportation for the total purchase price of \$5,113,308.54.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Joel H Wirth.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

8. Information Items

- 8.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports
Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2020 through June 2021 were provided for review.
- 8.02 4th Quarter Technology Report
Fourth quarter Technology reports were provided for information. One is the purchases made to vendors and the other is sites purchases of Technology from CUSD Warehouse.
- 8.03 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap
Board members discussed upcoming events.
- 8.04 Superintendent Comments
After a most difficult school year, Mr. Narducci, said there is much excitement about the new school year beginning one week from today. Schools and departments have worked diligently in preparation. Human Resources has hired over 170 highly qualified teachers, along with about an equal number of support staff for the schools. Transportation has reconfigured bus routes and bus stop locations, especially for the new ACP High School.

8. Information Items (cont'd)

8.04 Superintendent Comments (cont'd)

All children will be able to enjoy meals at school with no cost to families. The USDA has approved free meals for all students for the entire 2021-22 school year. This means all students can receive up to one breakfast and one lunch FREE each school day. Students do not need to apply or sign up to receive meals at no cost this year; simply go through the line in the cafeteria or at a grab n' go location to select a reimbursable meal. On that topic, the CUSD Food and Nutrition Department, run by Aramark, under the direction of Jenny Bracamonte, was recognized nationally for its Convenience Retail Concept in the K-12 arena earlier this month. It is called Provisions on Demand or more commonly known as PODs. The concept is a college type program, like in Student Unions, and available in the high schools. CUSD was one in ten recognized nationally.

Another great recognition is the counseling department at Casteel High School. They earned the highest recognition available by being named a RAMP school, Recognized ASCA Model Program, indicating the counseling department is rooted in data to create informed practices that directly respond to student needs. Principal Jayson Phillips is very proud as they were honored this week.

On a personal note, Mr. Narducci said how blessed and humbled he is to serve Chandler Unified School District as the interim superintendent for, what he knows is one of the best school district in the nation. It is an honor to serve our students, staff and community and build on the successes of our past leaders. Moving forward, energy, time and efforts will be focused on:

- providing a personalized, student-centered learning environment for students;
- creating robust and rigorous learning experiences that prepare students for an increasingly technology-driven workforce and World;
- engaging in research-based, high yield instructional strategies delivered by caring and qualified teachers in a nurturing environment;
- learning that taps into the passions and interests of our student learners for deeper engagement and application of academic skills and standards; and
- providing opportunities that address unfinished learning for all students.

To our families, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with students. To those who are new to CUSD, welcome. We have a rich tradition of over 100 years of Excellence in serving CUSD students. Together we are CUSD!

8.05 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Joel Wirth commented that he worked in public education and now as a board member. There is a large teacher shortage in Arizona and now they have a threat. Teachers are always required to follow law and he stated that fining them is not a good way to support them.

Lara Bruner thanked all the new teachers who showed up for orientation and those who organized it, stating it is a lot of work. She thanked San Marcos and Shumway Elementaries for contacting her today and thanked all teachers, support staff, for all they do, stating that she appreciates their passion.

Barb Mozdzen thanked everyone for coming out to attend the meeting this evening. The next meeting is August 11, 2021.

9. Adjournment