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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board Maricopa County, Arizona October 27, 2021 7:00 p.m.

1. Study Sessions - 5:30 pm

1.01 Intel/Dell/CUSD Community Partnership

Colleen Flannery, Executive Director of K-12 Technology Services, and Shaun Creighton, Assistant Director, presented information regarding the new partnership between Intel, Dell, and Chandler Unified School District, beginning with the early design stages and concluded with the desired outcomes. Larry Rother, Intel, and Michael Franklin, CHS principal, participated. Leah Rogers and Tom Osmun, Dell, joined electronically to share details about the partnership. Dell and Intel donated \$1.6M to purchase devices for this 1:1 project. Michael Franklin shared the survey results from teachers, students and families and the excitement amongst teachers for this project.

1.02 International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Leo Schlueter, Director of Elementary Education, introduced Andersen Elementary Principal, Kristen Kinghorn, and a team of teachers to present information regarding the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme beginning at Andersen Elementary. The team talked about the learner of the 21st Century, enrollment decline, core values, which lead them to exploring the International Baccalaureate Programme. The elementary program will create a pathway to the Middle Years Programme and the Diploma Programme at CHS. Authorization is an intensive process that lasts at least two years and includes site visits.

2. Foreign Exchange Student Reception - 6:30 pm

2.01 Foreign Exchange Student Reception

The 2021-22 Foreign Exchange students introduced themselves and their host families announcing their home country and elaborating on their experiences in the Chandler School District.

3. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

3.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci, Interim Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Leo Schlueter, Director of Elementary Education; Dan Serrano, Director of Student Conduct and Support; 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. Dr. Wendy Nance, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, was excused.

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

4. Routine Business

- 4.01 <u>Approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting</u> Motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.
- 4.02 <u>Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers</u> Payroll for 2021-2022 Year: Voucher 1022 Payroll for 10/21/2021

Accounts Payable for 2021-2022 Year: Vouchers 3071-3076 10/07/2021 Check# 1800038589-1800038767 Voucher 3077 10/08/2021 Check# 1800038768 Vouchers 3078-3082 10/14/2021 Check# 1800038769-1800038880

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers.

Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Lara E Bruner. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Aye: Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth Not Present at Vote: Barb R Mozdzen

4.03 <u>Correspondence</u> No correspondence presented.

5. Public Hearing

5.01 Bond and Override Update

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a public hearing regarding Chandler Unified School District's current status of the 2017 Override, 2015 and 1029 Bonds. She reviewed the history, explaining that Overrides do not stack on each other, but one replaces the previous one and outlined the projects completed from the 2015 Bond and expenditures to-date from the 2019 Bond.

6. Report / Information

6.01 <u>Student Body President Report</u>

Havana Baez, Student Body President, introduced the Student Government Officers for the 2021-22 school year and gave an update of events and activities at Casteel High School.

7. Presentation

7.01 Read On Chandler Presentation

Joanne Floth, Director of Read on Chandler, introduced Jenny Volpe, Make Way for Books, who presented details of a program to bring Story School to preschool students in the San Marcos community over the next three years. This was made possible by a \$345,000 grant funded by the Arizona Community Foundation.

8. Comments

8.01 <u>Citizen Comments</u>

Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, summarized eight comments presented online. They can be accessed in their entirety at https://www.cusd80.com/Page/115800.

Kurt Rohrs - CRT - Addressed the recent change in Policies removing language stating parents do not want this, community doesn't want this. He encouraged CUSD to disengage from NSBA as many other districts have done.

Nicole Eidson - SEL - Is a second step learning for social/emotional curriculum. Culturally Responsive Teaching, new title - same message. Stop divisive teaching.

Melanie Rettler - Spoke against the vaccine, especially in children.

Phil Campbell - A Difference of Will - The will of the left is hinged on a superior will; Liberalism is ideology of suicide.

Jenn Mellentine - AzMerit scores - Poor performance needs correction more than marketing. Provide kids with quality education.

8. Comments (cont'd)

8.01 <u>Citizen Comments</u> (cont'd)

Ruth Jones - test scores - Don't need an override until you can teach children to read and write. Stop thinking about yourselves and think about the students on the bubble.

Ann Adams - ASBA & NSBA - Tax dollars should focus on the core subjects for children. Continue to respect parent rights; support teachers and staff. Respectfully request that no tax funds go to ASBA or NSBA. Don't like the politics in education. Get back to basics; respect individual rights as parents. *Brandy Reese* - School Curriculum - Not a teacher but heard from educators - teachers are tired and demoralized. Tell lawmakers to back off; schools are not a political pawn. Fully fund schools.

9. Consent Agenda

9.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for BHS, CCHS, HHS, and PHS were provided. Following Governing Board pre-approval, the Superintendent (designee) will monitor trip arrangements before providing final approval.

9.02 <u>Monetary Gifts</u> Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$5,595.02.

9.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$10,444.33.

9.04 <u>Human Resources</u>

Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lara E Bruner. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

10. Action Items

10.01 Elementary School Playground Refresh

On February 24, 2021, the Governing Board approved the guaranteed maximum price for Phase I. As Phase I is nearing completion, it is time to move forward with Phase II. The schools involved with Phase II are as follows:

- Basha Elementary
- Bogle Junior High (SpecialEd)
- Bologna
- Conley
- Hull

- Jacobson
- CTA Liberty
- Santan Elementary
- Sanborn
- Tarwater

Core Construction is the general contractor of record and has submitted a guaranteed maximum price of \$4,423,938.00. The district has evaluated this guaranteed maximum price and find it fair and reasonable in the current market.

Approve Core Construction for a guaranteed maximum price of \$4,423,938.00 for the Phase II playground refresh at ten schools.

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

10.02 Chandler Unified School District partnership with Intel and Dell Technology

In March 2021, Chandler Unified School District was approached to participate in a three-way partnership with Intel, Dell and CUSD. The partnership resulted in a proof of concept that would bring best practices and an integrated solution to education technology. The proof of concept would address the digital divide, IT resourcing, finances, and student needs. As the part of the proof of concept, the district would like to

10. Action Items (cont'd)

10.02 <u>Chandler Unified School District partnership with Intel and Dell Technology</u> (cont'd) implement a 1:1 program at Chandler High School and CUSD will need to purchase 4,000 devices from Dell Technologies. The cost is \$737.77 per device for a total of \$2,951,085.11. This proof of concept includes a \$1.6 million donation in hardware and services from Intel and Dell Technologies. The purchase will be made using the State of Arizona contract number ADSP016-098163 which complies with all school procurement rules.

Approve \$2,951,085.11 for the purchase of 4,000 devices from Dell Technologies.

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

- 10.03 <u>Flooring at Andersen Junior High School, Bogle Junior High School and Knox Gifted Academy</u> Recommend flooring at Andersen Junior High School (AJHS), Bogle Junior High School (BJHS) and Knox Gifted Academy (KGA) be replaced this upcoming summer break. The cost per campus is as follows:
 - AJHS = \$284,396.11
 - BJHS = \$324,966.01
 - KGA = \$188,509.41
 - Total contract amount = \$797,871.53

The district would contract with Wholesale Floors through 1GPA contract 18-19PV which complies with all State procurement rules.

Approve Wholesale Floors for the flooring project at Andersen Junior High School, Bogle Junior High School and Knox Gifted Academy in the amount of \$797,871.53.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lara E Bruner. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

10.04 Café Renovation Perry High School and Arizona College Prep Middle School

The food and nutrition department would like to renovate/upgrade the cafés at Perry High School and Arizona College Prep Middle School. The District is using Chasse Building Team for this project. Their services will be procured through a 1GPA purchasing cooperative, which complies with all school procurement requirements. The District and Chasse Building Team have negotiated a contract amount of \$620,625.00, which is a fair and reasonable price. The food and nutrition department will fund this project through their operations budget.

Approve Chasse Building Team proposal for the café dining room renovations/ upgrades at Perry High School and AZ College Prep Middle School in the amount of \$620,625.00.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lara E Bruner. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth

10.05 Café Renovation Basha High School and Casteel High School

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10. Action Items (cont'd)

10.05 <u>Café Renovation Basha High School and Casteel High School</u> (cont'd) Approve Chasse Building Team for the café renovation/upgrades at Basha and Casteel High Schools in the amount of \$577,496.00.

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

10.06 Purchase of Activity Buses

After reviewing the District's student transportation fleet, administration is recommending the purchase of five (5) additional activity buses for a total of \$419,665.61 to help meet the growing needs of routes, sports, clubs and school activities. With the challenges Chandler, and the rest of the nation, are facing attracting CDL drivers, activity buses give us the flexibility to support our district's needs with non-CDL drivers. These five 14-passenger activity buses are less costly to maintain and operate as well. All vehicles will be purchased through the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative contract 18F-CSBS-0904 - Canyon State Bus Sales which complies with all applicable procurement rules and were selected based on price, inventory, and life cycle costs.

Approve the purchase five (5) activity buses for a total of \$419,665.61.

Motion by Joel H Wirth, 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

 10.07 <u>2022 National School Boards Association National Connection Fees</u> Presented the National School Boards Association (NSBA) National Connection Fees for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2022 for \$8,620 for approval.

Approve the National School Boards Association (NSBA) National Connection Fees for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2022 for \$8,620.

Motion by Lara E Bruner, second by Joel H Wirth. Final Resolution: Motion Fails Aye: Lindsay A Love Nay: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth Abstain: Lara E Bruner

11. Information Items

- 11.01 <u>1st Quarter Technology Report</u> The Technology Reports for the purchases made from vendors and for technology purchases made through the District warehouse were presented for Information.
- 11.02 <u>Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports</u> Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2021 through September 2021 were provided for review. Also, the Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2021 and August 2021 were presented.
- 11.03 <u>Private Day Tuition Expenditures 1st Quarter of 21-22</u> The list of private day school tuition expenditures for the 1st quarter of the 2021-22 school year were provided
- 11.04 <u>CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap</u> Board members discussed upcoming events and activities.

11. Information Items (cont'd)

11.05 Superintendent Comments

Frank Narducci thanked the host families of our foreign exchange students and specifically board member Mr. Olive and his family for providing a wonderful experience for these students. Tarwater students had a unique experience earlier today. They were able to communicate with United States Astronaut Shane Kimbrough as he was aboard the International Space Station. This once-in-a-lifetime experience involved alot of coordination to live stream with the space station at exactly 11:31 am. Students had 10 minutes to ask questions. Principal Hale and a partnership including Amateur Radio on the ISS and NXP Ham Radio Club coordinated this event. A special thank you to NXP Ham Radio Club volunteers and our very own Michael Holland and the Chandler Education TV crew. The event will be archived on Chandler Unified YouTube Channel. Additionally, articles written by Tarwater students will appear in local publications. Tarwater was the only school in Arizona selected to participate this year. Tarwater students and staff will be invited to a future board meeting to discuss the preparation and the actual experience.

The Student Services Center recently earned All-Star Status by the Arizona Department of Education Exceptional Student Services Division. All-Star Status is given to districts that meet or exceed the statewide participation and engagement rates. CUSD's class of 2020 students with disabilities exceeded the statewide participation rate with a 91% participation rate and 82.5% engagement rate, which also exceeds the state rate meaning that our students were meeting their transition plans beyond high school. In large part, this is due to our transition specialists at each high school and their ability to connect with families and students to check in on them a year later.

Additionally, we have been actively participating with the Center for the Future of Arizona in a program called Participatory Budgeting. The program was recognized yesterday with a 2021 ASU President's Award and Renee Sweeden attended the event. Chandler Unified is the second district to partner with the Center for the Future of Arizona Schools. The Participatory Budget project enables students to decide together how to spend public money. These participatory budgeting processes deepen democracy, build stronger communities, and make public budgets more equitable and effective.

With the holidays right around the corner, our Chandler CARE Center is busy preparing for its Thanksgiving Family Assistance program scheduled for Saturday, November 20th. We are accepting donations of whole frozen turkeys, 2-pound bags of rice and dry pinto beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, cake mix and frosting, instant mashed potatoes, side dishes and paper goods as they prepare to give families the makings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Narducci expressed his appreciation for all the school efforts in this collection.

Mr. Narducci also thanked the Chandler Community for their generous giving to the Chandler Education Foundation's annual Cash for Classrooms campaign. Time has been spent the past few weeks with Jen Hewitt, Executive Director of the Foundation, awarding grants to increase engagement in learning. He also thanked the groups for the two presentations during the Study Session: 1) Technology partnership with Intel and Dell for CHS and 2) the IB Primary Years Program. There are many exciting things happening for CUSD students.

11.06 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Jason Olive commented on the Foreign Exchange Student reception earlier this evening, stating it would be nice to send CUSD students abroad as exchange students. The experience puts things into perspective. The State Department has promoted the program since the 1950's.

Barb Mozdzen acknowledged these experiences create lasting friendships.

Joel Wirth addressed the Override by stating there are misunderstandings and clarified this is not an increase in taxes, it is a continuation. Many property taxes in Chandler are less than last year. *Barb Mozdzen* thanked Mr. Olive for starting the meeting until she could arrive.

12. Adjournment

12.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.