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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
September 28, 2022
7:00 p.m.

1. Executive Session – 4:00 pm

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session-Student Discipline

Motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843, for the purpose of reviewing the hearing officer's decision regarding student discipline.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Lara E Bruner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love

1.02 Adjourn from Executive Session

Motion to adjourn from executive session.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Lara E Bruner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Study Sessions - 5:00 pm

2.01 Proposed 2022-23 Metrics for Journey 2025

Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability and Research, presented the proposed Journey 2025 Metrics for School Year 2022-23 as discussed and developed with the Governing Board highlighting the changes from last year.

2.02 Annual Financial Report (AFR) Presentation

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report in detail. This is a measuring tool for Journey 2025, is used to create financial statements for auditors, reviews the financial health of the district, and helps make calculations for the following year. CUSD is the second largest district in Arizona, spending \$550 million or \$12,981 per student. We need to maintain a contingency in order to meet the needs when the district declines. It is important to continue to use data to help plan for the future.

Board members asked about the Food and Nutrition department since some of the extra federal dollars have gone away. Mrs. Berry confirmed that the revenue will decline because of less federal dollars. It was also suggested that the district continues to look for efficiencies in the transportation department with additional costs for fuel.

Community member asked what system is used for accounting. Lana responded that excel and other systems are used but they all roll into Visions software system to track expenditures and the budget.

3. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

3.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Jessica Edgar, Executive Director for PK-12 Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Kym Marshall, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning; Heather Anguiano, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, East Region; Tom Dunn, Executive Director of Support Services; Dr. Jeff Filloon, Executive Director of Human Resources; Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication; Ken James, Executive Director of Junior High Schools; Leo Schlueter, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, West Region; Dan Serrano, Executive Director of High Schools; and Terry Locke, Ombudsman, were present. Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Research, was excused after the study session. Dr. Wendy Nance, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Community Services, was excused.

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

4. Routine Business

4.01 Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Lindsay A Love, 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

4.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Payroll for 2022-2023 Year:

Voucher 1017 Payroll 09/08/2022

Voucher 1018 Payroll 09/22/2022

Accounts Payable for 2022-2023 Year:

Vouchers 4047-4051 09/08/2022 Check# 1800047139-1800047349

Voucher 4052 09/12/2022 Check# 1800047350

vouchers 4053-4057 09/15/2022 Check# 1800047351-1800047522

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Motion by Lindsay A Love, 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

4.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

5. Report / Information

5.01 Student Body President Report

Patrick Green, Student Body President, introduced the Student Government Officers presented an update of events and activities at Basha High School.

6. Comments

6.01 Citizen Comments

There were no comments presented online. Terry Locke, Community Relations Ombudsman, called speakers for the citizens comments.

6. Comments (cont'd)

6.01 Citizen Comments (cont'd)

Kurt Rohrs - Vocational Instruction - Encouraged the development of a plan and purpose to expand CTE for more focus on a particular training and close interactive relationships with businesses.

Wendy DeTata - Suicide Prevention - Encouraged the district to get to the prevention and root cause for why we are losing children to suicide. Students need to be allowed to lead the charge.

Dawn Shim - LGBTQ Students - Policy IHA, IHAMB, and KB are harmful to LGBTQ students and charged board members to fight the bill before it becomes drastic. High School students across the state will hold a walk out tomorrow.

Frank Narducci explained that statutes are law and districts have to work with policies to ensure the law is followed. All students are protected all the time in CUSD - that means every group. Schools will work with individual students and parents.

7. Consent Agenda

7.01 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$24,260.41.

7.02 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$1,144.99.

7.03 Contract Increase - Athletic Apparel and Equipment

BSN Sports recently acquired Eastbay Sports. Previously the vendors were on two separate contracts but due to the acquisition all purchases will now be through the BSN Sports contract. The District requested Board approval to increase the total amount to \$450,000.00 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

7.04 1GPA - JOC Mechanical Services

The District is requesting Board approval to utilize the new 1GPA Contract awarded to Midstate Mechanical with estimated expenditures totaling \$350,000.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

7.05 District Office Furniture Refresh

Requested approval to purchase furniture from School Source AZ Inc. totaling \$298,471.35 utilizing 1GPA contract 19-02PV-10 to replace furniture over 20 years old in administrative, accounting, purchasing, research, and support staff offices.

7.06 Policy GBGCB - Staff Health and Safety Revisions

Recommended approval to changes made to Policy GBGCB - Staff Health and Safety preventing a school district from requiring COVID-19 vaccinations or any variant of COVID-19 and prohibits from imposing a mask or face covering requirement anywhere on district premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

7.07 Student Health Policy Revisions

Recommended adopting the policies as presented:

- Policy JLCB - Immunizations of Students
Immunization for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 is not required for school attendance.
- Policy JLCC - Communicable Infectious Diseases
May not require a minor to wear a mask or face covering without parental or guardian consent.
- Policy JLDA - School Counselors and Psychologists
Excludes a school psychologist - who is certified by ADE to use that title and is either employed by or contracted to provide services in an educational institution setting that services pupils in prekindergarten or kindergarten programs or the 1st-12th grades - from licensure requirements prescribed by the Board of Psychologist Examiners if the services are a part of that person's contract with the educational institution setting.

7. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

7.08 Instructional Program Policy Revisions

Recommended adopting policies as presented:

- Policy IHA - Basic Instructional Program
Requires that schools dedicate some portion of September 11, or an adjoining non-weekend day, to teaching, in an age-appropriate fashion, about the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
- Policy IHAMB - Family Life Education
Prohibiting school districts and charter schools from referring students to or using any sexually explicit material in any manner, except as part of sex education instruction as permitted by 15-711.
- Policy KB - Parental Involvement in Education
Requires schools to provide access to parents to the school's library collection of available books and materials. Parents may receive a list of books and materials borrowed from the library by their children.

7.09 Instructional and Student Policy Revisions

Recommended adopting policies as presented:

- IKF - Graduation Requirements
Increases the number of questions a student must correctly answer on the required civics test identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test to 70, from 60, beginning with the graduating class of 2026.
- IMB - Teaching About Controversial Sensitive Issues
Enables parents to sue "governmental entities" for usurping the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children.
- IMD - School Ceremonies and Observances
School districts and charter schools must set aside 1 to 2 minutes at the beginning of each day for silence.
- JF - Student Admissions
Modifies eligibility, application, and reporting requirements for a certificate of educational convenience ("CEC").
- JICFA - Hazing
Criminalized Hazing. Hazing is a class 1 misdemeanor unless the victim dies and then it is a class 4 felony.
- JJIB - Interscholastic Sports
Requires that each school district and charter school designate their interscholastic or intramural sports based on the biological sex of the students who participate on the team or in the sport.

7.10 Policy JRR - Student Surveys Revisions

Recommended adopting policy JRR - Student Surveys as presented. This policy governs district or charter school administration of student surveys relating to fourteen (14) specific topics and to provide parents a copy of any 15-117 survey and obtain informed consent from the parent at least seven (7) days before administering the survey.

7.11 KI - Visitors to Schools Policy Revisions

Recommended adopting Policy KI - Visitors to Schools as presented with the legal requirement for districts to provide procedures for both parents of enrolled and parents wishing to enroll their children the opportunity to schedule a tour, visit, or classroom observation.

7. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 7.12 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Lara E Bruner, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Lindsay A Love

Ms. Love clarified her no vote as specifically against ASBA's recommended Policies IHAMB, KB, IMB, JJIB, JJR and cannot in good conscience vote yes to these changes. When LGBTQ students are outed to their parents, they run the risk of being kicked out of their homes into homelessness, which presently makes up 40-45% of the homeless population in Maricopa County, placing them at disproportionate risk of being sex trafficked. All because the State Legislature does not want our students to know about the systems that have historically oppressed marginalized people, while using the education system to continue to do harm to our marginalized students by proposing legislation that targets them. The Legislature is putting more money to SROs to promote school safety and whatever is leftover goes to school social workers and counselors. At some point, school boards have to take a stand and defend our kids. Why should any parent or voter trust us if we stay quiet? This is me, as a school board member, speaking to our students and saying enough. With that, I whole-heartedly vote no.

8. Action Items

- 8.01 Approve Publication of the 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report
Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) §15-904 requires school districts to prepare and submit an Annual Financial Report (AFR) by October 15.

Also, in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-904, by November 15, 2022, the district's Governing Board must approve to publish the Annual Financial Report on the AZ Department of Education (ADE) website. The affidavit of publication must be filed with ADE within 30 days after publication but not later than December 15, 2022.

Approve publication of the 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report.

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

- 8.02 Resolution Supporting a FY2023 Aggregate Expenditure Limit Override
Recommended approval of the Governing Board Resolution supporting the override of the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit for FY2023 and urges Governor Ducey to call the Legislature into a special session to approve an override before the end of the calendar year.

Constitutional limit set in the 1980's. Asks the governor to call a special session. This is not an increase, just request to utilize the funds that were already voted on. \$62M for CUSD Permanent fix must be on the ballot for voter approval.

Recommend approval of the Governing Board Resolution supporting the override of the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit for FY2023

Motion by Lindsay A Love, 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

9. Information Items

9.01 Instructional Program Policy Revisions

Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) has recommended changes to the following policies:

- Policy IJL and New Regulation IJL-R - Library Materials Selection and Adoption
Adopt procedures that provide parents access to a school's library collection and a list of books and materials their child borrows. For books and materials purchased after January 1, 2023, the law creates a public review period that requires districts and charter schools to notify parents at least seven (7) days before the public review period begins and ends. The law also requires the Superintendent to place new books and materials on the websites for a minimum of sixty (60) days.

9. Information Items

9.01 Instructional Program Policy Revisions

- Policy IJNC, New Regulation IJNC-R, New Exhibit IJNC-E - Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries

Adopt procedures that provide parents access to a school's library collection and a list of books and materials their child borrows. This is not required by law until January 1, 2023.

Chandler School District recommended adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. These changes were presented as Information and approval of the policies will be requested at the October 19, 2022 board meeting. Regulations and exhibits do not require board approval.

9.02 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board members discussed upcoming events and activities.

9.03 Superintendent Comments

School has been in session for 11 weeks. Students and staff alike are ready for fall break. The District Office and other programs will be working with a full crew, as well as schools are open for normal business hours.

On a sad note, former Superintendent Dr. Howard Conley passed away last week. His service will be held Saturday, October 1st, at 2:00 pm at the Mountain View Lutheran Church in Ahwatukee. In lieu of flowers, his family is encouraging donations in his name to the Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) or the Chandler Compadres. Dr. Conley finished his last 20 years in education as the Principal at Chandler High School, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education, and his final five years as Superintendent from 1991-1996. Mr. Narducci had the amazing opportunity to open Howard K Conley Elementary School in 1996 as the 14th elementary school, when the district had 13,800 students. It was an honor and privilege to be able to work with the Conley community and establish a special learning environment that still continues today. Retired Superintendent Dr. Casteel and Mr. Narducci have enjoyed lunches with the Conley's through the years. He was a great leader.

Chandler Unified School District is proud to announce that 56 CUSD students have been named National Merit semifinalists this year. They are among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide out of more than 1.6 million students. National Merit semifinalists represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors and include the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Students who qualify as semifinalists, based on their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), are the only program participants who have an opportunity to advance to the finalist level and compete for National Merit Scholarships. In May, 7,500 finalists will be chosen to win the scholarship. Best of luck, CUSD students!

Two Frye Elementary teachers were honored this month by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Kimberly Ray and Angelica Abbey were named Arizona Diamondbacks Most Valuable Teachers in STEM and were awarded \$1,000 for classroom supplies. In addition, Angelica Abbey was named one of Walt Disney World's 50 Most Innovative Teachers in the country, earning an all-expenses paid trip to Orlando to learn about Disney's Imagination Campus and will be featured live on Good Morning America.

The Arizona Masonry Council will be recognizing Chandler Unified School District at their 31st Annual Excellence in Masonry Architectural Awards Banquet on Friday night in Scottsdale for the architectural design of Arizona College Prep High School.

9. Information Items (cont'd)

9.03 Superintendent Comments (cont'd)

Weinberg Gifted Academy learned it is a 2022 U.S. Blue Ribbon School. Weinberg Gifted Academy is the only school in the East Valley, one of only 6 schools in Arizona and one of 280 schools out of all public, charter and private schools in our Nation to receive the distinction from the U.S. Department of Education. Blue Ribbon status is the pinnacle of recognition for a school. This reflects the strong leadership of Principal Jennifer Nusbaum and the culture of learning and excellence that the staff, students and parents created and engage in at WGA. Weinberg Elementary campus was converted to a gifted academy when Rice Elementary opened nearby two years ago and the school hit the ground running. Congratulations to everyone involved. Next will be a trip to Washington, D.C. in early November to officially accept this prestigious award on the national stage.

Hot off the press - Mr. Narducci just received word that Rachna Nath, has just received the Educator of the Year award by Arizona BIO. She has been highly awarded over the years and continues to develop new ideas and student innovators. Congratulations to Rachna.

9.04 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Joel Wirth expressed his disappointment in legislative decisions to micromanage school districts and force their political beliefs on school districts.

Jason Olive agreed with Joel regarding local control. He asked Mr. Narducci how much it would cost to train staff on the new policies? Mr. Narducci responded that it is taking every school district a lot of time, energy, and effort to get communications out and to make sure that the communications do work for the benefit of every student in our district. We are here to educate and take care of students and sometimes the focus is lost. There are a lot of things placed on schools, and if you believe in local control, districts do what is best for their students. We will support our students, listen to their needs, and move forward.

Lara Bruner explained her yes vote on the Consent Agenda. When sworn in as a board member, you take an oath to support the Constitution and laws of Arizona. Things seem to be politically driven rather than what is best for students and families, and decisions should be made in local communities. Lara encouraged the District administration to include their guidance in whatever levels possible while creating regulations for the new policies. She believes that all have the children's best interest at heart.

Lara expressed her congratulations to Rachna Nath, as well. She has visited Rachna and seen first-hand how she pours a massive amount of time into students. She also congratulated WGA for the Blue-Ribbon designation. Lara thanked the District folks who made the financial aid night happen. There were many families present. Frank didn't mention about pie in the face, but he took a pie to his face to support the Chandler CARE Center for over \$41,000 raised. The CARE Center provides services directly to students and families in need. ACP youth night was a blast. The Ascension event was a success including community and district folks on the topic of mental health.

Frank Narducci stated that a national speaker was scheduled the same night as Ascension but was moved to October so there would be no conflict in events.

Lindsay Love thanked the AZ students for mental health for putting the Ascension event together. That film is very important for how to work with school districts to make changes in conjunction with community partners.

Barb Mozdzen acknowledged the CARE Center for the wonderful services they provide to families in need - food bank, health care, early childhood programs, etc. People in our community volunteer to provide services and we appreciate their efforts.

10. Adjournment

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.