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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
June 28, 2023
7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

1.01 Roll Call

Jason Olive, Board President; Barb Mozdzen, Board Vice President; Kurt Rohrs, and Patti Serrano, Board Members, were present. Joel Wirth joined by phone.

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

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

2. Routine Business – 7:02 pm

2.01 Approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M. Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano

2.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Payroll for 2022-2023 Year:

Voucher 1070 Payroll 06/15/2023

Accounts Payable for 2022-2023 Year:

Vouchers 4270-4274 06/08/2023 Check# 1800055069-1800055298

Vouchers 4275-4278 06/15/2023 Check# 1800055316-1800055466

2. Routine Business (cont'd)

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano

2.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

3. Report / Information – 7:03 pm

3.01 Superintendent Current Events

It is still June, but we are ramping up in anticipation of the new school year! In fact, one week from today, July 5th, is when new teachers report. Returning teachers return the following week and then the day we all circled is July 19, the first day of school for our students. Be sure to check your school website for other back-to-school information like Meet the Teacher.

For families looking for quality before and after school enrichment for the upcoming school year, I would like to point out opportunities through our Community Education Department. Staff are here all summer to assist and registration is available online. We would encourage families to take advantage of the quality programs.

We are so grateful for our community partnerships. One of our longstanding partnerships is with the non-profit For Our City. This great organization is hosting their annual Operation Back to School on July 15 at Compass Church from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event is now in its 10th year! Operation Back to School provides thousands of students with backpacks, school supplies, shoes, socks, underwear, and school uniforms to help ensure a smooth start to the school year. We have several of our staff working to prepare for this event.

I would like to remind the public that our Food and Nutrition Department will continue to offer FREE meals through July 18 with our summer meals program. Breakfast and lunch are served at Chandler High, Willis Junior High and San Marcos Elementary. Prior registration is NOT needed and there is NO income requirement. Anyone under 18 is encouraged to come and enjoy a healthy nutritious meal!

Finally, a special thank you and congratulations on your retirement and it's your last Board Meeting to our behind the scenes, make everything work Mr. Michael Holland. Michael has worked for Chandler Unified School District for the past 26 years. If he can come out from the media room, his media productions are Emmy winners, he was celebrated as the Chandler Chamber's Support Staff member of the year and has had incredible service to our district and community through his media outreach.

Also, our own Ms. Donna Nigh is retiring after serving 18 years in the Superintendent's office. Donna, you have supported many Board members and two Superintendents, and I know Dr. Casteel would agree that you do amazing work and helped us look good too. You have been an amazing support to the two of us, our board and district staff over the years. We wish you all the best life has to offer and many years of health and happiness to come!

I would also like to welcome Mrs. Veronica King who built this meeting and will assume the role of Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board. Veronica has had a very successful career serving Los Angeles Public Schools, and 17 years at Chandler Unified serving our school sites and most recently 9 years as Administrative Assistant over Human Resources and Professional Development.

4. **Comments – 7:14 pm**

4.01 Citizen Comments

Zeyna Pryzhanovsky – Budget Overrides – Thanked teachers and Bus Drivers. Appreciation for Career Fairs at schools. Kudos to those who vote for overrides.

5. **Consent Agenda – 7:15**

5.01 Monetary Gifts

Request approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$4,869.14.

5.02 Bank Account Signatories

Request approval of the Resolution for the Chandler Unified School District to designate banking account custodians, signatories and student activity fund treasurer and assistant treasurer. The District's listing of bank accounts and authorized signers has been updated and were presented.

5.03 Human Resources Policy Revisions

Request approval of the Resolution for the Chandler Unified School District to designate banking account custodians, signatories and student activity fund treasurer and assistant treasurer. The District's listing of bank accounts and authorized signers has been updated and were presented.

These changes were presented as Information at the June 14, 2023, board meeting. Request approval.

5.04 Student Policy Revisions

Attorneys have reviewed the Student Suspension policies and have recommended a minor wording change in policies JKD - Student Suspension and JKE - Expulsion of Students. To bring consistency to the working of the two policies, it is recommended to change "school days" to "business days".

Chandler Unified School District is recommending a minor change to Policy JJIE - Drug Use in School Activities (Random Drug Testing). As it is not the district's practice to test for alcohol, it is recommended to remove "alcohol testing" from the policy.

These changes were presented as Information at the June 14, 2023, board meeting. Requested approval.

5.05 Chronic Health Policy Revisions

Chandler School District recommends updating Policy JHD - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance to avoid the potential that a HIPAA violation may occur and to ensure regulation and exhibits follow state statute A.R.S. 15-346. Parents and staff have prescriptive processes to ensure all parties have clarity when considering a student eligible as a student with a chronic illness which prevents them from attending school on a regular basis. Procedures were updated to reflect changes to the process at the site level, certification of chronic illness by a medical provider, parents' agreement, and homework plan.

These changes were presented at the June 14, 2023, board meeting. Requested approval.

5.06 Foster Care Policy Revisions

ASBA is recommending revisions to Policy JFABDA - Admission of Students in Foster Care and Regulation JFABDA-R to include definitions and Best Interest Determination - Children in Custody of DCS.

This policy and regulation are being updated to conform with SB 1205: that educating students in foster care is a collaboration between schools, child welfare agencies and ADE. Mandated collaboration includes assigning a district point of contact for children in foster care and notifying ADE of the district's point of contact assignee. Definitions of "children in foster care", "school of origin", and "best interest determination" were amended, or added, to reflect U.S. Department of Education Non-Regulatory Guidance regarding students in foster care.

These changes were presented as Information at the June 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Requested approval.

5. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

5.07 Approval of Resolution to Appoint District Authorized Representative to the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc.

Article 14 of the Agreement between Chandler Unified School District and the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust requires that the District appoint an employee of the District as the Authorized Representative to the Trust for the purpose of acting as the District's representative in all matters pertaining to the Agreement between the District and the Trust.

It is hereby requested that Lana Berry be authorized to represent the District in all matters pertaining to the Agreement between the Trust and the District. The Resolution for Board was presented for approval.

5.08 Approval of Resolution to Appoint District Authorized Representative to the Arizona School Alliance for Workers' Compensation, Inc.

Article 20.1 of the Agreement between Chandler Unified School District and the Arizona School Alliance for Workers' Compensation, Inc, (Alliance) requires that the District appoint an employee of the District as the Authorized Representative to the Alliance for the purpose of acting as the District's representative in all matters pertaining to the Agreement between the District and the Alliance.

It is hereby requested that Lana Berry be authorized to represent the District in all matters pertaining to the Agreement between the Alliance and the District. The Resolution was presented for Board approval.

5.09 Diploma Seals

The Arizona State Board of Education has approved four diploma seals that recognize high school students who achieve proficiency in fine arts, civic literacy, world language, and personal finance. Students are recognized with a seal on their diploma and a notation on their transcripts.

The application process requires documentation that the LEA governing board has approved participation in the State Seal of Arts Proficiency program. Further information about the Diploma Seals was presented. Recommend participation.

5.10 Secondary Curriculum - Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to Sociology will be a new elective offered to students in the 2023-2024 academic year. The Introduction to Sociology text has been vetted by teachers, department chairs, and academic coaches. The committee is recommending the following textbook to move forward in the textbook adoption process:

Cengage's Sociology: The Essentials, 10th edition, written by Margaret Andersen and Howard Taylor, published in 2020.

The cost for a class set (40) is \$5,742.00 including estimated tax, shipping, and processing. The purchase of this resource will be paid for using site funds.

In accordance with A.R.S. 15-721 and CUSD Policy IJJ, the textbook was placed on display for the 60-day review period for comment at the Melinda Romero Instructional Resource Center starting April 11, 2023. There was one (1) comment, which was presented. Recommend approval.

5.11 RFP# 05-19-23- Community Ed CLUB CUSD Enrichment Programs

The Governing Board approved RFP 05-19-23 for Community Education Enrichment Programs with estimated expenditures of \$750,000 on June 22, 2022. The District is requesting approval to increase the total amount to \$936,000 due to increased enrollment for summer enrichment programs for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

5. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

5.12 ACP Middle School GIGAPower Fiber Hub

The District has reached a lease agreement with Gigapower, LLC for them to construct a fiber hut at ACP Middle School.

Fiber hut will include:

A brick enclosure surrounding the equipment shelter of approximately 1,350 square feet to match existing construction and finishes; and
Cables, wires, conduit, pipes and chases from the ground equipment.

The terms of the lease are 1 day less than 20 years in increments of 10 years, 5 years, and 4 years with rent being \$30,000 per year increased at 3% per year.

Recommend approval of the lease agreement with Gigapower, LLC at ACP Middle School.

5.13 Extended Contracts and Sole Source

Recommend Governing Board approval to authorize the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Business Services for the use of the attached list of contracts, cooperatives, and sole source vendors in an amount not to exceed the estimated expenditure total identified for each vendor.

This authorization is valid for single or cumulative purchases throughout the 2023-2024 school year and the designee shall ensure that each item is properly procured through a District contract, cooperative purchase agreement, IGA or sole source vendor supported by the required determination.

5.14 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, and Job Description.

Approve the Consent Agenda as published.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano

6. Action Items – 7:12 pm

6.01 Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, school districts must publish a Public Hearing Notice and the Summary of the Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget on a district-wide basis for fiscal year 2023-2024. Prior to publication, the Governing Board must approve the legal proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget.

The publication will indicate that on July 12, 2023, there will be a public hearing on the 2023 - 2024 School District Annual Expenditure Budget.

Approve the 2023-2024 School District Annual Expenditure Budget for publication.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano

6. Action Items (cont'd)

6.02 Basha High - Turf Field Conversion

The District seeks to convert our high school stadium fields to synthetic turf over the course of three (3) phases. Basha High School will be part of Phase 1 and pending board approval construction will begin in December 2023.

Scope of work will include:

Removal of natural turf

Installation of synthetic turf, cooling infill and shock pad

Storm drain system

A request for qualifications (RFQ) was issued and CORE Construction was selected as the general contractor of record.

The District has negotiated a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Basha High School in the amount of \$2,874,699 which the District believes is fair and reasonable given current market conditions.

Recommended approval of CORE Construction for turf conversion at Basha High School in the amount of \$2,874,699.

Approve CORE Construction for turf conversion at Basha High School in the amount of \$2,874,699.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano

6.03 Discussion/Possible Action to Direct Staff to Draft a New Policy Regarding Limitations on Use of Unrestricted Reserve Funds

The District Governing Board has adopted a Resolution placing an annual limitation on the use of unrestricted reserve funds, often referred to as "contingency funds," as a matter of sound accounting practice. The District Governing Board may want to consider adopting the limitation as policy. Staff is seeking direction from the Governing Board on whether staff should prepare such a policy draft for Governing Board review and potential adoption and if so, what the Governing Board would like to see included in such policy draft.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, No second.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

6.04 Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Expel Student 2023-0628

Please review the attached documents prior to the board meeting so that you are informed of the circumstances. The original hearing is 1:26 minutes long.

The family is not appealing the expulsion, so there was no need for an Exec Session prior to the Board Meeting. The Board is the only entity that can expel a student, so this agenda item is necessary. Please let us know if you have any questions in advance, because there is no discussion at the meeting to protect the student. You will notice the student's name is not used, and a number was assigned so that it cannot identify the student.

Approve the Hearing Officer's recommendation to expel student 2023-0628.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano

7. Information Items – 8:30 pm

7.01 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board members discussed upcoming events and activities.

7.02 Board Member Current Events

Barb Mozdzen attended a Chamber event on Education Issues roundtable. Barb recognized Donna on her retirement.

Patti Serrano was grateful to Donna. Thrilled to have been able to help train Veronica. We will miss her. Gratitude to Admin especially to CFO and happy that reserves are available. These funds helped during COVID and COA platform. AEL challenge, reserves funding will help.

Kurt Rohrs was grateful to Donna for helping and always answering questions.

Jason Olive Apologized to Kurt for the delay on getting information to his request. Indicated, they were just following the process. Thank you to Donna!

8. Adjournment 8:38 pm

8.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.