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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
September 13, 2023
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session - 6:00 pm

1.01 Andersen Elementary IB Progress

Kristin Kinghorn, Principal of Andersen Elementary along with her staff provided the Board with an update of their IB progress. All the new staff have been trained. Teachers and students create essential agreements at the start of each year. The agreements are located throughout the campus. Students can earn Astro tickets for participating. Andersen is increasing student engagement – guided by student interests. They provide opportunities to continue to research topics of interest. Classrooms have wonder walls which is one of the ways they are increasing student engagement through the Primary Years Program (PYP) at Andersen. This has been a long and exciting process. Their application for authorization has been submitted.

2. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

2.01 Roll Call

Jason Olive, Board President; Joel Wirth, Kurt Rohrs, and Patti Serrano, Board Members, were present. Barb Mozdzen, Board Vice President was not in attendance.

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

Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; and Heather Anguiano, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, East Region, were not in attendance.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

3. Routine Business

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Patti M. Serrano, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Routine Business (cont'd)

3.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Payroll for 2022-2023 Year:

Request approval and ratification of the following Payroll and Accounts Payable voucher:

Payroll for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 1013 Payroll 08/24/2023

Voucher 1015 Payroll 08/24/2023

Voucher 1017 Payroll 08/24/2023

Voucher 1018 Payroll 09/07/2023

Accounts Payable for 2022-2023 Year:

Vouchers 4321-4325 08/16/2023 Check# 1800056816-1800056846

Vouchers 4326-4330 08/23/2023 Check# 1800057063-1800057084

Vouchers 4331-4334 08/29/2023 Check# 1800057241-1800057260

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Vouchers 5026-5030 08/17/2023 Check# 1800056847-1800057040

Vouchers 5031-5035 08/24/2023 Check# 1800057085-1800057230

Voucher 5036 08/28/2023 Check# 1800057240

Vouchers 5037-5042 08/31/2023 Check# 1800057262-1800057433

Move to approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Motion by Joel H. Wirth, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

4. Report / Information

4.01 Student Body President Report

Lilly Pulsifer, Student Body President, introduced ACP High School STUGO officers and gave an update on events and activities at ACP High School.

5. Presentation

5.01 Hispanic Heritage Month Presentation

Dr. Adama Sallu, Director of Educational Equity and Inclusion introduced Megan Duncan, Senior from Casteel High School, to read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Students from various high schools and staff were highlighted for excellence in education.

6. Comments

6.01 Superintendent Current Events

President Olive and Members of the Board we have had much to celebrate since our last Board meeting. First, Schools across CUSD held patriotic events and activities to commemorate Patriot Day on Monday, September 11th. Many schools recognized and welcomed first responders to the events.

Forty-eight CUSD students earned the AP Capstone Diploma for 2022-2023 (12 students at Basha High School and 36 at Hamilton High School). The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are essential for academic success. Next week on September 20, there will be a Districtwide College Fair at Hamilton High School. More than 80 colleges are invited. In-state universities will have short, repeating presentations throughout the evening. Military recruiters and financial aid information will also be available. Students in ALL grades are welcome to attend. The fair begins at 6 p.m.

Last night we held a joint meeting between the CUSD Board, City of Chandler Leadership, CUSD

6. Comments

6.01 Superintendent Current Events (cont'd)

leadership and Chandler Chamber was in attendance. This was the first time in several years that we hosted such a meeting. Not all school districts have such strong partnerships as we do with the city, and we are proud of that fact. As one councilmember stated, big strides are made when we collaborate.

Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee visited San Marcos Elementary to promote financial literacy. Students took part in a STEM activity designed to get them thinking about their dream jobs and what it would take to achieve their goal. The Treasurer's visit also tied into the launch of her statewide essay contest where students in fifth and sixth grade could win \$529 towards their future education and career goals! Entries will be accepted through October 1, 2023

Alex Randel, assistant principal and athletic director at Andersen Junior High School was just named the – AIAAA Middle School Athletic Director of the Year. This is a wonderful achievement, and we are so proud of Alex and his contributions to CUSD and athletics. In addition, Jennifer Burkes, Perry High School Athletic Director and Shawn Rustad our District Athletic Director were recognized for 20 years of outstanding service! Congratulations!

Arizona Cardinals Football Club Selected Chandler High Football Coach Rick Garretson as this week's High School Coach of the Week. Congratulations, Coach Garretson! If you did not know, last Friday the CHS Wolves upset nationally ranked Orange Lutheran a California school with a win 35-10. Our student athletes performed at every level and Coaching was absolutely amazing.

Mr. Narducci recognized Kevin Chapin, Dean/AP of Bogle Junior HS Kevin with what we call the "...and then some" honor. A few weeks ago, there was an emergency call at a wrestling match. In that moment of emergency, Mr. Chapin provided rapid, efficient, and cohesive action and communication, which are the most vital components of a successful response. Mr. Chapin, you were coach, administrator, and then some and we are so grateful and thankful to have you on team CUSD! Because of your efforts our student athlete was able to get quick and efficient medical attention. Your actions were recognized by those responders.

6.02 Citizen Comments

Cindy Barnes - Curriculum - Unhappy with the math program. Can't use one book across the board. Various programs are needed.

Steve Black - Math Curriculum -

Sandra Andaverde - Making Ballet Folklorico a class - Please reconsider the Ballet Folklorico Dance Program.

Zeyna Pruzhanovsky - Culture & Curriculum - Consider adopting Ballet Folklorico dance at CHS as well as Mariachi Band, embrace cultural diversity. Mathematics curriculum planning review the goals of the district and compare current achievement with state, nation and go global. Consider the requests of the parents for Saxon Math in their school. SRO at CCHS please consider 1:1 for each additional SRO put a counselor.

Ann Adams - Saxon Math and Listening to Parents - Identify gifted learners and provide appropriate educational programs.

Aarathi D'Costa - CTA Math - Awaiting follow up from District. Has not received any communication for doing away with curriculum.

Robynn Markunas - Saxon Math CTA Curriculum - Basis and Charter schools are still teaching K-3 Saxton Math.

Allison Garrard - Math Curriculum - Do what is best for students.

Hannah Washburn - Saxon Math - CTA Independence - Not happy with new program.

Tracy Ireland - CTA/Math - Students are bored. If they are bored, they will get in trouble.

7. Consent Agenda

7.01 Out of State Student Travel PrePlanning

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

7. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

7.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$82,614.69.

7.03 Donations

Requested approval of items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$24,860.03.

7.04 IGA between the Town of Queen Creek and CUSD for School Resource Officer (SRO) at Casteel High School 2023-2024.

The school year 2023/24 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Queen Creek and the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) were presented. Legal counsel reviewed and approved the agreement.

Projected total cost for the SRO is \$142,812 which includes salary and benefits as well as operational costs, to be split 50% by the Town of Queen Creek and CUSD. The School Safety Program Grant (SSP Grant) is anticipated to cover \$115,951 of the projected total cost, leaving a remaining \$26,861. The Town of Queen Creek and CUSD will split 50% this remaining cost for a total of \$13,430.50, each.

- Total SRO Salary and Benefits - \$142,812
- Total Max Allowable SSP Grant - \$115,951
- Difference between SSP Grant and SRO Grant Total Salary and Benefits - \$26,861
- CUSD and Town of Queen Creek 50% Split Amount - \$13,430.50

Total SSP Grant (\$115,951) and CUSD 50% Portion (\$13,430.50) to be paid to Town of Queen Creek - \$129,381.50. Approval was recommended.

7.05 IGA between Town of Queen Creek and CUSD for School Resource Officer (SRO) at Casteel High School 2023-2024

The Chandler Unified School District is requesting approval to amend and reinstate an agreement with ICAN to continue to utilize space for Hill at ICAN, a satellite location of Hill Learning Academy, housed at ICAN. The purpose of this collaboration is to improve student achievement by providing an option for parents who would like to send their children to a smaller educational environment with a focus on empowering youth to be productive, self-confident, and responsible citizens through positive youth development.

The existing agreement from 2018 included sections related to leased space for Chandler Online Academy, which was housed previously at ICAN. These sections have been removed.

Population served

Hill at ICAN is designed to serve up to 150 students in grades 9-12.

Space Utilization/Length of Agreement

CUSD will utilize 4 to 6 classrooms (based on student enrollment above 100 and 125 respectively), restrooms, office, storage and cafeteria/multipurpose space. The term of this Agreement will be for five (5) years commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2028. CUSD and ICAN, by mutual agreement, may elect to renew this Agreement for three (3) successive five year terms. The Parties will consider the renewal of the Agreement in December of the third year of each term for which the Agreement is renewed, beginning in December of 2026.

Cost

CUSD will annually pay ICAN the greater of (1) fifteen per cent (15%) of monies received by CUSD (pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-901) based upon average daily membership (ADM) for the School's student count, not to exceed a maximum ADM of 150 students or \$192,102.00, (2) but no less than \$102,400.00. Average daily membership will be calculated on the 100th day of school year. Adjustments for growth will be considered in May of the same school year. CUSD will incur the cost of an additional dumpster to be used by ICAN and CUSD. Approval was recommended.

7. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

7.06 Recommend approval of the attached Trust Model Policy Program Agreement
Chandler Unified School District recommends approval of the Trust Model Policy Program Agreement. The policy program would provide the district with services such as:

- Model Policies
- Online Platform
- Policy revisions
- Model Policy Review Services
- Comprehensive Member Policy Review

Fees and cost:

- Access to online platform - \$255/member set up (one-time) and \$240/member annual fee
- Comprehensive policy review (as requested) - \$1000.00

Currently we are paying ASBA \$14,930 for annual membership dues and \$5,220 for annual policy services.

Model Policy Program Agreement was presented.

7.07 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Recommend approval of the consent agenda as presented.

Approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. Action Items

8.01 Architect and Engineering Fees for Hartford Elementary School Rebuild
The District intends to rebuild Hartford Elementary School, which was originally built in 1957. The replacement school will be approximately 72,000 SF with a capacity for 750 students. The District has selected Orcutt Winslow to be the architect and their proposed fee is \$1,730,160. With an estimated construction cost of \$32,040,000 their proposed fee is 5.4% of the construction budget.

Construction is estimated to begin in January of 2025 with the replacement school being ready for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommend approval of Orcutt Winslow via 1GPA Contract 23-18P-09 in the amount of \$1,730,160 for Architect and Engineering Fees for Hartford Elementary School replacement.

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Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.02 Approve the Removal of Previously Adopted Curriculum Resources
Chandler Unified School District uses resources aligned to the Arizona State Standards in order to meet the diverse learning needs of students. The supplementary, website, applications, and software lists for all grades and content areas for the 2023-2024 school year was approved by the Board on July 12, 2023.

8. Action Items

8.02 Approve the Removal of Previously Adopted Curriculum Resources (cont'd)

According to Board Policy IJJ-Textbook/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, the Board must also approve the deletion/removal of previously adopted supplementary resource materials. The attached list of resources no longer used in CUSD is presented for approval.

Approve the removal of previously adopted curriculum resources.

Ms. Serrano Motioned. There was not a Second. Motion dies.

Motion by Patti M Serrano, second NONE.

9. Information Items

9.01 Professional/Support Staff Bereavement Leave Policy Revision

Chandler School District recommends updating Policy GCCH (c) - Professional/Support Staff Bereavement Leave to ensure we are in compliance with Policy GCCA.

These changes are presented as Information and approval for Policy GCCH (c) - Professional/Support Staff Bereavement Leave will be requested at the September 27, 2023 board meeting.

Link to:

[Policy GCCH \(c\) - Professional/Support Staff Bereavement Leave](#)

9.02 Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave (Medical Leave Assistance Program Policy Revisions)

Chandler School District recommends updating Policy GCCG - Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave (Medical Leave Assistance Program, Exhibits GCCG-EA, GCCG-EB, GCCG-EC, and GCCG-ED. The update will replace the word "sick" leave with "Paid Time Off" leave to ensure we are in compliance with Policy GCCA.

These changes are presented as Information and approval for Policy GCCG - Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Sick Leave (Medical Leave Assistance Program) will be requested at the September 27, 2023 board meeting. Exhibits do not require board approval:

Link to:

[Policy GCCG - Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Paid Time Off \(Medical Leave Assistance Program\)](#)

[GCCG-EA Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Paid Time Off Leave \(Medical Leave Assistance Program\) Informational Notice](#)

[GCCG-EB Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Paid Time Off Leave \(Medical Leave Assistance Program\) Verification of Serious Medical Condition](#)

[GCCG-EC Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Paid Time Off Leave \(Medical Leave Assistance Program\) Paid Time Off Donation Form](#)

[GCCG-ED Professional/Support Staff Voluntary Transfer of Accrued Paid Time Off Leave \(Medical Assistance Program\) Request](#)

9.03 Student Activity Report

Student Activity (SA) Report for the month ending July 2023 through August 2023 is provided for review.

9.04 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

9.05 Board Member Current Events

Patti Serrano - thanked the remarkable students and Dr. Sallu and the Hispanic heritage recognition. "Chandler Contigo" festivities and activities starting at the downtown Chandler library this Saturday, September 16th 10 am - 2 pm. I hope we can honor Hispanic heritage not only this month but all of our days.

Kurt Rohrs - Attended event at McCarthy Construction, they have opened up a small manufacturing facility they are encouraging we send student for tours for college education course. Would like to

encourage principals to schedule tours at the McCarthy Construction site. City of Chandler event was excellent. They were very appreciative and encouraging of internships. City will train our students; kids must be interested in the training.

Joel Wirth - Celebrated the CUSD contingency.

Jason Olive - Acknowledged the Art Masterpiece displays in the boardroom - he and his wife volunteered in Art Masterpiece and taught Jr. Achievement.

10. **Adjournment**

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Board President