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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
October 18, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Executive Session – 4:30 pm**

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session – Legal Advice

Consider motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

**Adjourn to Executive Session-Legal Advice**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Kurt D Rohrs**

**Not Present at Vote: Joel H Wirth, Patti M Serrano**

1.02 Adjourn from Executive Session

**Adjourn from Executive Session.**

**Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Barb R Mozdzen.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs**

**Not Present at Vote: Patti M Serrano**

**2. Study Session - 5:00 pm**

2.01 CHS – IB Progress – 5:00 pm

Chandler International Baccalaureate Progress was presented by Jacque Hartrick, IB Diploma Coordinator, Courtney Kemp, IB Career Coordinator, and Patricia Bodroghy, IB Middle Years Program Coordinator. The structure of the IB programs are designed to provide all students with common understandings of key terms and tenets, while allowing schools to creatively use their resources to provide experiences that meet the needs of their student body. CHS will have an upcoming evaluation in which IB will be sending a group of evaluators to spend February 14th-16th at CHS looking at IB practices and CUSD policies relating to IB, student, staff, and community understanding and implementation of IB practices, as well as administrative commitment to the IB program.

2.01 Bond and Override Update – 5:45 pm

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, provided an M&O Override & Bond Review. The presentation included and explanation of annual reporting requirements, an overview of the M&O override history, a review of expenditures related to the 2021 M&O Override, 2015 Bond, and 2019 Bond. Ms. Berry also reviewed planned projects and projects currently in process as well as provided an update on the District's capital planning process.

### 3. Foreign Exchange Student Reception – 6:30 pm

- 3.01 Foreign Exchange Students and Family Reception  
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### 4. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

- 4.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services; Dr. Wendy Nance, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, and Community Services; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; 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; 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; Leo Schlueter, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, West Region; Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication; and Tom Dunn, Executive Director of Support Services; were present.

- 4.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

### 5. Routine Business

- 5.01 Approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting  
**Approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 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**

- 5.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers  
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Payroll for 2023-2024 Year:  
Voucher 1020 Payroll 09/21/2023  
Voucher 1021 Payroll 10/05/2023  
Voucher 1023 Payroll 10/05/2023

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Vouchers 5056-5060 09/21/2023 Check#1800057852-1800058034

Vouchers 5061-5065 09/28/2023 Check#1800058040-1800058254

Vouchers 5067-5071 10/05/2023 Check#1800058283-1800058472

**Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

- 5.03 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present at this time.

## 6. Presentation

### 6.01 Foreign Exchange Students and Family Recognition

Kimberly Guevara, Communication Specialists, introduced the 2023-2024 high school foreign exchange students and their host families.

## 7. Report / Information

### 7.01 Student Body President Report

Riley Martinez, Student Body President, introduced Casteel High School STUGO officers and gave an update on events and activities at Casteel High School.

## 8. Comments

### 8.01 Superintendent Current Events

President Olive, Board members, welcome back from fall break, we have a quick update for you. Niche.com announced that Chandler Unified is ranked the #1 District in the Best School District in Arizona category. Additionally, five of our high schools are in the top 100 best high schools in the country. When the public thinks of success, I hope you think CUSD students, CUSD staff, and CUSD community as we expect the best and we give our best... and the some! CUSD is an exceptional place for teaching and learning because of all of you.

Congratulations to Chandler High School Theatre Arts/Stagecraft Teacher Stephanie Likes, an Arizona Educational Foundation 2024 Arizona Teacher of the year Semifinalist! She was one of the 15 teachers honored at the AEF Arizona Teacher of the Year Awards on Saturday, October 14, 2023, and a Top 10 Awardee.

Today I had the opportunity to host student leaders from all our schools here at the district office for our Superintendent Student Advisory Group. We discussed Leadership and Student Leadership Traits. I am very impressed with Their Why? and know our schools are in good hands with this group of young leaders!

Did you know that among other things, October is National Principals Month? Thank you to our principals for all they do every day. (Played video from CUSD students in appreciation of their principal).

Also, there is plenty time left this month to let your school leader know their value. They have a difficult yet important job as they create pathways for success for all students!

This morning at Hamilton High School held a breakfast for AP Scholars. After breakfast, the students received certificates and were celebrated by a keynote speaker from Arizona State University. The number of AP Scholars at Hamilton is another great example of the rigorous opportunities afforded to students when they enroll in Chandler Unified.

New this school year, we are proud to announce virtual open houses promoting enrollment at all our schools in CUSD. This will provide an innovative way for parents and students to learn about CUSD from the comfort of their own homes. The link to join the open houses will be posted online prior to the event starting. The first virtual open house is October 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

We're holding our second round of kids express walk-in interviews on Wednesday, October 25 from 1-7 pm. Stop by the CUSD District Office at 1525 W. Frye Road, Chandler, AZ to take your next step in your career in childcare, working with CUSD K-6th graders before and after school. What community education offers: PTO, Benefits, never work an evening or weekend, and advancement opportunities. Opportunity for workforce development into other district position including teacher.

Finally, just want to remind the public that the next five years of school calendars were approved at the last board meeting and are posted on our website. Hope everyone had a restful break and is ready to hit the 2nd quarter of this school year running. Welcome back!

## 8. Comments (cont'd)

### 8.02 Citizen Comments

*Zeyna Pryzhanovsky* - Budget overrides passage is declining - more education is needed, transparency is needed, thank you to voters, para educator assistance to tittle 1 schools is needed, make math curriculum uniform throughout the district.

*Tracy Ireland* - Schools - override was a very nice presentation but quick - cares about student and not liking math and students are failing. Bring back a better math curriculum.

*Ronnie Cavalluzzi* - Curriculum Selection Committee - community member, volunteer at Galveston, art masterpiece volunteer. Invite parents to be a part of the decision makers

*Dawn Shim* - LGBTQ Rights on Campus - specific impact to students when outside organizations are invited into club meetings to speak with specific ideology or association to violence.

*Hayden Nguyen* - LGBTQ Rights - specific impact to students when outside organizations are invited into club meetings to speak with specific ideology or association to violence.

*Brett Wingate* - Curriculum Changes - concerned that test scores are lower now.

## 9. Consent Agenda

### 9.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for BHS and CCHS are 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.

### 9.02 Monetary Gifts

Request approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$39,911.54.

### 9.03 Donations

Request approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$27,419.45.

### 9.04 CUSD and Town of Gilbert IGA for SROs at Payne Junior and Perry High 23-24

The school year 2023/2024 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Gilbert and the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) is attached. Legal counsel reviewed and approved the agreement, as required by law.

Projected total cost for the SROs at Payne Junior and Perry High is estimated to be \$265,384.08, which includes salary and benefits as well as operational costs. The School Safety Program Grant (SSP Grant) is estimated to be \$265,384.08, which will fully cover the projected total cost for the SROs. The District will pay the Town the full amount of the SSP Grant.

- Total SRO Salary and Benefits - \$265,384.08
- SSP Grant Estimated Amount - \$265,384.08
- Difference between SSP Grant and SRO Total Salary and Benefits - \$0

Should total SRO costs exceed the estimated grant amount, CUSD and Town of Gilbert agree to share those costs, equally. Recommended approval.

### 9.05 CUSD and City of Chandler IGA for SROs 23-24

The school year 2023/2024 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Chandler and the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) is attached. Legal counsel reviewed and approved the agreement, as required by law.

Projected total cost for the SROs at ACPMS, BHS, CHS HHS, ACPMS, AJHS, BJHS, SJHS, and WJHS is estimated to be \$1,459,739, which includes salary and benefits as well as operational costs. The School Safety Program Grant (SSP Grant) is estimated to be \$1,413,747. The District will pay the Town the full amount of the SSP Grant.

- Total SRO Salary and Benefits - \$1,459,739
- SSP Grant Estimated Amount - \$1,413,747
- Difference between SSP Grant and SRO Total Salary and Benefits - \$45,992

## 9. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- 9.06 CUSD and City of Chandler IGA for SROs 23-24  
Should total SRO costs exceed the estimated grant amount, CUSD and City of Chandler agree to share those costs, equally. Recommended approval.
- 9.06 Human Resources  
Employment, Separation, Compensation, and Job Description.

**Approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs**

**Abstain: Patti M Serrano**

## 10. Action Items

- 10.01 Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Expel Student 2023-1018  
Consider Hearing Officer's recommendation to expel Student 2023-1018.

**Recommend Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Expel Student 2023-1018**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano**

**Abstain: Joel H Wirth**

- 10.02 Action Regarding the Hearing Officer's Decision and Recommendation In the Matter of Simon J. Ocampo (Teacher Dismissal Proceedings)

**Recommend approval of the Hearing Officer's Decision and Recommendation In the Matter of Simon J. Ocampo.**

**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**

## 11. Information Items

- 11.01 Student Activity Report  
Student Activity (SA) Report for the months ending July 2023 through September 2023 were provided for your review.
- 11.02 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap
- 11.03 Board Member Current Events  
*Kurt Rohrs* - Attended Parent Math Curriculum meeting, was very pleased with the interaction between the parents and the district representatives, it was very complete, very respectful, and the attitude was trying to work towards a common solution to a very difficult problem. Second thing, Friday night football, Chandler vs. Basha, if you haven't been to a game, Mr. Rohrs encourage the public to attend, it will be a great game to watch.  
*Patti Serrano* - Had the opportunity to welcome back world language students at BHS for the first multi-lingual career day, staff did a phenomenal job as did the panelist. She was very happy to participate in this activity. She provided a Portrait of a Learner initiative specifically the Global Citizen trait. Ms. Serrano took a moment to acknowledge the ongoing traumatic humanitarian crisis currently taking place.  
*Barb Mozdzen* - Attended teacher of the year celebration, was impressed with all the candidates and how much they truly cared for students and how much they want students to succeed and impacted their lives in a positive way. It was a great celebration not only not only of just those teachers but what public schools do for students.

## 11. Information Items

### 11.03 Board Member Current Events (cont'd)

*Joel Wirth* - Was pleased with the district's efforts to try to look forward to our future capital needs.  
*Jason Olive* - Welcome back from break everybody!

## 12. Adjournment

### 12.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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Board President