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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

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

1. Executive Session - 5:00 pm

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session – Supt Eval

Adjourn to Executive Session per A.R.S. per A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body.

1.01 Adjourn from Executive Session

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2. Study Session - 6:00 pm

2.01 Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program

The CUSD Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program, launched in the 2014-2015 school year with a 50/50 Mandarin-English program at Tarwater, has evolved into a comprehensive initiative focusing upon Mandarin and Spanish language with six programs across four elementary schools and two junior high schools. The program offers students the unique opportunity to graduate bilingual and biliterate, equipping them to confidently navigate and compete in our increasingly interconnected global society. This immersive language experience extends beyond the early years, as students continue their world languages pathway in high school. Currently boasting an enrollment of 867 students from kindergarten through 8th grade, the program stands as a testament to the district's commitment to providing a dynamic and globally-oriented educational experience.

Curriculum & Instruction's Executive Director Dr. Jessica Edgar, Assistant Director Patricia Fernandez, and Academic Coach Eliane Lopez-Doty highlighted programmatic learning targets and highlight the experiences of students in our Dual Language Immersion programs.

3. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

3.01 Roll Call

Jason Olive, Board President; Barb Mozden, 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.

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

4. Routine Business

- 4.01 Approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
The minutes are considered DRAFT until approved by the Governing Board.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

- 4.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers
Requested approval and ratification of the following Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers:

Payroll for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 1031 Payroll 11/15/2023

Voucher 1034 Payroll 11/22/2023

Voucher 1035 Payroll 11/22/2023

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 5098 11/06/2023 Check# 1800059257

Vouchers 5099-5103 11/09/2023 Check# 1800059258-1800059456

Vouchers 5104-5108 11/16/2023 Check# 1800059486-1800059701

Vouchers 5109-5113 11/21/2023 Check# 1800059702-1800059838

Vouchers 5114-5118 11/30/2023 Check# 1800059876-1800060069

Motion to Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

- 4.03 Correspondence
No correspondence presented.

5. Presentation

- 5.01 Chandler School Boosters
Presentation by the Chandler School Boosters, Aimee Valenzuela Altomare, CSB President, provided history of CSB.

6. Report / Information

- 6.01 Student Body President Report
Brooklyn Tallman, Student Body President, introduced Hamilton High School STUGO officers and gave an update on events and activities at Hamilton High School.

- 5.01 New Administrator Introductions
Mr. Narducci introduced new CUSD administrators to the Board:
Dr. Korry Brenner - Director of Federal Programs
Natasha Davis - Director of Counseling and Social Services
Patricia Fernandez - Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Kevin Mendivil - Principal of Auxier Elementary

7. Public Hearing

- 7.01 Public Hearing on the Revised 2023-2024 Budget
Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a public hearing on the revised 2023-2024 Budget.

8. Comments

8.01 Superintendent Current Events

I am excited to share the success of our recent CUSD career and technical education culinary showdown. Six high schools, two intense rounds, and a singular victor emerging in our annual chopped: CUSD edition! It's a testament to the collaborative spirit of our c-t-e culinary students, who worked together to create not just dishes but experiences. Perry high's culinary students won the prestigious golden whisk. Please enjoy this video of this chopped 2023:

If your student is passionate about a culinary career, our career and technical education programs in CUSD stand out and during registration check-out our exceptional culinary classes at our high schools. Over the weekend, the Hamilton Pom team emerged victorious at the Arizona interscholastic association competition, claiming the 23-24 game day dance state championship in division i-ii small! Congratulations, coach Megan Besch and squad on securing the coveted top spot.

We also have teachers that recently earned state or national awards. Megan driving hawk of Perry high school is the 2023 Arizona state art educator of the year! Megan wears many hats at Perry high (traditional photography program, visual arts level lead, fine arts department, indigenous student advisor, indigenous education program, teacher equity and inclusion leader,) and we are so honored to have her on team CUSD! This prestigious accolade, from the Arizona art education association, is testament to Megan's dedication to quality art education in the state.

Donna Gustafson from Santan JHS is one of seven educators from Arizona to be named a national history day award winner. This accolade extends to teachers from 48 out of the 58 national history day affiliates across the United States and worldwide. Since august, she has collaborated with peers nationwide and the national history day staff to enhance her knowledge for teaching with online library of congress resources. Upon completion of the series, she will have displayed her ability to share essential strategies for researching, supporting, and presenting historical arguments, all enriched by primary sources held in the library of congress.

Additionally, ten teachers from the chandler unified school district were awarded a \$2,500 grant through the fiesta bowl "wishes for teachers" program. These grants aim to fulfill wishes submitted by teachers in various fields, including agricultural studies, arts, math, physical education and wellness, science, and special needs.

- Darryl Gregson, Basha high school
- Kari Mochel, Bogle junior high
- Suzanne Buffington, Casteel high school
- Christy Herndon, Chandler high school
- Stephanie likes, Chandler high school
- Amy Liu, CTA Freedom
- Rebecca Crow, Jacobson elementary school
- Michelle Gustafson, Perry high school
- Rebecca Bentz, Rice elementary school
- Eva Boyd, Weinberg gifted academy

Did you know CUSD food & nutrition produces, ships, and serves nearly 30,000 meals every weekday to 50 sites & programs? The newest episode of the superintendent's focus video series highlights the CUSD central kitchen. Prioritizing development and optimization, the central kitchen ensures that it serves as a cornerstone for providing healthy and high-quality meals to students across the district. Let's take a moment to watch the video

Chandler unified school district was recently honored by the chandler chamber of commerce with a chandler 100 award. CUSD is a proud chandler employer and honored to serve such an incredible community.

As we head to the end of the calendar year, please consider making an Arizona public school tax credit contribution to a CUSD school. Tax credit contributions can reduce what you owe in state taxes or increase your state refund.

8. Comments

8.01 Superintendent Current Events (cont;d)

Finally, as winter break approaches, i want to take a moment to wish each of you a joyous and restful holiday season. Thank you for your dedication and support in making our school district a vibrant and nurturing community.

8.02 Citizen Comments

Matthew Kanterman - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Judy Sadeldeno - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Jamilha Amirah - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Zeyna Pruzhanovsky - Success of CUSD.

Brett Wingate - Freedom of Speech and Assembly.

Gigi Asem - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Melissa Galarza - Thank you.

Ann Adams - Contra Board Member Patti Serrano.

Charlotte Golla - Antisemitism.

Sepi Hoff - School Board conduct.

Phyllis Lester - Antisemitism.

Christopher Kelly - Rising antisemitism in schools.

Michael Bradley - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Nicholas Collins - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Lisa Calderon - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Nadeen Saldana - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Mohamed Shaltot - Contra Board Member Patti Serrano.

Leda Devlieger - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Christopher Serrone - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Julio Valentin - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Melanie Sandoval - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Laisah Deleon - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Karime Rincon - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Qumrul Ahsan - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Masud Rahman - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Carly Mahlmeister - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Dan ONeal - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Signa Oliver - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Dawn Shim - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Diana O Elturk - Support for Board Member Patti Serrano.

Ree Issa - Equity in Education.

Finn Howe - Equity in Education.

9. Consent Agenda

9.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

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

9.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$91,126.64.

9.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$9,566.12.

9.04 Arizona Department of Education Arts Consumables Grant Intergovernmental Agreement

The Arizona Department of Education Intergovernmental Agreement (ADE IGA) for an Arts Consumables grant is attached. Through our participation, CUSD will receive reimbursement for consumable materials

9. Consent Agenda

- 9.04 Arizona Department of Education Arts Consumables Grant Intergovernmental Agreement (cont'd)
for Fine Arts teachers to enhance teaching and learning, up to \$1,000 per eligible teacher. We will submit the competitive grant for reimbursement for an estimated \$143,000.
The approval of the IGA is part of the application process for the competitive grant.
- 9.05 Junior High School Course Catalog 2024-2025
Provided the draft of the 2024-2025 Junior High School Course Catalog, the list of new courses, and a summary of updates and changes to the catalog. There have been revisions since the catalog was presented for information at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting. Those revisions are outlined in the attached document. Recommended approval.
- 9.06 High School Course Catalog 2024-2025
Provided the draft of the 2024-2025 High School Course Catalog. Also attached is the list of new courses and a summary of updates and changes to the catalog. The catalog was presented for information at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting. There have been revisions since the catalog was presented for information at the November 15, 2023 Board Meeting. Those revisions are outlined on the attached document. Recommended approval.
- 9.06 IGA Higley Print Shop
Requested Board approval of the attached IGA with Higley Unified School District print shop for districtwide printing services as needed.
- 9.08 Addendum to Galveston Elementary Architect and Engineering Fees
The architect and engineering fees for Galveston Elementary School replacement campus were based on a concept of 67,500 square feet and construction cost were based on an estimate of \$350/per square foot for a total of \$23,625,000 with a 5.4% fee per 1GPA contract 18-21P-12. Actual square footage of the design based on District directed programming and the needs of Galveston ended up being 72,000 square feet and actual construction costs were \$450/per square foot in the amount of \$30,520,203. This represents a design fee increase of \$372,340.95.
- The project also included Adjacent Ways scope in the amount of \$1,820,799 of which district administration is recommending a 3% design fee in the amount of \$54,623.97. Per contract and due to the increase in scope of work for Orcutt Winslow, the District administration recommends a total increase of \$426,964.92 to cover the design fees for scope increase and Adjacent Ways.
- 9.09 Human Resources
Employment, Separation, Compensation, and Job Descriptions.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Comment: Mr. Rohrs thanked the Hull PTO for the generous donation for shade structure.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. Action Items

- 10.01 Basha High School Fieldhouse
Basha High School currently does not have a fieldhouse and as such they do not have enough locker room capacity, adequate training room space and no team room. This addition is critical for the student athletes at Basha High School and would put them on par with other Chandler Unified School High School facilities.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) # 21-24-24 was issued, and Chasse Building Team was selected as the general contractor of record.

10. Action Items

10.01 Basha High School Fieldhouse (cont'd)

The District has negotiated a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for this project for \$4,184,006.00 which the District believes is fair and reasonable given current market conditions.

Recommended approval of Chasse Building Team to construct the Basha High School Fieldhouse project for \$4,184,006.00.

Motion to Approve the Chasse Building Team to construct the Basha High School Fieldhouse project for \$4,184,006.00.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10.02 School District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #1

In accordance with Arizona Statute ARS 15-905E, a school district must revise its budget prior to December 15, 2023. Attached is the budget revision #1 and an explanation of the predominant reasons for the adjustments.

Recommended approval of the 2023-2024 District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #1.

Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #1.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10.03 Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution Providing for all Matters Relating to the Sale and Issuance of School Improvement Bonds, Project of 2019, Series C (2024)

Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution providing for all matters relating to the sale and issuance of School Improvement Bonds of the District including delegation to the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer of the District to determine certain matters related thereto.

The Resolution before the Governing Board authorizes the issuance of bonds of the District to raise funds for capital projects of the District. The Series 2024 Bonds represent the third and final sale from the 2019 election (\$290,250,000).

The Resolution authorizes the District Administration to move forward with the steps needed to execute the bond transaction. The Board's approval puts the District in a position to execute the transaction when the timing is right, considering the District's need for project dollars and conditions in the tax-exempt bond market.

At the time the District is ready to sell the bonds, the professional financing team will analyze market conditions and work with District administration to execute the transaction in a manner that will minimize the District's bond interest cost.

District administration recommends flexibility to execute the transaction this fiscal year as we work to meet the District's need for project funds and determine an appropriate time to sell the bonds. Open to questions of District staff or Stifel bankers Randie Stein and Grant Hamill.

Motion to Approve Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution Providing for all Matters Relating to the Sale and Issuance of School Improvement Bonds, Project of 2019, Series C (2024).

Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Patti Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

11. Information Items

11.01 Student Activity Report

Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2023 through November 2023 were provided for review.

11.02 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board discussion of the Agenda Roadmap for the 2023-24 school year.

11.03 Board Member Current Events

Kurt Rohrs - Attended the following: Career Counselors Meeting, Chandler Chamber DEI Roundtable, ACPHS Information Night, BHS AMS Informational Night, ACPMS Information Night very popular with the parents - lots of brown faces in the crowd-mostly Asian brown faces, also attended Semi Colon Society, teen mental health talk for parents. These meetings are held at the ASU Innovation Center every second Tuesday of the month.

Patti Serrano - Addressed comments made at the meeting. Thanked the community.

Barb Mozdzen - Wished everyone a joyous holiday season and peace.

Jason Olive - Everyone has their own political beliefs, but it doesn't mean we quit caring about people that have political beliefs. We have to leave that at the door. Patti has been good at not representing herself as representing Chandler when she goes out and does the good work that she does. Thank you so much for what you do in the community, Patti.

12. Information Items

12.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Board President