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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
April 24, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Items - 7:03 pm

1.01 Roll Call

Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs. Patti M Serrano was not present.

Frank Narducci, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; 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. Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PreK-12 Educational Service was not present.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

2. Routine Business – 7:04 pm

2.01 Approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes are considered DRAFT until approved by the Governing Board.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

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

Not Present at Vote: Patti M Serrano

2.02 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 1062 Payroll 01/18/2024

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 5203 04/03/2024 Check# 1800063303

Vouchers 5204-5208 04/04/2024 Check# 1800063304-1800063480

Vouchers 5209-5213 04/11/2024 Check# 1800063501-1800063709

Voucher 5214 04/12/2024 Check# 1800063710-1800063711

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

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

Not Present at Vote: Patti M Serrano

2.03 Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

3. Report / Information – 7:05 pm

3.01 Student Body President Report

Riley Martinez - Casteel High School

Lexi Moreno - Chandler High School

3.02 Superintendent Current Events

Governing Board members yesterday was Bus Driver Appreciation Day. We are so thankful for our drivers and bus attendants. In many cases, bus drivers are the first and last staff members to see students during the school day, so they really make a difference for our children. If you or someone you know is interested in driving a school bus, we hold drop-in interviews every Thursday from 12 to 3pm at the Transportation Yard. Just bring your resume and a smile. CUSD offers paid CDL training as well as benefits right from the start.

Chandler Unified students showcased their exceptional talents at the Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair. Despite representing only 3% of Arizona's student population, CUSD students triumphed by claiming more than one-third (34%) of the state's award-winning projects. In addition, CUSD comprised 31.5% of the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) Qualifiers from Arizona. The AzSEF awards event showcased an impressive display of accomplishments, including 19 first place winners, 19 second place winners, and 22 third place winners.

Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) is proud to celebrate 150 seniors in the Class of 2024 (31 more than 2023) who earned fine arts seals on their diplomas. Students who have demonstrated high levels of proficiency in the Arizona Arts Education Standards through personal expression and creative experiences receive the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency. Reminder that the District Art Showcase is going on now through May 9 in the gallery of the Chandler Center for the Arts. Awards night is May 2. This FREE event for the public is a great way to see the talent of our students.

The staff and administration at Arizona College Prep Middle School celebrated their 2024 Arizona Educational Foundation A+ School of Excellence designation on Friday!

Traits of schools that earn this award include but are not limited to:

- Model quality and equity
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to academic excellence
- Respond successfully to the changing environment of education

Rice Elementary School also earned this distinction and will hold their celebration on Monday. CUSD has the most A+ schools at 100.

We value our community partnerships and would like to quickly share a few upcoming opportunities for our students:

- The City of Chandler invites the public for a listening session to address teen violence. This is Monday April 29 at the Chandler Nature Center from 5:30-7 p.m.
- The FBI Phoenix division invites all interested Arizona high school incoming juniors and seniors to apply to the FBI Phoenix Teen Academy. The application deadline for both academy locations is May 10, 2024.

Finally, I want to remind our families that every month the CUSD counseling and social services department posts online a calendar of listen and learn events. This calendar is accessible 24/7 and features opportunities that highlight timely matters which families and students may need extra support in. Mr. Narducci thanked all Admin Professionals.

4. **Comments – 7:26 pm**

4.01 Citizen Comments

Sierra Powers - Mental Health
Brett Wingate - School Fair
Colton Landry - Public Comments
Shannon Hayes - Policy
CJ Levin - Harassment/Assault
Seren Levin - Harassment/Assault
Sedina Levin - Assault, Lack of Security, Harassment, Safety
Bridget Vega - Teen Violence - public comment
Louann Savolt - Spoke in support of all parents who addressed the Board.

7. **Consent Agenda – 7:49 pm**

5.01 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$86,541.04.

5.02 Fundraising for 24/25 School Year

Each year, fund-raising activities must be approved by the Governing Board (per Policy JJE). District administration requests that the attached list of fundraising activities be approved for school clubs and organizations for FY24-25. Recommended approval.

5.03 Strategic Plan - CUSD Journey to Excellence

CUSD is requesting approval to replace Journey 2025 with CUSD Strategic Plan “Journey to Excellence” for the 2024-25 which includes the following Goals and Objectives:

- Learning Experiences
- Community Engagement
- Innovative Organizations
- Culture

The Strategic Plan was presented as information at the April 10, 2024 board meeting. Recommended approval.

5.04 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for ACP HS, BHS and HHS 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.

5.05 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, Revised Salary Schedules, Job Description, and 2024-25 Support and Certified Re-Hiring Recommendations.

Recommend approval of the consent agenda as published and presented.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. **Action Items 7:50 pm**

6.01 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report 2023

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Single Audit Reporting Package (SARP) for the year ended June 30, 2023 was presented for approval. Also presented were the Uniform System of Financial Records Compliance Questionnaire (USFR) and the Questionnaire findings response.

Board Comments:

Considering the thousands of transactions that the district makes to only have a total 6 findings in the audit.

Approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit Reporting Package for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.02 Contract Increase- Community Education Enrichment Programs

The Governing Board approved RFP 05-24-28 for the Community Education Enrichment Programs with estimated expenditures of \$1,100,000.00 on November 15, 2023. The District requested approval of an additional \$295,000.00 for a new total amount to \$1,395,000.00 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Through District wide efforts to expend out ESSER funds, Community Education has experienced an increase in CUSD enrollment. In addition, Community Education, collectively, has also presented multiple offerings (programs and classes) that have driven these higher enrollments. As an example, Kids Express Summer Camps are currently at maximum capacity and will be offering STEAM enrichment for those students enrolled.

Board Comments:

Mr. Rohrs requested that this agenda item was moved from Consent to Action to inform the public. He asked if this request was a re-allocation. Dr. Nance informed the Board that the request will be funded by the remainder of ESSER funds that will expire at the end of the year.

Request approval of an additional \$295,000.00 for a new total amount to \$1,395,000.00 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.03 Memorandum of Understanding - AZCEND and CUSD

The Memorandum of Understanding between Chandler Unified School District and AZCEND will operate a family resource center and offer programs at the San Marcos Elementary School where families will have access to the resource center as well as preschool type programs to help get students and families prepared for elementary schools.

Board Comments:

Mr. Rohrs requested that this agenda item was moved from Consent to Action to inform the public. Mr. Wirth asked if this program had been in place in the past? Mr. Narducci informed the Board, that this program was in place in the past as it provides an early literacy program. Mrs. Mozdzen asked how many rooms would be assigned to this program - Mr Narducci indicated 3 room, parking for parents and restrooms.

Request approval of district contracted services through AZCEND for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.04 Contract Increase - Warehouse Stock

The Governing Board approved IFB 04-24-24 for Warehouse Stock Support Services with estimated expenditures of \$450,000.00 on June 28, 2023. The District is requested approval for an additional \$60,000.00 for a new total amount of \$510,000.00 for additional supplies for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Board Comments:

Mr. Rohrs requested that this agenda item was moved from Consent to Action to inform the public of expenses of multiple items. Mrs. Berry informed the Board that this request is required due to the increase in costs for supplies due to inflation.

Recommend approval for an additional \$60,000.00 for a new total amount of \$510,000.00 for additional supplies for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.05 Marketing and Communications Job Descriptions

As our continuation of our job description project, the Marketing and Communications department had their positions updated to reflect current job description duties and roles. These job descriptions had not been updated for over 15 years.

Board Comments:

Mr. Rohrs requested that this agenda item was moved from Consent to Action to inform the public. Mir Wirth asked if this is due to a re-organization in the Marketing and Communications Department, Dr. Nance responded, yes. Mr. Rohrs asked if these were new positions, Dr. Nance responded, No. Mr. Wirth asked if there were changes to the positions. Dr. Nance responded that the needs of the department are different now. Mrs. Mozdzen stated that the job description updates haven't been done in some time. Mr. Rohrs stated that a much stronger effort is needed in the Marketing plan, the analysis presented earlier in the year was inadequate. Dr. Nance shared that a update would be presented at the Board Retreat.

Recommend Approval of updated job descriptions for the Marketing and Communications Department.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. **Information Items – 8:42 pm**

7.01 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board reviewed CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap.

7.02 Board Member Current Events

Kurt Rohrs - Week of April 8th Mr. Rohrs visited Washington, DC where he toured Congress with Representative Biggs and was able to attend congressional hearings. On April 19th, he attended ACPMS A+ School of Excellence Celebration. On April 20th Mr. Rohrs attended a an Upstander meeting at Gilbert HS. Mr. Rohrs also attended Mental Health Summit at BHS.

Barb Mozdzen - Informed the public on the upcoming CEF High School Breakfast events for Impact Scholars. The great support of the donors in the community has made college more affordable for these students.

8. **Adjournment – 8:48 pm**

8.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Board President