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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
May 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Executive Session – 5:00 pm

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session – Superintendent Goals Data Review

Consider motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of Superintendent Evaluation. Joel Wirth and Patti Serrano joined the executive session.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

1.02 Adjourn to Executive Session – Superintendent Goals Data Review

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Study Session – 5:45 pm

2.01 Potential Bond Options and Bond Committee Recommendation

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on potential November 2024 bond options. The Bond Committee also presented their findings and recommendations.

3. Retiree’s Reception – 6:30 pm

3.01 2024 Retirees

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, introduced the 2024 retirees.

4. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

4.01 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. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PreK-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; 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 of Support Services; were present. Dr. Kym Marshall, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning; Heather Anguiano, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, East Region; were not present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

5. Routine Business – 7:05 pm

5.01 Approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5.02 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 1064 Payroll 04/18/2024

Voucher 1065 Payroll 05/02/2024

Voucher 1066 Payroll 05/02/2024

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Vouchers 5215-5219 04/18/2024 Check# 1800063736-1800063901

Vouchers 5220-5224 04/25/2024 Check# 1800063907-1800064059

Voucher 5225 04/30/2024 Check# 1800064060-1800064061

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5.03 Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

6. Recognition – 7:10 pm

6.01 Athletics State Championship

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, introduced ACPHS Boys and Girls Track Team and Tennis State Champions.

7. Report / Information – 7:15 pm

7.01 Student Body President Report

Brooklyn Tallman - Hamilton HS

Austin Clouse - Perry HS

The Board will also recognize our 2023-2024 Student Body Presidents:

Lilly Pulsifer - ACP HS

Ava Gilbert - BHS

Riley Martinez - CCHS

Lexi Moreno - CHS

Brooklyn Tallman - HHS

Austin Clouse - PHS

7.02 Superintendent Current Events

Governing Board, with this being our only meeting in May, I have much to update you on.

- CUSD has two Flinn Scholars to celebrate, Swanuja Godasi and Nico Castagna from Arizona College Prep High School. These students are two of 20 Arizona high-school seniors awarded the 2024 Flinn Scholarship, a merit-based award that will provide each of them a full ride to one of Arizona's public universities. To qualify, Flinn Scholars must excel in the classroom and typically rank in the top 5% of their graduating class, while also demonstrating leadership in a variety of extracurricular activities both at school and in their communities.

7. Report / Information – 7:15 pm

7.02 Superintendent Current Events (cont'd)

- Our own Colleen Flannery, CUSD Chief Technology Officer, is the winner of the 2024 Arizona ORBIE Award in the Enterprise category. This year, over 120 nominations were received for the awards. The ORBIE award honors technology executives who have demonstrated excellence in technology leadership. Last year, Colleen was a finalist which is also a great honor. Congratulations Colleen! Your leadership and your team keep this district future focused.

- Friday evening the Gila River Indian Community's Tribal Education Department honored students at the Chief Antonio Azul Scholar and Citizenship Awards. The Chief Azul scholar award recognizes Gila River Indian Community students who demonstrate consistent performance and desire and ability to achieve their goals. The Chief Azul Citizenship award is presented to Gila River Indian Community high school students who consistently demonstrate a positive attitude, friendly demeanor, and serve as a role model for others. Four CUSD students were recognized at Friday's event. Those students are:
 - o Sariah Soke 5th grade at Hull Elementary
 - o Maria Gutierrez 4th grade at Hartford Elementary
 - o Jorge Gutierrez 9th grade at Chandler High School
 - o Kaylani Lyons 10th grade at Basha High School

This evening, we would like to celebrate Chandler High School. Both the boys and girls CHS track and field teams were named Division 1 high school state champions. A high school to have both teams take the title at the same time in the same year is unique. What an accomplishment. Wolves you should be proud!!

Before the Board meeting, we celebrated more than 30 retirees. Several of the retirees have been with CUSD for decades, making a difference for thousands of students. Your impact will be felt for years to come, and we are so grateful for everything you have dedicated to this great district.

Nationally, this week is Educator Appreciation Week, but in CUSD we appreciate our staff every day. You truly give the and then some factor... that is you are an educator and then some and we couldn't be more thankful. In honor of this week, we've been sharing video clips across our social media channels. Check this one out:

May 8 is School Nurse Day. We would like to honor and celebrate our district and school nurses and school health staff. You are healers, caregivers, and then some. Thank you for all that you do!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The end of the school year and graduation can be challenging for students, staff, and families. If you are struggling, please know we have many resources available 24/7 on our counseling and social services web page. You are not in this alone!

Finally, we want to share with the community a very exciting update. We are hosting a week-long summer camp for high school students interested in learning about the semiconductor industry. You may have seen recent stories that Arizona, especially Chandler, is being compared to Silicon Valley with so many big semiconductor names setting up shop in our state and city. The semiconductor industry is filled with potential for our students as it is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. Much more to come on this budding pathway for our students.

7.02 Superintendent Current Events

Mr. Narducci introduced the following new CUSD Administrators:
Jay Schnittger - Principal of Casteel High School
Marcie Romero - Principal of Weinberg Gifted Academy
Kyle Darr - Assistant Principal of Hill Learning Academy
Dana Shaw - Dean at ACP MS

8. Presentation – 7:45 pm

8.01 Celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Dr. Adama Sallu, Director of Equity and Inclusion, and Abigail C. Ko, student at Camille Casteel HS presented the proclamation celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and recognize the heritage of administrators, teachers, and staff.

9. Public Hearing – 7:55 pm

9.01 Public Hearing on the Revised 2023-2024 Budget

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, conducted a public hearing on the revised 2023-2024 budget.

10. Comments – 8:10 pm

10.01 Citizen Comments

Dr. Patrick Gallaway - Teen Violence
Zeyna Pruzhanovsky - Thanked Teachers for Teacher Appreciation
Shannon Hayes - Policy
Ronnie Cavalluzzi - Community Resources
Dina - Discrimination
Kristen Landry - Student Safety
Sophia (Patrick Gallaway read statement from Sophia) - Education Plan for kids
Lisa Calderon - Teacher Appreciation
Brian Burton - CUSD Policies

11. Consent Agenda – 7:49 pm

11.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for ACP HS 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.

11.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$40,946.03.

11.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$3,656.27.

11.04 Fee Schedules for the 2024-2025 School Year

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-342, a school district may charge fees for school activities and programs. The Board recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities that are not financed by local, state, or federal funds. It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. All fees shall contain a provision that allows the fees to be waived in the event of economic hardship to the pupil. No student will be denied an education as a result of inability to pay these supplementary charges.

Elementary and Secondary Course Fees/CTE Course Fees:

Elementary, Secondary and CTE course/activity changes highlighted in RED have minimally increased from the previous board approved fee schedules. The majority of these changes are due to material/supply price increases. Fees that are black are at no change from the previous school year. Fees that are GREEN have decreased from last year. Fee changes to CTE course fees were also minor and were necessary to cover the cost of increased material/supply prices or were due to a new course being added. Also included in this fee schedule are Kindergarten Readiness and Gifted Testing fees. There are no changes to these fees from the previous year.

11.05 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation and Hiring Re-Recommendations.

Recommend approval of the consent agenda as published.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Kurt D Rohrs

12. Action Items 8:35 pm

12.01 Authorization to Exceed Fund Subsections within the Maintenance and Operations Budget

Per Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S). §15-905.G and Governing Board Policy DBJ, "The Governing Board may authorize the expenditure of monies budgeted within the maintenance and operation section of the budget for any subsection within the section in excess of amounts specified in the adopted budget only by action taken at a public meeting of the Governing Board and if the expenditures for all subsections of the section do not exceed the amount budgeted as provided in this section."

Recommend authorization to exceed fund subsections within the maintenance and operations budget.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12.02 School District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #2

"In accordance with Arizona Statute A.R.S. 15-905 and 15-910, by May 15th the Board may revise the School District Annual Expenditure Budget after notice has been given and a public meeting has been held. The revision reflects the adjustments for ADM, updates to revenue, and budget line-item changes to account for actual and encumbered expenses across multiple funds.

Attached is the District Annual Budget Expenditure Budget Revision #2 and an explanation of the predominant reasons for the adjustments.

Recommended adoption of the 2023-2024 District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #2.

Adopt the 2023-2024 District Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #2.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12.03 RFP# 91-24-29 Custodial Management Services

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.

A total of four (4) vendors responded to the solicitation and the top two (2) vendors were chosen for the presentation stage. The top two vendors chosen for presentations were:

- Aramark Educational Services
- HES Facilities

Of the two (2) vendors chosen for the presentation, only one (1) vendor provided a presentation. A core committee of five (5) employees consisting of district administrators and site leaders evaluated the written responses and presentations. Two additional staff members were invited to observe the presentation.

The Custodial Management Services contract will be for one year with the option to renew it on an annual basis for four (4) additional years. CUSD requested Board approval for the award of RFP 91-24-29 Custodial Management Services, in the amount of \$2,903,677.37 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A summary of the evaluation is attached. A brief presentation will be provided to further explain the District's needs.

CUSD is requesting Board approval for the award of RFP 91-24-29 Custodial Management Services, in the amount of \$2,903,677.37 for the 2024-2025 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

Abstain: Patti M Serrano

12. Action Items 8:35 pm (cont'd)

12.04 Contract Increase – Custodial Grounds and Maintenance Services

The Governing Board approved 1GPA contract 20-01PV-08 for Custodial Grounds and Maintenance Services estimated expenditures of \$350,000.00 on June 28, 2023. The District is requesting approval of an additional \$150,000.00 for a new total amount to \$500,000.00 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. An increase is needed due to excessive winter and spring rain for weed removal, extra weed control such as spraying pre-emergent and emergency tree removal at the 14 sites that are serviced by Yellowstone Landscape, LLC.

Recommend approval of 1GPA contract 20-01PV-08 for Custodial Grounds and Maintenance Services estimated expenditures of \$350,000.00 on June 28, 2023. The District is requesting approval of an additional \$150,000.00 for a new total amount to \$500,000.00 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12.05 Chandler Unified School District, Arizona Board of Regents and University of Arizona Memorandum of Understanding

Request approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chandler Unified School District, Arizona Board of Regents and University of Arizona. The Governing Board has approved the semi-conductor course as a new class for the 2025-2026 school year. This agreement is a partnership to develop the curriculum for a 2-year Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in Semiconductor Manufacturing, to be delivered starting Fall 2025.

Request approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chandler Unified School District, Arizona Board of Regents and University of Arizona.

Motion by Patti M Serrano, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12.06 First Things First Agreement with the Chandler CARE Center 2024-2025

The annual grant renewal for the Government Agreement (GRA-RC035-24-1200-01) between First Things First and the Chandler CARE Center, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, is attached for approval. This agreement provides \$250,000 in funding to support the Chandler CARE Center Family Resource Center programs, including parenting activities and referrals, supporting families in their knowledge of child development, health, and parenting.

Recommend approval of annual grant renewal of First Things First agreement with the Chandler CARE Center.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12.07 CUSD Turf Rental Fees 2024

Community Education recently reviewed turf rental fees through market comparisons. We have attached recommended changes in rates moving forward. Recommend Approval of CUSD Turf Field Rental Fees.

Recommend Approval of CUSD Turf Field Rental Fees.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

13. Information Items – 9:10 pm

13.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports

Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2023 through April 2024 were provided for review.

13.02 Sunday Reading Program by Winsor Learning

Chandler Unified School District uses curricula aligned to the Arizona State Standards to meet the diverse learning needs of students. Our current resource for Tier 3 and Specially Designed Instruction is the Wilson Reading System. We will continue to have access to the materials on hand. Sunday Reading Program is a structured, multisensory approach to teaching reading, specifically targeting students with dyslexia and other reading difficulties. It's based on Orton-Gillingham principles, which emphasize a systematic, phonics-based approach to teaching literacy. The Sunday Reading Program is more cost effective for the district both in time for teachers and in financial commitment over time.

Request approval to purchase via cooperative contract through Dysart Unified School District. Sunday System 1, Sunday Leveled Readers System 1, Sunday System 2, Sunday Leveled Readers System 2, and Sunday Building Fluency Workbook for all 32 elementary sites. Training for implementation can be provided in-house by our academic specialists. We expect to reduce the annual cost for Wilson Reading System materials and training. These materials and training meet the same needs as Wilson provides our students with unique needs for specially designed instruction and tier 3 support.

The cost for all 32 sites is \$174,701.54 including estimated tax, shipping, and processing. The purchase of this resource will be paid for using Special Education M&O funds.

In accordance with ARS 15-721 and CUSD Policy IJJ, this resource will be placed on display for a period of 60 days for review and comment at the Melinda Romero Instructional Resource Center starting May 9, 2024. This item will be brought back for governing board action on July 10, 2024.

13.03 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

The Board reviewed CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap.

13.04 Board Member Current Events

Joel Wirth - Before/Afterschool and Preschool programs are well run, staff couldn't be nicer and is very impressed.

Patti Serrano - May is a busy month. Reminder and thanked those who have applied to join the Teen Violence Advisory. Thanked Teachers and CEA. Ms. Serrano will be attending the HHS and CCHS graduation ceremonies. Congratulated family members graduating this month.

Kurt Rohrs - Mr. Rohrs attended several community events including: PHS Lunch Taste Test, commented on clean cafeterias and fresh food; Hancock STEM festival; Maricopa County is having the same problem of hiring employees just like City of Chandler, he recommended that they might be able to start recruiting out of CUSD; Rice Elem. A+ celebration; City of Chandler Teen Violence listening session; Not my Kid Parent Training on social media and drugs; Chandler Chamber Police Chief Teen Violence meeting; City of Chandler Mental Health Day; and will be attending BHS Baseball Playoff game on Friday, 5/10.

Barb Mozdzen - Thanked teachers. Graduations are coming up starting with our alternative programs next week and high school graduation starting the week of May 20th. Proud of Graduating Seniors.

14. Adjournment – 9:45 pm

14.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm.