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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
October 9, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session – 6:07 pm

1.01 Annual Financial Report (AFR) Presentation

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Annual Financial Report.

2. Opening Items - 7:03 pm

2.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PreK-12 Educational Services; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Michael De La Torre, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 Schools; Chris Rossini, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; 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; Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication; and Tom Dunn, Executive Director of Support Services; were present. Leo Schlueter, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, West Region, was not present

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

3. Recognition

3.01 "And Then Some" Award

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications introduced the Knots for NICU club members and their sponsors Mrs. Oelschlager and Mrs. Prestwich.

4. Report / Information

4.01 Student Body President Report

Lauren Gonzalez - BHS

4.02 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present.

4.03 Superintendent Current Events

Superintendent Narducci started by welcoming everyone back from Fall break. I hope our Governing Board, Families and Staff enjoyed time with family and friends. Although it feels like summer, I believe we are officially in the FALL season! I have a few items to share since we last met, presented Veronica King, a perfect attendance award for the 2023-2024 school year:

4. Report / Information

4.03 Superintendent Current Events (cont'd)

Chandler Unified School District was once again named the #1 Best Public School District in all of Arizona by school rating website Niche.com. Based on state data, student achievement, quality of programs, opportunities available and hundreds of reviews, CUSD received an overall grade of A+. Niche also ranked CUSD #1 best school district for athletes and in the top 3 best places to teach. To every member of Team CUSD, students, staff, and families, you are the reason why CUSD is the very best and from the bottom of my heart I say thank you. It is an honor to serve you.

We are so excited to celebrate with our community as the rebuilding of Galveston Elementary School is almost complete and the school is officially open! We held a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday with many of you in attendance. Originally built in 1963, Galveston Elementary is one of our older schools and has witnessed countless stories, laughter, and learning, shaping the lives of so many students. This rebuild represents more than just bricks and mortar; it is a testament to our commitment to collaborating with the City of Chandler in a reinvestment in our northern neighborhoods. This rebuild provides our students with a 21st century learning environment in a building that is cost-effective and energy efficient and will stand the test of time for even more generations to come!

Chandler Unified School District students from all seven high schools achieved an impressive total of more than 1,700 Advanced Placement awards for the 2023-2024 school year. These awards include AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction, AP International Diploma, AP Capstone Diploma, and AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

We also received information about Advanced Placement Honor Roll school awards from The College Board. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness. ACP High School achieved Gold status, and Casteel High School and Hamilton High School both earned Bronze recognitions.

Speaking of college, please check out this short video from CUSD's second annual district college and career fair which was held at Hamilton High School prior to the Fall break. Congratulations to the counseling and social services team for a successful event. Students and families had the opportunity to connect with more than 120 colleges, universities, and military organizations across our Nation. CUSD Graduates are highly recruited, and this event not only provides our students and families with additional information, but also pinpoints CUSD graduates as highly desirable to post-secondary institutions of learning.

As many know CUSD's motto is The Premier District of Choice. To showcase all CUSD options, we will be hosting our very first CUSD School Choice Fair on November 20th at 5:30 p.m. As a Pre-K through 12th grade school district students as young as 3 & 4 years old can begin their educational journey with us and progress with us through 12th grade at any of our incredible comprehensive high schools. Thank you for helping us spread the word about this inaugural event. It will be held on November 20th at 5:30 here at our CUSD Main Office.

One last item – we appreciate you spreading the word about our need for bus drivers. We have had some candidates due to your word-of-mouth recommendation - Every Thursday we host drop-in interviews for bus drivers at the transportation yard. If you or anyone you know is interested, we encourage you to apply online first then head to the Bus Yard tomorrow or any Thursday between 12pm and 3. It is as easy as that. We are looking toward a productive 2nd quarter!

4.04 New Administrator Introduction

Mr. Narducci, introduced Christine Bromley, Director of Health Services

5. Comments

5.01 Citizen Comments

Michael Simon - CUSD80 Tech Policies
Ronnie Cavalluzzi - Galveston
Angel Olmos - Title IX

6. Consent Agenda

6.01 Approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

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

6.02 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for CCHS and PHS 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 yearly.

6.03 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Requested approval and ratification of the following Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers:

Payroll for 2024-2025 Year:

Voucher 1012 Payroll 09/19/2024
Voucher 1014 Payroll 09/19/2024
Voucher 1015 Payroll 09/19/2024
Voucher 1016 Payroll-ACR 09/25/2024
Voucher 1018 Payroll 10/03/2024

Accounts Payable for 2024-2025 Year:

Vouchers 6043-6046 09/05/2024 Check# 1800067372-1800067479
Voucher 6047 09/09/2024 Check# 1800067480
Vouchers 6048-6052 09/12/2024 Check# 1800067481-1800067784
Vouchers 6053-6057 09/19/2024 Check# 1800067818-1800068056
Vouchers 6058-6062 09/26/2024 Check# 1800068057- 1800068247

6.04 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$108,315.86.

6.05 Donations

Requested approval of items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$5,611.01.

6.06 Participation Agreement with Public Consulting Group for Medicaid Services

The CUSD Medicaid program has generated approximately \$2.5 million annually over the last three years. The District must utilize a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to process claims and issues reimbursements. Public Consulting Group (PCG) will continue in FY25 as the (TPA) for the Arizona State Medicaid Agency (AHCCCS) Medicaid School-Based Claiming program. AHCCCS has total authority in awarding this contract; therefore, PCG is the sole source vendor. There is no other option. The term of this agreement shall be effective on and after August 21st, 2024.

The TPA's fees for administering this program are calculated based upon the procedure codes billed by providers and the corresponding units.ⁿ Fees are deducted from the reimbursement before being disbursed to the school district. Direct Service Claiming (DSC) reimbursements are disbursed during the current fiscal year. Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) reimbursements are disbursed the following fiscal year. Current fees paid to the TPA are \$.33 per unit for the DSC portion and 19% quarterly for the MAC portion. Chandler Unified has paid \$179,658.78 to PCG in year-to-date fees for the DSC portion for FY24. Fees paid in FY23 were \$42,572.32, which was below average. Towards the end of FY23 we experienced delays in payments from AHCCCS. As a result of their catch-up process this year, we have observed higher fees than usual.

In addition, Chandler Unified has paid PCG \$60,615.02 in fees for the MAC portion from July 2022 through June 2023. The fee schedule for FY25 will be \$.33 per unit for the DSC portion and 19%

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6.06 Participation Agreement with Public Consulting Group for Medicaid Services (cont'd)

quarterly for the MAC portion. Assuming an estimated 15% increase to our DSC revenues, an estimate of the DSC fees for FY25 is \$165,000.00. An estimate of the MAC fees for FY24 is \$70,000.00.

Recommended renewal of participation with Public Consulting Group as the Third-Party Administrator for the Arizona State Medicaid Agency (AHCCCS) Medicaid School-Based Claiming program in FY25. An estimate of annual Direct Service Claiming fees to be paid to Public Consulting Group for FY25 is \$165,000.00 and \$70,000.00 in Medicaid Administrative Claiming fees for FY24.

ⁿ Units are either event or time driven. For example, a speech therapy session is billed by event. An event is equal to one unit. Occupational therapy individual sessions are billed based upon time. Fifteen minutes of therapy is equal to one unit, 30 minutes is equal to two units.

6.07 Human Resources

Employment, Separation and Compensation.

Motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, 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

7. Action Items

7.01 Approve Publication of the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report

Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) §15-904 requires school districts to prepare and submit an Annual Financial Report (AFR) by October 15.

Also, in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-904, by November 15, 2024, the district's Governing Board must approve publishing on the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) website. The affidavit of publication must be filed with ADE within 30 days after publication but not later than December 15, 2024.

The report which is being submitted for approval may not be available for Board perusal prior to the meeting as the data is, and will continue to be, collected up to the time of the Board Meeting. Board approval was requested.

Approve publication of the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. Information Items

8.01 Wellness Program Procedure Update

Arizona Department of Education made a recommendation to include language in the Wellness Program Procedure around the marketing and advertising in the Food & Nutrition program. Please see below for the recommended addition of bullet #8 to Procedure 3-301E. It was approved by Jennifer MacLennan at the AZ School Risk Retention Trust, she will update our procedure once reviewed by the board. Attached is the updated full procedure as a reference.

Marketing and advertising made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage that, at minimum, meet Smart Snack standards as implemented in applicable federal regulation.

8.02 Revision of Policy 3-107 - Fiscal Accounting and Financial Reporting

Based on the member input, the Trust recommends revising the portion of this policy regarding instructional minutes. The change clarifies that school districts have flexibility regarding the number of statutorily required days (180 days) if the district maintains the requisite number of instructional minutes. This recommendation is not based on any statutory or regulatory changes.

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8.02 Revision of Policy 3-107 - Fiscal Accounting and Financial Reporting (cont'd)

Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 3-107 will be requested at the October 23, 2024, Board meeting.

8.03 Revision of Procedure 3-203.A - Visitors-Prohibition Regarding Disruption

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 97 (House Bill 2508) amends the criminal code at A.R.S. § 13-2907 to prohibit any individual from making a false report regarding an educational institution with the intent to cause an emergency response. This prohibition has been added to: (1) the Trust's procedure regarding prohibiting disruption (Procedure 3-203.A); and (2) the student code of conduct (Policy 5-305). Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 4-101.A as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

8.04 Revision of Procedure 3-301.A - Food Services-Nutrition

The United States Department of Agriculture published a final rule on April 24, 2024 that will impact the nutrition requirements in school lunch and meal programs. While the effective date of the regulations is July 1, 2024, districts are not required to change the content of school menus until the 2025–2026 school year. The Trust proposes a revision to an existing procedure to recognize the new rule. Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 3-301.A as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

8.05 Revision of Policy 3-401 - Safety and Emergency Management

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 57 (House Bill 2174) requires convicted sex offenders, upon registration, to submit information regarding: (1) the individual's legal custody of a child; and (2) that child's school. Provisions of the criminal code (Title 13) have been amended to require the registered sex offender to notify the local sheriff if the student's enrollment status changes. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 3-401 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

Also, Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 3-401.F as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

8.06 Revision of Policy 4-101 - Board Authority to Employ

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 218 (House Bill 2906) amends A.R.S. § 15-536 and A.R.S. § 15-538.01 to require that school districts issue contracts to certificated teachers on or after March 15.

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 110 (Senate Bill 1558) adds A.R.S. § 15-509 to require that school district applicants disclose specific listed crimes against children.

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 6 (Senate Bill 1560) revises A.R.S. § 15-534.04 to prohibit the employment of a non-certificated individual in a school district until that person has completed any disciplinary process for immoral or unprofessional conduct in another jurisdiction.

The Trust recommends changes to policy and a new procedure to address the above- listed requirements as well to ensure conformity with best practices with respect to conducting background checks. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 4-101 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

8.07 Revision of Policy 4-204 - Mandatory Reporting

Based on member input, the Trust recommends adding language regarding reporting abuse of vulnerable adults to existing policy to assist in protecting adult special education students. The Trust also suggests clarification that employees must report hazing. These recommendations are not based on any statutory or regulatory changes. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 4-204 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

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8.08 Revision of Policy 5-105 - Open Enrollment

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 68 (House Bill 2311) amends A.R.S. § 15-816.01 to permit school districts to give open enrollment preference to students who have parents who are active military or were killed in the line of duty. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 5-105 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

8.09 Revision of Procedure 5-216.A - Procedure-Promotion and Retention of Students; Passing Grades- Standards and Processes

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 158 (House Bill 2779) amends A.R.S. § 15-701.02 to require the State Board of Education to adopt a requirement that students be taught about the Holocaust and other genocides for at least three class periods on two separate occasions between grades 7 and 12. Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 5-216.A as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

8.10 Revision of Policy 5-217 - Graduation

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 98 (House Bill 2645) adds A.R.S. § 15-701.04 to require that school districts adopt a policy to provide academic credit and other protections to foster care students enrolling in 9th to 12th grades. The Trust recommends that high school districts and unified school districts revise two policies and add three new procedures to address these requirements. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 5-217 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

8.11 Revision of Policy 5-219 - Arizona Online Instruction

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 239 (Senate Bill 1457) adds A.R.S. § 15-808.01, which specifies assessment protocols in the virtual setting for school districts operating Arizona Online Instruction or virtual drop out recovery programs. The Trust has proposed revisions to the existing optional policy and a new procedure to address the assessment requirements. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 5-219 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

Also, Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 5-219.A as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

8.12 Revision of Policy 5-303 Student Records

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 98 (House Bill 2645) adds A.R.S. § 15-701.04 to require that school districts adopt a policy to provide academic credit and other protections to foster care students enrolling in 9th to 12th grades. The Trust recommends that high school districts and unified school districts revise two policies and add three new procedures to address these requirements. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 5-303 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

Also, Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 5-303.D as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

8.13 Revision of Policy 5-305 Student Code of Conduct

Based on member input, the Trust recommends revising the student code of conduct to expressly prohibit students from using generative artificial intelligence to plagiarize. This recommendation is not based on any statutory or regulatory changes.

The Trust issued an update in April 2024 with a recommended form to address the use of artificial intelligence (Form 4-303.A). The Trust has also added a prohibition regarding making a false report about an educational institution pursuant to 2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 97, amending A.R.S. § 13-2907.

Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust. These changes were presented as Information and approval of Policy 5-305 will be requested at the October 23, 2024 Board meeting.

8. Information Items (cont'd)

8.14 Student Activity Report

The Student Activity Report for the months ending July 2024 through September 2024 was provided for review.

8.15 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board discussion of the Agenda Roadmap for the 2024-25 school year.

8.16 Board Member Current Events

Patti Serrano - Welcomed everyone back to 2nd quarter. Attended Galveston Elementary Ribbon Cutting on 10/8/24. Reminded the public that 2024 Election Ballots were mailed out today, Bond Facts on the CUSD80 website. Wished the Jewish community peace and goodness during observance of Jewish Holidays.

Kurt Rohrs - Attended the following events: 9/12-Student Mental Health Summit; 9/18-Hispanic Community Luncheon and College Fair; 9/20-VIP Breakfast for Bond; 9/23-Preston Lord Birthday Community Event; 9/30-Reading and Math scores were published. BHS Football ranked #1 in the state. This Friday, BHS vs. HHS. Reminded public to vote.

Joel Wirth - When he ran for Board, his goal was to rebuild of our older schools Galveston is complete, Hartford is next.

Barb Mozdzen - Reminder for CUSD School Choice Fair on Nov. 20th at District Office. Galveston Ribbon Cutting was fantastic, bringing Galveston to 21st century learning. Thanked Member Wirth for his vision.

9. Adjournment – 8:39 pm

9.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Board President