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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
April 10, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session – 5:53 pm

- 1.01 Journey to Excellence – goals and Objectives for CUSD's 2024-2025 Strategic Plan
The Goals and Objectives for CUSD's 2024-2025 Strategic Plan were presented by Frank Narducci, Superintendent, Abby Druck, Director of Human Resources-Professional Pathways; Jessica Edgar, Executive Director for PK-12 Curriculum and Instruction; Tom Dunn, Executive Director of Support Services; and Heather Anguiano, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, East Region.

Governing Board Member Questions:

How far will we go in the social services area?

We do not want to lose focus on academics. We will provide necessary resources and support to assist with personalized experience for students based on social, emotional and academic needs.

Define "soft skills".

De-escalation, conflict resolution, emotional regulation, and interview skills, personal/professional skills that are not taught.

What is Restorative Learning?

An environment that works for student learning - having connectivity to learning.

How many people have participated in this process?

All staff members as well as specialty groups.

What is a Learning Walk?

This is an opportunity to observe at a higher level to recognize patterns that are working and those that are not. Gives a better understanding of what is happening in our schools.

2. Opening Items - 7:04 pm

- 2.01 Roll Call
Patti M Serrano, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth were present, Barb R Mozdzen and Kurt D Rohrs joined by phone.

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; 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. Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer, was not present.

- 2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

3. Routine Business – 7:05 pm

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

3.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

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

Payroll for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 1059 Payroll 03/13/2024

Voucher 1061 Payroll 04/04/2024

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Vouchers 5191-5195 03/21/2024 Check# 1800062816-1800063062

Vouchers 5196-5200 03/28/2024 Check# 1800063073-1800063277

Voucher 5202 04/02/2024 Check# 1800063279

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

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

3.03 Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

4. Recognition – 7:07 pm

4.01 Winter Team State Championships

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication, introduced:

PHS Pom Team and Coach Howard

HHS Academic Decathlon Team and Coach Bateson

5. Report / Information – 7:12 pm

5.01 Student Body President Report

Lilly Pulsifer, ACP High School

Ava Gilbert, Basha High School

5.02 Superintendent Current Events

Board members, I have a quick update for you this evening.

Prior to Spring Break, we have been communicating about our Teen Violence Advisory, and we are still accepting applications. You can locate the application on the home page of the district website or the home page of any school site. The application is in English and Spanish. Applications will be accepted until April 15.

With Graduation of our Seniors a month a way, Chandler School Boosters is hosting workshops lead by a local law firm designed to help parents prepare certain legal documents that their child could need when/if they move away from home. There is a fee for the preparation, but a portion of the proceeds go back to CSB which helps our boosters and PTOs.

If you have a 5-year-old or a 4-Year-old that is ready for early learning, Now is a great time to register for kindergarten! In CUSD we have a wide variety of kinder choices including accelerated and dual language

5. Report / Information – 7:12 pm

5.02 Superintendent Current Events (cont'd)

immersion. For families who have children turning 5 after our cutoff so between September 1 and December 31 of this year, you may consider participating in our testing sessions to assess child readiness for early entrance into kindergarten. All the information can be found on our website.

The CUSD Annual Art Showcase opens April 17 at the Chandler Center for the Arts. This free event highlights the talent and creativity of CUSD student artists. The Arts in CUSD are second to none. Shared a video to highlight reel of arts in CUSD!

One more shoutout for the Arts in CUSD. Here are a few photos from the district honors orchestra event which was held at the Chandler Center for the Arts Last night. Great job to all students and staff involved. We have so much talent in CUSD!

This weekend CUSD Transportation hosted Come Drive a Bus. More than 20 attendees took part. They watched training videos before test driving a bus under the guidance of our amazing transportation team. The purpose of this event was to introduce community members to the possibility of becoming a CUSD bus driver. If you or someone you know wants to help drive our future, apply online. We offer paid training and benefits!

Finally, I would like to give a huge shoutout to CUSD athletics, elementary education, and our schools for all the work they put into the district Elementary Championship Track Meet Held at Perry High School this past Monday evening. It was a huge success. Hundreds of elementary kids and a few school mascots laced up their running shoes for this annual event. In the end, CTA Humphrey / Elite Performance Academy won the boys 5th and 6th grade team titles and Patterson Elementary captured the girls' 5th and 6th grade team championships. Thank you to our Elementary team, Perry High School Administration and Student Athlete volunteers and our District Athletics Department for helping make this event successful.

6. Comments – 7:31 pm

7.01 Citizen Comments

Bin Yuan - Student safety and standard procedures (bully).

Sophia Oiao - School bully

Ann Adams - Unsafe bathrooms, parking lots and drugs.

Dr. Patrick Gallaway - Bullying.

Bridget Vega - teen violence.

Louann Savolt - School safety.

Ronnie Cavalluzzi - Teen violence.

Kristine Brennan - Teen violence.

Angela Rogers - Teen violence.

Crystal English - Testing and religious holidays.

Brian Burton - Teen violence.

7. Consent Agenda – 7:59 pm

7.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for ACP MS, 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 will receive a summary of final travel arrangements quarterly.

7.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$16,772.21.

7.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$5,250.30.

7. Consent Agenda – 7:59 pm (cont'd)

7.04 National School Lunch Program

Approval is requested annually to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program, and At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for the 2024-2025 school year. The Permanent Service Agreement for the National School Lunch Program is attached. The agreement has not changed, but the signatures have been updated.

7.05 1GPA Contract 23-16PV-12 Furniture Products and Services

The district requested approval to utilize 1GPA Contract 23-16PV-12 for Meteor Education for Furniture Products and Services in the amount of \$296,743.52 per the attached that was provided. The contract will be utilized to purchase furniture for the reimagining of the Hull Elementary School media center.

7.06 Transition to the Trust Model Policy Program

CUSD Policy Transition from ASBA to The Trust Model Policy Program. This was presented as information at the March 27, 2024 board meeting. Recommended approval.

7.07 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, Revised Salary Schedules, Job Description, and 2024-25 Exempt & Support Staff Re-recommendations.

Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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. Action Items 8:00 pm

8.01 Contract Increase - Mental Health Services

The Governing Board approved RFP 34-23-27 Mental Health Services for The Hope Institute with estimated expenditures of \$300,000 on June 28, 2023. The District requested approval of an additional \$175,000 to increase the total amount to \$475,000 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. An increase is needed due to the number of students being serviced and the providers needed.

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Board Discussion:

What was the planned student case load for the original contract?

A clinician's maximum caseload is 24 per week (based on the therapeutic model THI utilizes).

This number is similar to agencies like Southwest Behavioral Health.

What has been the actual student case load that has required this contract increase?

The increase in funding request is not so much about caseload size as it is about cost of services.

We are still covering the cost of therapy for students as THI works to solidify contracts with insurance agencies. As of last week, THI has contracts with Aetna, Cigna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Optum. We have been waiting on United Healthcare (which we should hear back from any day now) and AHCCCS. AHCCCS is the last huge piece to move forward, their moratorium they had sets to expire on June 8th. Once they have an AHCCCS contract THI will be self-sustaining.

Are all student cases related to suicide prevention?

THI is an outpatient clinic that only provides therapy for those with thoughts of suicide.

After an individual has been stabilized the clinician can refer them to on-going/long-term counseling if needed.

What other cases are being handled?

The only cases that are referred to THI and that their clinicians provide therapeutic services for are individuals with thoughts of suicide. (Suicide Ideation)

THI clinicians are equipped to provide families with recommendations for additional support to address needs outside of suicidality.

8. Action Items 8:00 pm

8.01 Contract Increase - Mental Health Services (cont'd)

What has been documented Parent feedback on the services?

We are very cautious and cognizant of a family's right to privacy. They are navigating one of the scariest crises alone. The clinicians who work cases have had parents who have commented that they were glad there was help immediately for their child. Over 120 critical cases have been worked through during the critical point in time. Parents are choosing the services. Additionally, more parents want to know more about Hope Institute as they feel there needs to be more information as we qualify for additional insurance options, we will re-market.

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

9. Information Items – 8:08 pm

9.01 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 March 2024 were provided for review.

9.02 Strategic Plan – CUSD Journey to Excellence

The goals and objectives for CUSD's Strategic Plan "Journey to Excellence" was presented as information, will return as an action consent at the April 24, 2024 Governing Board meeting.

9.03 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

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

9.04 Board Member Current Events

Kurt Rohrs - On March 28th, Mr. Rohrs attended the ASU Career Fair at CHS. Feedback to share - Junior year is too late for this fair. Suggested making this opportunity for students earlier in their high school years, maybe freshman year. On April 3rd, Mr. Rohrs was at Carlson Elementary where Sun Lakes Rotary Club sponsored A World In Motion, students had an opportunity to build a Gravity Cruiser.

Patti Serrano - CUSD hired Anthony Robles as a wrestling coach. Welcome, and look forward to his leadership. Asked for support to our student's extra-curricular activities. Effective 4/11/24 students at Frye, San Marcos, Galveston, and Hartford SE students will be receiving free school meals. These schools have qualified for funding to make this possible.

10. Adjournment – 8:14 pm

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Board President