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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
August 5, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Executive Session - 4:00 pm**

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session - Safety

**Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Karen M McGee.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

1.02 Adjourn from Executive Session

**Motion to Adjourn from Executive Session.**

**Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Lindsay A Love.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

**2. Opening Items - 7:00 pm**

2.01 Roll Call

Barb Mozdzen, Board President; Lara Bruner, Board Vice President; Karen McGee and Lindsay Love, Board Members; were present. David Evans, Board Member, joined by telephone.

Dr. Camille Casteel, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Dr. Wendy Nance, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Frank Narducci, Assistant superintendent of Elementary Education; Larry Rother, Sr. Executive Director of PK-12 Educational Services; and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, were present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

**3. Routine Business**

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

**Motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.**

**Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Lindsay A Love.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

3.02 Approval and Ratification of Payroll and Expenditure Vouchers

**Approve and Ratify Payroll for July 16 and 30, 2020 and Current Expenditures**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Karen M McGee.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

3.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

- 4.01 Monetary Gifts  
Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$40,250.77.
- 4.02 Donations  
Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$2,839.41.
- 4.03 Contract between Chandler Unified School District and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services, Inc.  
Requested approval of contracted services through Southwest Behavioral & Health, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year:
- Memo of Understanding for General Education
  - Agreement for Special Education Department
  - Agreement for the K-6 Opportunity Program
- 4.05 2020-2021 IGA with CUSD and Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) for Dual Enrollment Courses  
Recommended approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between CUSD and Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) for Dual Enrollment courses for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 4.06 MOU Agreement between CUSD and Valley of the Sun YMCA for the iLearn Program 2020-2021  
Requested approval of the Agreement between the Valley of the Sun YMCA and the Chandler Unified School District. Students from all district high schools who drop out will be targeted to enroll in the YMCA drop out program. The YMCA will provide the student access to their programs and recreational opportunities at their facilities.
- 4.07 IFB #01-21-25 Swimming Pool Maintenance 250  
Requested approval to award IFB Bid #01-21-25 Swimming Pool Maintenance to All Season Pool Service for 2020-2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$250,000.
- 4.08 Extended Contracts for the 2020 - 2021 School Year  
Requested approval for contracts for the 2020–2021 school year in the estimated amount of \$2,350,000.00 which were missed in the annual renewal list.
- 4.09 Combo Desk Replacements for Willis Junior High and Andersen Junior High  
Requested approval to purchase 610 combo desks for Andersen Junior High and 646 combo desks for Willis Junior High. They will be purchased from School Specialty using the Omnia Partners contract #R190503, which meets all procurement guidelines, for a total cost of \$199,374.07 including installation.
- 4.10 Elementary Technology Purchase  
Requested approval to purchase 930 student technology devices from Apple, Inc. for a total cost of \$756,855.55 for distribution across 31 elementary sites.
- 4.11 MOU Consent between Chandler Unified School District #80 and ASU Prep Digital  
Requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chandler Unified School District and ASU Digital Prep. The total cost will be approximately \$183,000 for 2,400 students funded from the District Textbook funds.
- 4.12 IGA between Maricopa County Human Services Department and Chandler Unified School District  
Maricopa County and its Human Services Department and Chandler Unified School District entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) from August 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 for Head Start Services. Within this IGA was an option to extend the Agreement upon written agreement from both parties. Requested approval of a renewal agreement starting July 1, 2020 and a termination date of June 30, 2023.

#### 4. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

4.13 Special Education Day Schools

Requested approval for a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,300,000 for special education day schools on an as-needed basis as determined by the Executive Director of Student Services for services received between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

4.14 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, and Compensation

**Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Karen M McGee.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

#### 5. Action Items

5.01 Governing Board Resolution - COVID-19 District Operations

The Governing Board considered a Resolution regarding the safe re-opening of schools and implementation of a distance learning plan.

Dr. Casteel assured the public that emails are being read, decisions are not made lightly and each board member will share their position as they vote. Metric indicators will be posted on CUSD website daily.

David Evans stated that kids need to be back in school, but not at this time. Until we have better metrics and leadership from the state, we cannot move forward.

Lindsay Love echoed David, admitting it is not an easy decision. Kids are high risk when not in school, but we have to weigh the risks. There are too many unknowns and the risks are too great on our teachers and multi-generational families. We want children and teachers back when it is safe - one loss is too many.

Lara Bruner thanked the community and staff members for sharing their perspectives and experiences. Board members have received over 1,000 emails. We are relying on evidence from experts in the county, state, and national government. We need some type of stability to allow families to prepare. There is no good answer; even when we return, it will not look the same. This is the best we can do to protect community, staff, and children. We will look at this again in Sept to give us more information to move forward.

Karen McGee stated that we certainly had hoped to be in class at this time, but we must keep students and staff safe. We will constantly be monitoring the data and hope it turns around in our favor.

Barb Mozdzen admitted she struggled with having schools closed because we are deeply committed to choice for our families. This Resolution eliminates choice, but we are in a national health crisis and things are not normal. These are extraordinary circumstances that require us to protect our employees, children and families in Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek, and surrounding communities. Barb personally has read every email until about 2:30 pm today and appreciates everyone's comments. This is a divisive issue, but we have to put safety first. I have to support this because it has to do with safety.

**Approve the Resolution Re: COVID-19 District Operations as presented.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Lara E Bruner.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

## 5. Action Items (cont'd)

### 5.02 Perry High School Running Track

The Perry High School running track is 14 years old and needs repairs. The District has selected Chasse Building Team as the General Contractor via a (JOC) Job Order Contract, which complies with all school procurement rules.

**Approve Chasse Building Team for the Perry High School Track project in the amount of \$311,895.00.**

**Motion by Karen M McGee, second by Lara E Bruner.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

### 5.03 Hamilton High School Running Track

The Hamilton High School running track is over 20 years old and in need of replacement. The District selected Chasse Building Team as the General Contractor via a (JOC) Job Order Contract, which complies with all school procurement rules.

**Approve Chasse Building Team for the Hamilton School Track project in the amount of \$847,256.00.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Karen M McGee.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Lara E Bruner, David F Evans, Lindsay A Love, Karen M McGee**

## 6. Information Items

### 6.01 Private Day Tuition Expenditures for Quarter 4 of the 2019-2020 School Year

The list of private day school tuition expenditures for the 2019-20 school year was provided for review.

### 6.02 Student Activity Report

The Student Activity Report (SA) for the month ending July 2020 through July 2020 was provided for information.

## 7. Comments

### 7.01 Superintendent Comments

Dr. Casteel thanked staff for their support and flexibility, stating she is honored to work with such a professional group of people. Our actions have disappointed and angered some; please know these are difficult decisions. It came down to risks for children. We will keep our eye on the metrics as soon as we know what they are. We hear that some parents are thinking of withdrawing - I only hope you take time to think it through before you make a decision. We do respect your right as a parent, and you have been the ultimate of patient.

Some thought today was the best day ever for a first day of school; others thought it was a total failure. We still have class schedules to get out and we are still trying to shift. Please give us a few days and keep us informed. We have established a command center in this room to help answer questions; Chandler Online Academy has 8 at their helpdesk. We are here to help you.

We have an opportunity coming up at Hamilton High School to COVID test. Information is going out, and you will be able to preregister. They will be open 24 hours a day for 3 days and results will be back within 24-48 hours. We encourage the community to be tested if you wish.

It is not often that we kick off a school year with a big recognition announcement. We just learned that Sara Wyffels, or Senora Wyffels as her students at Chandler High School call her, is one of ten people in the running for the Arizona Educational Foundation 2021 Teacher of the Year! Best of luck to Sara as she moves through the process remotely.

## 7. Comments (cont'd)

### 7.02 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Lindsay Love thanked the District for providing testing. She also acknowledged Dr. Casteel, the Cabinet, teachers, and support staff because this process has not been easy to adapt to. She did receive many first day emails regarding difficulties and successes.

Lara Bruner thanked families for supporting their children in a virtual learning environment; teachers, counselors, help desk/IT, administrators, Dr. Casteel for making the very best out of a challenging situation. People are working many hours and patience is being displayed. Thank you to board members for pouring time into thousands of emails when you are paid \$0.

David Evans expressed condolences to family of Kerry Croswhite. He also congratulated Sara Wyffels, stating she is amazing. David reiterated that decisions are made for 46,000+ students, staff and families - it's not about us, but about who we serve. As I receive many emails over the next few days, I will try to remember that I was elected to be a board member to serve all the people of Chandler. I am not happy that some people have to figure out how to support their own students, while they work, and the students have to be at home. So many people are hurting and in dire straits, but we are not putting harm in your way. I will respond respectfully and will work to help make this work.

Barb reiterated that we are all in this together and they are difficult decisions. Our actions will not please everyone but moving forward we have to look at how to make the best of this. We hope to relieve some uncertainty, so families have time to make plans. COVID has changed the entire country, Arizona, Maricopa County, and our local community in Chandler. Districts around us have made similar decisions based on science and the best metrics that we have. There are still unknowns and how it impacts people. We would rather err on the side of caution than on the side of devastation and pain. It has impacted me greatly to have someone I've known for many years pass away from this disease. No family should have to deal with this. I do not want to feel responsible for causing someone to be infected because of what we do as a school district. I do believe we can move forward with hope and resolution to help our students achieve academically and meet their social/emotion needs. It's a new way of doing things, and we must all adapt to these circumstances. Children are adept in adapting; our world as adults is to help them adapt to these changing circumstances. Please give the district a chance to work. There will be tears and frustration - please reach out to help desk.

Barb acknowledged that she has received emails regarding comments and actions of individual board members. These comments do not represent the governing board as a whole nor the administration; however, individuals retain their personal rights to free speech. The only official voice one member has is in casting a vote at board meeting.

## 8. Adjournment

### 8.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.