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Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
October 16, 2014
8:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Bob Rice, Board President; Barb Mozdzen, Board Vice President; David Evans, Board Member; Karen McGee, Board Member; Dr. Camille Casteel, Superintendent; Joel Wirth, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fletcher, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Lana Berry, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; Frank Narducci, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education and Dr. Matt Strom, Executive Director for Research and Accountability.

1. Information Items

1.01 Journey 2020 - Academic Excellence

1) *Hill Academy*

Dr. Strom presented three projections if CUSD would decide to move in the direction of changing Hill Academy to a program, as opposed to having a school identification at the state level. Almost all other school districts use this methodology. Students would be assigned to another district school but attend classes at Hill Academy. Upon graduation, they would receive a diploma from Hill Academy and their assigned district school.

2) *State Testing*

The state has not decided what the new assessment test will be in future years. It is anticipated the testing calendar will be announced in January 2015. This will create a very small window to test 9 different exams. The other major decision for the district is whether the exams will be paper or computer based. Dr. Strom has already notified the state that CUSD would administer the exam by paper because many of our elementary sites are not equipped to administer a computer based exam.

1.02 Journey 2020 - Effective Resource Management

1) *State settlement*

It is rumored that the settlement will be determined by February 2015. CUSD administration would like to set aside half for textbooks and capital because we are getting zero capital dollars from the state. Joel Wirth mentioned we should be receiving approximately \$750,000 in November 2014. This is for the Student Success funds awarded as a result of last year's legislative session.

2) *Financing*

Lana Berry distributed information regarding the lease-purchase. Interest rates have been dropping and the district did decide to go with a fixed rate with a 10-year rate lock. It is anticipated this will be finalized within the next two weeks.

3) *Bond Committee*

Joel Wirth explained the pro's and con's for a bond election in 2015 versus 2016 and will have this discussion with the Bond Committee. Board members suggested going to the Sun Lake community to garner their input and cooperation.

1. Information Items (cont'd)

1.03 Miscellaneous

1) *Upcoming meeting*

Dr. Casteel explained a meeting that CUSD staff will have with EVIT staff next week regarding students with IEP's attending EVIT.

2) *Boundaries*

Information on the boundaries for the new Elementary school will be presented at a study session next week. The District's goal is to attract families back to CUSD from charter and private schools. Dr. Gilbert and Frank Narducci shared comments and desires gathered from the community meetings. Specifically, some secondary parents want a school large enough to compete athletically and have multiple program choices. The District's intent for this school has always been a smaller environment to meet the needs of families desiring this type of setting. There are the large high school opportunities for families as well.

2. Adjournment

2.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned 10:14 am.