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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
November 10, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Executive Session - 5:00 pm**

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session-Legal Advice

**Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session per to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4) discussion or consultation with the Board's attorney regarding a proposed Employment Agreement and related matters and possible direction to the Board's attorney regarding contracts that may be the subject of negotiations.**

**Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lara E Bruner.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner**

**Not Present at Vote: Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

1.02 Adjourn from Executive Session

**Motion to Adjourn from Executive Session.**

**Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Lindsay A Love.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

**2. Study Sessions - 6:15 pm**

2.01 Chandler CARE Center

Katie Kahle, Director, shared the Mission of the CARE Center and presented an update on the programs they offer to the community. She provided the history of the inception of the CARE Center sharing it began at San Marcos Elementary School, grew to where they needed more space and moved into their own building in 2010. Katie detailed the programs: 1) Family Resource Center: parent education, support groups, school readiness for preschoolers, 2) Food bank; 3) Holiday events; 4) Children's Medical and Dental Clinic including hearing and vision screening at no cost for uninsured youth who live in Chandler and/or attend a CUSD school.

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

3.01 Roll Call

Barb Mozdzen, Board President; Jason Olive, Board Vice President; Lara Bruner, Lindsay Love, and Joel Wirth, Board Members, were present.

Frank Narducci, Interim 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; Leo Schlueter, Director of Elementary Education; Dan Serrano, Director of Student Conduct and Support; Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Accountability, Assessment and Research; Ken James, Executive Director of Administrative Services; Dr. Kym Marshall, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning; and Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations; were present. Colleen Flannery, Executive Director for K-12 Technology, was excused.

### 3. Opening Items - 7:00 pm (cont'd)

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

### 4. Routine Business

4.01 Approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

**Motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Jason R Olive.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

4.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

**Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers**

**Payroll for 2021-2022 Year:**

**Voucher 1023 Payroll 10/21/2021**

**Voucher 1024 Payroll 10/21/2021**

**Voucher 1026 Payroll 11/04/2021**

**Accounts Payable for 2021-2022 Year:**

**Vouchers 3083-3088 10/21/2021 Check# 1800038917-1800039137**

**Vouchers 3089-3094 10/28/2021 Check# 1800039149-1800039318**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Jason R Olive.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

4.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

### 5. Report / Information

5.01 Student Body President Report

Cole Del Monte, Student Body President, gave an update on events and activities at Basha High School and introduced the student government officers.

### 6. Presentation

6.01 Tarwater Students

Principal Diane Hale and Tarwater students shared their experiences preparing and speaking to Astronaut Shane Kimbrough aboard the International Space Station on October 28, 2021.

6.02 Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

Dr. Adama Sallu, Director of Equity and Inclusion, introduce Native American liaison Tia Gramzinski and Perry High student Sumaya Quitugua to present the Native American Heritage Proclamation.

### 7. Comments

7.01 Citizen Comments

Barb Mozdzen read a portion of the Resolution, Adopted February 14, 2018.

Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, summarized ten comments presented online at <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/115903>.

*Stephanie Martinez* - Hate Speech - 3,000 students experience hate speech and bullying; requested board create pathways to report

*Matt Salmon* - NSBA/ASBA - don't allow attempts of the NSBA to suppress free speech of parents

*Constance Lapujade* - School - CRT is not in our schools, children need to be taught fact-based truth of history

*Nicole Eidson* - Agenda Item 10.04 - Thank you for voting no on NSBA membership; expressed concerns about policy changes for family life education

*Kurt Rohrs* - Curriculum - there is controversial teaching in district, the same content of CRT

## 7. Comments (cont'd)

### 7.01 Citizen Comments (cont'd)

*Krista McKinney* - Anti-racism – mandate masks; want my children taught real history age-appropriate; board meetings are used as hate speech and asked board to condemn immediately

*Carrie Good* - Override - appreciate the denouncement of hate speech; majority are happy with schools; congratulations on successful Override

*Julie Ray* - Hateful speech - what happens in board meeting is a reflection of what happens in the classroom; board members need to set an example as a leader; children must feel safe and respected

*Rebecca Masterson* - Board responsibilities - Use your voter given power to direct our district toward respect; board needs to shout loudly against bigotry

*Jake Bennett* - Antisemitic hate speech at last meeting - Israeli American Coalition for Action; thanked the board for reading the mission statement on Diversity and Inclusion against hate; requested board pause proceedings and read statement again if any incident occurs; invited educators to training symposium

*Ruth Jones* - Test scores - Chandler is a diverse city; high scholarship dollars prove the student is doing well, but what about students who need a push?

*Katie Nash* - Academic improvement - It has been a difficult year making up learning gaps; condemning the district and staff only pushes educators out the door; degrading educators needs to stop; need unity back in community

*Jennifer McPhee* - Board duty – Board meeting is not a safe space for extremists, do the jobs you are elected to do – stop abuse of this platform; protect children as COVID outbreaks

*Hamit Harel* - Appreciation - Expressed appreciation for antisemitic letter, but it is not enough; board members need to speak up in the moment to condemn racism

*Julie Gunnigle*, Scottsdale - School board comments/masking - Racism is across nation; board response needs to be in the moment

*Jeanne Casteen* - School board comments/masking - decisions made by adults in this state adversely affects students and discriminatory practices favor certain groups over others; marginalized groups are suffering; inclusion is needed

## 8. Consent Agenda

### 8.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for BJHS and ACP HS were provided. Following Governing Board pre-approval, the Superintendent (designee) will monitor trip arrangements before providing final approval.

### 8.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$17,790.40.

### 8.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$6,785.90.

### 8.04 Emergency Connectivity Funding

In the summer of 2021, The Federal Communications Commission started a program called “The Emergency Connectivity Fund”. This program is designed to help students with remote learning concerns. Seven billion dollars was allocated as part of the American Rescue Fund and the program is run through the current E-Rate process. This process allows schools to request funding for laptop purchases no greater than \$400 per device and hotspots no greater than \$250 per device. The District applied for this grant and has been awarded \$6,000,000.00 for devices excluding taxes. Recommend approval to purchase 15,000 devices from Insight Public Sector through the Omnia Partners and IT Product Services Contract, which complies with all school procurement rules, in the amount of \$6,485,351.40.

### 8.05 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, and Job Descriptions.

**Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Joel H Wirth.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozden, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

## 9. Action Items

### 9.01 RFP #49-22-26 for Online Tutoring Program

As we seek to provide opportunities to address unfinished learning there is a demand for on-demand, virtual option for tutoring for our Chandler Unified School District students. Requested approval to award RFP #49-22-26 for Online Tutoring Program to Link Systems International, Inc.- NetTutor as well as Kesson Group Services Inc. - Skooli. Chandler Unified School District is requesting approval to enter into a contract with Link Systems International, Inc. - NetTutor to begin January 3 through June 30, 2022, in the estimated amount of \$26.00 per student enrolled in the Online Tutoring Program. This will be paid for using ESSER funds. Should the funding and the on-going need continue, this contract could be renewed for four (4) one-year contracts through June 30, 2026.

**Approve award of RFP #49-22-26 for Online Tutoring Program to Link Systems International, Inc. - NetTutor and Kesson Group Services, Inc. - Skooli utilizing the SAVE contract. In addition, approve the CUSD request to enter into a contract with Link Systems International, Inc. - Net Tutor from January 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022 for an estimated amount of \$585,000 for 45,000 students at \$26.00 per student.**

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

### 9.02 K through 6 Grade English Language Arts (ELA) Resource Adoption

There is a demand for vertically articulated, comprehensive K-6 ELA resources to meet the requirements of the Arizona English Language Arts standards. On September 8, 2021, the Governing Board was provided information on the Curriculum and Instruction team's recommendation of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's Into Reading for grades K-5 and Savvas' myPerspectives for grade 6.

In accordance with A.R.S. 15-721 and CUSD Policy IJJ, the materials were on display in the main lobby of CUSD's Instructional Resource Center (IRC) for sixty (60) days beginning September 9, 2021 for public viewing and input. Digital access to the materials on sixty-day review was available for public viewing via the following website: <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/113622>. One verbal comment was submitted. Recommend approval of the above referenced ELA resources for grades K-6.

**Adopt English Language Arts resources of "Into Reading" from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for grades K-5 and "myPerspectives" from Savvas for grade 6 for six-years in the amount of \$2,778,521.10.**

**Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Lindsay A Love.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

### 9.03 ASBA Bylaw Change Proposal Consideration

The Board discussed, considered and gave direction on voting for one bylaw change proposal from the Arizona School Boards Association. This bylaw proposal by the ASBA Board of Directors must be approved by two-thirds of the ASBA member boards to be effective. After discussion, the Board voted to give direction to Donna Nigh to vote in the manner the board has approved.

**Approve the bylaw change proposal from ASBA to create a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors so that Hispanic and Native American interests can be represented simultaneously and give direction to Donna Nigh to vote in the manner the board has approved.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Jason R Olive.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

## 9. Action Items (cont'd)

### 9.04 Direction to Legal Counsel

The Governing Board voted to approve the direction given to its legal counsel in Executive Session Item 1.01 above.

**Approve the direction given to legal counsel in Executive Session Item 1.01.**

**Motion by Lindsay A Love, second by Joel H Wirth.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Jason R Olive, Lara E Bruner, Lindsay A Love, Joel H Wirth**

## 10. Information Items

### 10.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports

Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2021 through October 2021 were provided.

### 10.02 Junior High School Course Catalog 2022-2023

The draft of the 2022-2023 Junior High School Course Catalog was presented as Information. There were no course additions/removals from the previous school year. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

### 10.03 High School Course Catalog 2022-2023

The draft of the 2022-2023 High School Course Catalog along with a summary of the recommended additions and deletions was presented as Information. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

### 10.04 Policy Revisions

Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) has recommended changes to the following policies:

- *Policy IHAMB and Regulation IHAMB-R - Family Life Education*  
House Bill 2035 modified A.,R.S. 15-113, Rights of Parents, and A.R.S. 15-711, Sex Education Instruction. Arizona Administrative Code R7-2-303 was also updated. The salient portions of these changes have been placed in Policy IHAMB and in Regulation IHAMB-R, Family Life Education.
- *Policy JLF - Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection*  
Senate Bill 1114 added A.R.S. 15-160.01, describing the required posting related to suspected abuse and neglect of children, instructions to call 911, and directions for accessing the website of the Department of Child Safety for information on reporting child abuse, child neglect and the exploitation of children.
- *Policy KB - Parental Involvement in Education*  
Language was altered in A.R.S. 15-102, Parental involvement in the school, by House Bill 2035 which modifies the language pertaining to instruction, learning materials or presentations regarding sexuality, in courses other than formal sex education curricula. Policy KB includes this language which requires parents to opt their children in to any such instruction, learning materials, or presentations. It also reiterates language added to A.R.S. 15-113 requiring parental consent before providing sex education instruction to the student.

These changes are presented as Information and approval will be requested at the December 8, 2021 board meeting. Regulations do not require board approval.

### 10.05 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board Members discussed upcoming events and activities.

### 10.06 Superintendent Comments

Mr. Narducci and Dr. Gilbert attended the Chopped competition in culinary at CCHS right before the board meeting. It was a great experience and fun to participate. Mr. Narducci thanked the teachers that made that happen. There are several things to celebrate tonight. The fall high school sports seasons are winding down, and we already have three state champions. Hamilton High School boys golf team won the

## 10. Information Items (cont'd)

### 10.06 Superintendent Comments (cont'd)

Arizona Division 1 State Championship played at Omni National Golf Resort in Tucson last week, their 3rd straight state title, and ninth overall. On the girl's side, Jenny Seo, a junior at Hamilton won the Division 1 girls golf state championship. Perry High girls' badminton team defeated Chaparral, 5-0 two weeks ago to win their fifth consecutive Division I state championship. The student athletes will be invited to the December board meeting.

Speaking of sporting events, the big Battle for Arizona Avenue will be held at Hamilton High, Jerry Loper Field, 7:00 pm this Friday night. Chandler High is ranked number 10 in the country and Hamilton High number 15. Both teams are undefeated and playing for the conference title. The Chandler Rotary held its annual Battle for Arizona luncheon at Soho on Tuesday to introduce some of the players and coaches and to set the tone for the game. Mr. Narducci thanked all the Rotary Clubs that support Chandler Schools.

Two staff members were singled out for recognition among their peers. Amanda Yang from Tarwater has been named as Arizona Language Association Teacher of the Year for Arizona. She will now compete with teachers from the southwest region of the US for the Regional Teacher of the Year. Hamilton High School social studies teacher, Scott Reed, is the winner of the Mary Margaret Moffett Memorial Teaching Excellence Award from the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Div 2).

Arizona College Prep High School students from freshmen to seniors participated in the Space Visions Conference in Houston, TX from November 4-6th. They went as students of the "Students of Exploration and Development of Space" club (SEDS). They met with NASA representatives, offered internship opportunities, and were promised one-to-one mentorship by huge names in the SPACE Industry and from Space X, NASA and many other commercial space companies all while in high school! They were also highly appreciated for their project ideas by experts in their fields of space research and exploration. They were only one of the two schools on the west coast and one of five schools in the entire nation who got this opportunity as part of the SEDS program.

In honor of all our Veterans and the observance of Veterans Day tomorrow, schools and the District Office will be closed. A big thank you to our schools who have celebrated with and honored our Veterans through various school programs this week.

With the holidays right around the corner, Mr. Narducci wished everyone a wonderful and safe (if traveling) Thanksgiving, stating there is so much to be thankful for as a school community. He also thanked the community, governing board, and staff for confidence in CUSD through the passage of the Override, stating the community has entrusted us to provide our children with a world-class education, and we do not take that responsibility lightly.

### 10.07 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Lara Bruner thanked the Veterans for their service. She also gave a shout-out to Scott Reed stating they had worked together on projects. She also mentioned the public's positive vote on Override speaks volume for clear support of CUSD, stating we need to keep moving forward to help all public schools and teachers. She reported 75% teachers report severe stress. Teachers are looking for workable class sizes and reasonable prep periods.

Joel Wirth complimented the Hamilton golf team as well, pointing out that they averaged 6 under par. He also thanked the community for passing the Override, mentioning it is a complicated process to understand.

Barb Mozdzen thanked the audience for staying for the board meeting.

## 11. Adjournment

### 11.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.