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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
January 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

1.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci, 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; Colleen Flannery, Executive Director for K-12 Technology; 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.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

1.03 Election of board President for 2022

Motion to nominate Barb Mozdzen as Board President for 2022.

Motion by Jason R Olive, 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

1.04 Election of Board Vice President for 2022

Motion to nominate Jason Olive as Vice President for 2022.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Routine Business

2.01 Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Routine Business (cont'd)

- 2.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers
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Payroll for 2021-2022 Year:
Voucher 1033 Payroll 12/16/2021
Voucher 1035 Payroll 12/16/2021
Voucher 1037 Payroll 12/30/2021

Accounts Payable for 2021-2022 Year:
Vouchers 3118-3121 12/02/2021 Check# 1800040058-1800040203
Vouchers 3122-3125 12/07/2021 Check# 1800040204-1800040365
Vouchers 3126-3129 12/16/2021 Check# 1800040535-1800040783
Vouchers 3130-3131 12/17/2021 Check# 1800040784-1800040786

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

- 2.03 Correspondence
No correspondence presented.

3. Report / Information

- 3.01 Student Body President Report
Student Body Presidents Hunter Bickes, ACP High School, and Cole Del Monte, Basha High School, presented updates on events and activities at their respective schools.

4. Recognition

- 4.01 Athletic State Champions and District Recognition
Terry Locke recognized athletes of the following awards:
- Casteel High School girls cross country state championship
 - Samiya Bodhankar, HHS - Division I Badminton singles state champion
 - Jenny Seo, HHS - Division I girls golf medalist
 - Audrey Pickles, HHS - 1st Place in swimming the 500 yard freestyle
 - Amayah Wiley, PHS - Division I 1-meter diving championship
 - Brecken Scroggin, CCHS - Division 2 1-meter diving championship
 - August Betsch, CCHS - Division 2 100-yard butterfly championship
 - Evan Nail, PHS - Division I boys 200-yard individual medley in swimming
 - Addie Grainger, ACP - Division 3 girls 1-meter diving championship
- and presented certificates to board members for CUSD being named the Number 1 Employer in the state by Forbes Magazine.

5. Comments

- 5.01 Citizen Comments
Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations, summarized 14 comments presented online at <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/116201>.

Toria Hale - COVID protocol - Thanked district for changing quarantine protocol and Mr. Narducci for talking with her. Urged students and parents be kind and patient to bus drivers during this stressful time.
Kurt Rohrs - Curriculum - Believes Windows and Mirrors curriculum is a biased approach and not worthy of serious consideration.

Mr. Narducci clarified that Windows and Mirrors is not a curriculum, but a process used for students to be able to see themselves and their cultures in the community where they are learning.

5. Comments (cont'd)

5.01 Citizen Comments (cont'd)

Constance Lapijode - Library Book - Read book referred to at last board meeting and believes it is a well-written, amazing book. She stated statistics regarding higher rates of bullying, depression, and suicidal behaviors for LGBTQ students.

Brandy Reese - Mitigation - LGBTQ club at PHS had issue with meeting being cut short because of material presented and required parental permission to attend. Most want students in-person, but daily notification is being sent from the district regarding needing bus drivers and substitutes. Public schools are being deprived of resources to provide a safe learning environment.

Ann Adams - Curriculum, CRT and Electing without Community Support - Complimented Lara Bruner for taking stand to involve community in hiring superintendent or other positions. While she likes Mr. Narducci, she would have liked the opportunity for community input. Regarding curriculum, she asked Mr. Narducci to look further into her earlier complaint about the teacher's manual in the curriculum library and requested it be removed.

Katie Nash - COVID – Painted a picture of the grim reality regarding absences and staff tasked with the impossible against a raging pandemic hitting schools hard. Everyone is doing all they can to keep students learning in person but can no longer do so safely. Requested the quarantine guidelines be revisited with input from the district COVID committee and CEA.

6. Consent Agenda

6.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

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

6.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$145,181.52.

6.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$38,128.53.

6.04 Device Protection Plan Fee for Chandler High Student Computers Through Partnership with Dell/Intel

A lost device and intentional damage to the device and/or AC adapters are NOT covered under the Device Protection Plan (DPP). Parents and students who choose not to purchase the DPP are responsible for all repairs or replacement costs unless it is due to a manufacture issue. Recommended approval of the optional \$25 device protection fee.

6.05 Memorandum of Understanding between Desert Sounds Performing Arts

Recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Desert Sounds Performing Arts, Inc. and the Chandler Unified School District for the 2022-23 school year for the collaboration and delivery of an afterschool Mariachi Club providing the San Marcos students a high quality extracurricular musical experience.

6.06 Bid # 78-22-22 White Copy Paper Warehouse Stock

The District recommended approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Staples, to provide 8,400 cases of white copy paper at \$30.99 per case. The total amount including tax is \$283,223.81.

6.07 Memorandum of Understanding between Make Way For Books

Recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Make Way For Books (MWFB) and the Chandler Unified School District for the 2021-2022 school year to implement a Neighborhood School Readiness Project for San Marcos Elementary School.

6.10 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Action Items

7.01 Hamilton High School Chillers

Hamilton High School opened in 1998. There are three chillers, which are original. As a reminder, chiller number two failed this past May and is schedule to be replaced by the School Facilities Board (SFB). The District believes it is a best practice to replace chillers one and three at the same time, which will ensure no interruption of service and maintain consistent climate control for students and staff.

Approve EMCOR Services for the replacement of two chillers at Hamilton High School in the amount of \$610,960.00.

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

7.02 Hull Elementary Chillers

Hull Elementary opened in 2000. There are four air cooled chillers at this site which are now 22 years old and at the end of their useful life. One of the chillers has failed and the District is working with the School Facilities Board (SFB) to replace this chiller. While this work is proceeding, the District recommended that the other three chillers be replaced at the same time to ensure no interruption of service and maintain consistent climate control for students and staff.

Approve Uni-Tech Mechanical to replace chillers 2, 3 and 4 at Hull Elementary in the amount of \$491,397.75.

Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Lara E Bruner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.03 Architectural & Engineering Fees for Casteel High School Tennis Courts and Concessions Building

Due to land restrictions when Casteel High School was built, only four competition tennis courts were able to be built, when typically, eight would have been constructed. With the growth at Casteel High School and having six grade levels on site, the District believes it is necessary to build eight additional tennis courts, concessions, restrooms and storage on the vacant property located immediately north of the current sand volleyball complex. The estimated construction cost of this project is approximately \$3,700,000.00 to \$4,000,000.00.

The architect of record for Casteel High School is H.D.A. Architects and the District has received a design fee proposal in the amount of \$170,625.00, which represents 4.6% of the estimated construction budget and is very reasonable in the current market.

Approve H.D.A. Architects to provide design for the tennis court and concession project at Casteel High School in the amount of \$170,625.00.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Jason R Olive

8. Information Items

8.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports

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

8.02 Private Day Tuition Expenditures - Q2

The list of private day school tuition expenditures for the 2nd quarter of the 2021-22 school year was provided for review.

8. Information Items (cont'd)

8.03 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board Members discussed upcoming events and activities.

8.04 Superintendent Comments

Frank Narducci thanked board members for their service. Even though we don't always agree, they have a common goal to move student achievement forward. The district has received over 100 substitute applications after a social media blitz. Mr. Narducci appreciates those who help solve problems. He also thanked all staff for working hard during this time. They have been diligent, steadfast, and covering for each other. Some of the bus routes are being delayed, but parents will be notified if this happens. The goal is to keep busses running and schools open for students to come to school.

Mr. Narducci shared he was a part of a National Superintendent's virtual meeting with Secretary of Education Cardona recently where keeping schools open across the nation was stressed. We know that is best for students and the safest place for them to be. However, community support is needed. The viral spread is real. Impacts are felt, not only in our community, but in our district and every district across the state of Arizona regardless of mitigation plans. Ways to help us keep schools open and limit the impacts to individuals are:

- Acknowledge that although individuals are impacted differently, there has been an increase in positive cases in our community.
- Mitigations are important and we have adjusted our plan based on recommendations by both National and Local Agency as well as input from the community.

In order to address the concerns shared by our community regarding our CUSD quarantine guidelines, the following has been implemented to reduce the number of students who are healthy, but not in school:

- Unvaccinated non-symptomatic students now can return and wear a mask for 10 days or wear a mask for 5 days and return with a negative test after day 5. (Maricopa County Public Health)
- Vaccinated non-symptomatic students will continue to attend school. (Maricopa County Public Health)
- Students with a positive COVID test were required to isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days can now:
 - Isolate themselves for 5 days at home or return to school after 5 days as long as the following conditions are met:
 - Student is not exhibiting any symptoms after day 5 and has been fever free for over 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 - Student is required to wear a mask for the remaining 5-day period.

When established thresholds are met, the plan provides for additional mitigation plans for the identified site. Families will be notified. The increased mitigation has been listed on our website all year and will be reduced when the number of positive cases drops below the threshold for a minimum of 5 days and holds for 5 days. It is strongly recommended to wear masks and be aware of COVID related symptoms prior to sending your child to school. Help us keep our schools open for children and staff. It is community spread that is impacting our schools, not school spread impacting our communities.

Knox Gifted Academy, Lynn Weed, and Arizona College Prep High School, Rob Bickes, learned recently they have been named semifinalists for the Maricopa County Exemplary Principal award. This is quite an honor considering there are 1,200 principals in the county. We wish them luck going forward in the process which includes a video conference interview.

Over the weekend, Hamilton High School won the *We the People* state championship. The Citizen and the Constitution Program promotes civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students. The *We the People* curriculum is an innovative course of instruction on the history and principles of the United States constitutional democratic republic. The program enjoys active support from the Arizona State Bar Association. Congratulations to the Huskies and coach Abby Dupke.

8. Information Items (cont'd)

8.04 Superintendent Comments (cont'd)

Senior Dana Son, member of the Chandler High Modazz Dance Company, won the Arizona Department of Education's Dance Essay Contest for her essay "Movement as a Motivator". Dana received a monetary prize, a congratulatory letter from ADE, and will have her essay displayed on ADE's website for a year.

Four CUSD teachers earned their National Board Certification in December: Courtney Cook from Rice Elementary, Wendy Dafoe from Riggs Elementary, Allison Ekren from Bash Accelerated Middle School, and Cristy Wellik from Ryan Elementary. Additionally, four teachers recertified: Jolene Gallup from San Marcos Elementary, Katie Nall from Basha High, Lily Chen from Hamilton High, and Amy Spilde from the Instructional Resource Center. National Board Certification was designed to develop, retain, and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. It is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 Teacher Certification.

The Winner's Choice Car or Cash Raffle has begun. Purchase tickets online at CEF-Raffle.com or at any CUSD school site during the month of January to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing on February 2. A \$20 ticket is your chance to win the choice of \$27,000 off the MSRP of a new Toyota through Big Two Toyota, or \$20,000 in cash.

Just a reminder that Monday is Martin Luther King Jr Day. The district and schools will be closed in observance. This holiday provides an opportunity to reflect on ways we can strengthen our communities, bridge barriers, address social challenges, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a beloved community as we honor his life work. Associated with the holiday, our own Dr. Adama Sallu has been nominated for the City of Chandler's 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr "Keeping the Dream Alive" award which will be presented to her Friday afternoon.

8.05 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Jason Olive thanked the bus drivers, teachers, and everyone else working hard for schools. He received the communication regarding COVID strategies and suggested there should be a little more clarifying communication around what to do when testing positive.

Lara Bruner echoed Frank Narducci's congratulations to the Nationally Board-Certified teachers emphasizing it is a very comprehensive program with lots of analyzing data. One of the teachers was her former student. Lara requested information regarding possibilities to attract paraprofessional candidates, specifically assistants in special education classrooms, at the next meeting.

Joel Wirth requested an update on the marketing program before adopting budget. He would also like to look at the evaluation process for non-teachers, administrators, etc.

Barb Mozdzen wished everyone a good Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

9. Adjournment

9.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.