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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
September 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Sessions - 5:00 pm

1.01 School Resource Officers (SROs) Update

Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services, introduced Ken James, Executive Director for Junior High Schools, to share CUSD's focus on the SRO Program in Chandler. SRO officers are visible on campuses to contribute to safe school environments that are conducive to teaching and learning.

Mark Huish, Safety Director, outlined the Chandler schools with SRO officers and explained the grants funding this program. The SRO Grant cycle is 3 years.

Officer Steven Dieu, Vice President of Arizona State Association for SROs, and trainer for the Department of Education, shared a website for resources LawForKids.org. This site is designed to educate youth about the law and encourage youth to become informed and active citizens. Chandler Police Department SRO program was awarded the Model SRO Agency Award in 2021. Officer Dieu explained this is a preventative program and SROs are part of a school safety assessment team. Additional training is required for SROs yearly. Building positive relationships with students is the equity that helps them have a positive relationship with an authority figure. The effectiveness of the program is evaluated annually.

Lindsay Love expressed concern about the students that are fearful of police officers because of life experiences. Officer Dieu shared that treating people with dignity and respect is the bridge that builds relationships with students and to be clear and transparent is imperative. Lindsay also asked if surveys had been conducted and could they see the results. Officer Dieu explained the Office of Justice has done national studies, the UofA analyzed the study state-wide, and the AZ Department of Education provides the results of the study. Dr. Gilbert reiterated that the sites gather information and data to provide for the grant submittal.

Lindsay was concerned about whose priority was being considered, reiterating some students are fearful. Dr. Gilbert shared that the goal is to identify those fears and determine how to build the bridge to work together.

Lara Bruner asked what percentage of time involves reactive versus proactive activities. Officer Dieu answered that varies between campuses, but logs are kept at each campus with that data. Lara is in favor of the SRO program and suggested information should be posted or communicated to parents and the community as to what the SROs are actually doing in schools. Discussion ensued regarding how officers are assigned to each campus, the training required based on the needs of the school, and that evaluations take place twice a year to ensure a proper fit at each school. This information is submitted to the Department of Education. They also discussed intervention/diversions opportunities for first offenders regarding substance use on campus as opposed to suspension and taking students away from education. Counselors and social workers are involved as part of the team. There is ongoing discussion for how to handle these situations.

1. Study Sessions - 5:00 pm (cont'd)

1.01 School Resource Officers (SROs) Update (cont'd)

Jason Olive asked if SROs are part of the security at football games. Officer Dieu affirmed they are because of their relationships with the students. Also, some of the SROs from junior high schools help at games because of their relationships with their former students.

Frank Narducci thanked Officer Dieu for building relationships with students and the strong collaborations with CUSD administration, stating this is the model in CUSD.

1.02 State A-F Letter Grade Model Overview

Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director for Assessment, Accountability, and Research, presented an overview of the State A-F Letter Grade Model, explaining the three models in detail. The models are owned by the AZ Department of Education.

- K-8 model
- 9-12 model
- Non-Typical model (Basha grades 6-12, Casteel grades 7-12 and Chandler Online Academy)

Actual scores have not yet been released for school districts.

2. Opening Items - 7:00 pm

2.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services; Dr. Wendy Nance, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Community Services; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Jessica Edgar, Executive Director for PK-12 Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Research; Dr. Kym Marshall, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning; Heather Anguiano, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, East Region; Tom Dunn, Executive Director of Support Services; Dr. Jeff Filloon, Executive Director of Human Resources; Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication; Ken James, Executive Director of Junior High Schools; Leo Schlueter, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, West Region; and Dan Serrano, Executive Director of High Schools, were present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

3. Routine Business

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and August 31, 2022 Board Planning Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and August 31, 2022 Board Planning Meeting as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Payroll for 2022-2023 Year:

Voucher 1012 Payroll 08/25/2022

Voucher 1013 Payroll 08/25/2022

Voucher 1014 Payroll 08/25/2022

Voucher 1015 Payroll 08/25/2022

Voucher 1016 Payroll 09/08/2022

3. Routine Business (cont'd)

3.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers (cont'd)

Accounts Payable for 2021-2022 Year:

Vouchers 3296-3300 08/17/2022 Check# 1800046504-1800046557

Vouchers 3301-3302 08/22/2022 Check# 1800046729-1800046731

Vouchers 3303-3307 08/24/2022 Check# 1800046760-1800046793

Vouchers 3308-3311 & 3313 08/29/2022 Check# 1800046936-1800046947 & 1800046949

Accounts Payable for 2022-2023 Year:

Vouchers 4030-4034 08/18/2022 Check# 1800046558-1800046728

Vouchers 4035-4039 08/25/2022 Check# 1800046794-1800046923

Voucher 4040 08/26/2022 Check# 1800046928-1800046930

Vouchers 4042-4046 09/01/2022 Check# 1800046951-1800047109

Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3.03 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

4. Report / Information

4.01 Student Body President Report

Allie Weber, Student Body President, introduced ACP High School STUGO officers and gave an update on events and activities at ACP.

5. Presentation

5.01 Hispanic Heritage Month Presentation

Dr. Adama Sallu, Director of Educational Equity and Inclusion, introduced Mia Ornelas, freshman from Casteel High School, to read the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Students from various high schools were highlighted for excellence in education as well as staff, and city and state officials.

6. Comments

6.01 Citizen Comments

Terry Locke, Community Relations Ombudsman, summarized four comments presented online <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/120442>.

Abbey Markowsky - Dress Code - unevenly directed to girls; unfair and sexist.

Lorie Warnock - Parents for Suicide Prevention - CUSD goes above and beyond the State but requested district administrators meet with and listen to the students.

Karianna Blanchard - Student Mental Health - Administration steers the ship and students are asking to help change the culture.

Wendy DeTorta - Suicide Prevention - Read poem regarding prevention and urged a more preventative and proactive approach. The board and district aren't expected to do this alone.

Charlotte Lawrence - Library Books - Addressed book displayed in school library regarding transitioning. Principal admitted book shouldn't be in library.

Seak Smith - Library Book - Expressed concern about direction of schools and whether her student is safe. Parents are becoming more vigilant out of necessity. Children are being robbed of innocence when being exposed at such a young age. Implored board members to consider the direction of the district.

Kailani Higgins - Mental Health - Referred to news article quoting district administrators and demanded administration address suicide immediately and stop playing the blame game.

6. Comments (cont'd)

6.01 Citizen Comments (cont'd)

Lindsay Love asked how District staff are talking about suicide in the media, affirming talking does not cause suicide. Frank Narducci stated there was misrepresentation in the article. During an interview, a lot of information is shared verbally, then the article is written. There is no intention that the District does not address the issue or talk about suicide. Currently there are groups meeting, there is an assembly in September, advisories meet with students, and staff recognizes all children and ask how they are. It does take a community, including our cities and towns, and we have the commitment. We will engage in conversations that keep our kids safe.

Lindsay suggested the district contact the media to have the article retracted. Frank reiterated that parents are welcome to call when they have concerns. Lindsay challenged the media to use journalistic integrity and be careful about perpetuating myths that are hurtful and harmful to the community.

7. Consent Agenda

7.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

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

7.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$81,792.65.

7.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler schools totaling \$101,200.42.

7.04 Contract Increase - Toner

The Board approved annual contracts with estimated spending on June 22, 2022. At that time \$350,000.00 was estimated to provide toner for various printers and copiers district wide utilizing CUSD contract 04-20-24. Due to price increases and shipping costs, the District is requesting approval to increase the total amount to \$450,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year. Four (4) vendors were awarded the contract based on the different types of toner provided, OEM, OEM compatible and remanufactured toner.

- CVR Computer Supplies
- Smart Group Systems
- TIC Express
- Zuma

7.05 Contact - Arizona Restaurant Supply

The District is seeking approval to utilize Mohave contract 22G-AZRS-0715 for Arizona Restaurant Supply with estimated expenditures of \$500,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year for the purchase of food service equipment and installation for the school kitchen sites, central kitchen, and culinary kitchens.

7.06 1GPA - Fencing Products and Services

Requested approval to utilize 1GPA Contract 22-12P-02 for Fencing Products and Services for the 2022-2023 school year with estimate spending of \$750,000 for fencing projects currently being considered for Andersen, Carlson, Galveston, and Hancock Elementary Schools, AJHS and WJHS.

7.07 Districtwide Re-Keying Project

Requested approval to purchase Best Cormax cores to re-key all doors districtwide from C and I Show Hardware per the quote totaling \$994,725.68 utilizing State Contact CTR047674.

7.08 Code.org Curriculum Adoption - CTE Software & App Design Program

Code.org offers curriculum resources for the Career & Technical Education Software & App Design program. The AP Computer Science A curriculum was recently released as part of the Code.org course offerings. Code.org curriculum was Board approved to use as part of the junior high Computer Discoveries and AP Computer Science Principles courses. This new course will be used specifically for the CTE CSC335 AP Computer Science A course. Code.org curriculum and platform are available at no cost. Recommended approval.

7. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

7.09 CUSD and ASU Prep Digital MOU 2022-2023

Requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chandler Unified School District #80 and ASU Prep Digital. This agreement allows CUSD to access digital course licensing, teacher training, leadership support, and ongoing coaching.

7.10 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

Approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Mr. Narducci.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. Action Items

No action Items

9. Information Items

9.01 Student Activity Report

Student Activity (SA) Report for the months ending July 2022 through August 2022 were provided for review.

9.02 Policy GBGCB - Staff Health and Safety Revisions

Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) recommended changes to Policy GBGCB - Staff Health and Safety. Chandler School District recommends adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. These changes are presented as Information and approval will be requested at the September 28, 2022 board meeting.

9.03 Instructional Program Policy Revisions

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

- Policy IHA - Basic Instructional Program
- Policy IHAMB and Regulation IHAMB-R - Family Life Education
- Policy KB, Regulation KB-R, Exhibit KB-EB - Parental Involvement in Education

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. These changes are presented as Information and approval of the policies will be requested at the September 28, 2022 board meeting. Regulations and exhibits do not require board approval.

9.04 Student Policy Revisions

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

- Policy JLCB, Regulation JLCB-R, Exhibit of JLCB-E - Immunizations of Students
- Policy JLCC - Communicable Infectious Diseases
- Policy JLDA - School Counselors and Psychologists

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. These changes are presented as Information and approval for policies will be requested at the September 28, 2022 regular board meeting. Regulations and exhibits do not require board approval.

9.05 Instructional and Student Policy Revisions

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

- IKF - Graduation Requirements
- IMB - Teaching About Controversial Sensitive Issues
- IMD - School Ceremonies and Observances
- JF - Student Admissions
- JICFA and JICFA-EB - Hazing
- JJIB and JJIB-R - Interscholastic Sports

9. Information Items (cont'd)

9.05 Instructional and Student Policy Revisions (cont'd)

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. These changes are presented as Information and approval for the policies will be requested at the September 28, 2022 regular board meeting. Regulations and exhibits do not require board approval.

9.06 Policy JRR - Student Surveys Revisions and New Regulation JRR-R

Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) has recommended changes to Policy JRR - Student Surveys. ASBA modified JRR to retain what is appropriate for board policy and moved the bulk of the rules regarding 15-117 surveys to a new regulation, JRR-R.

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policies as proposed by ASBA. These Policy changes are presented as Information and approval will be requested at the September 28, 2022 regular board meeting. Regulations do not require board approval.

9.07 KI - Visitors to Schools Policy Revisions

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

- Policy KI – Visitors to Schools
- Regulation KI-R – Visitor to Schools
- New Exhibit KI-E – Visitors to Schools

9.08 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board members discussed upcoming events and activities.

9.09 Superintendent Comments

Mr. Frank Narducci began with a serious topic - September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Our counseling and social services department, under the direction of Brenda Vargas, has been working hard to raise awareness and break down stigma regarding suicide. We continue to share resources with our students and staff. This includes daily announcements, promoting the new 9-8-8 national suicide and crisis line, encouraging students to speak with counselors who can help those experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use and/or mental health crisis. Also, a reminder that anyone can call the 9-8-8 suicide prevention line 24 hours a day if they are worried about someone else. The safety our community relies on all of us working together, including staff, students, parents, and community. This campaign funds through September nationally, but our promotion of this awareness is year-round in Chandler Unified.

We were excited to learn that the Arizona Interscholastic Association this week honored three of our high school athletic directors for awards at the state conference. Jamie McClure of Arizona College Prep High School received the Zig Kwiatkowski Rookie Step to the Plate Award for (Small Schools). Eric Magana - Basha High School, received the Zig Kwiatkowski Rookie Step to the Plate Award for (Large Schools). And Jim Culver of Chandler High was honored with the association's Distinguished Service Award. We want to congratulate these Athletic Directors for much-deserved recognition. I'm not sure if the public is aware of how hard our athletic directors work behind the scenes to set up schedules for all the sports and providing guidance to coaches, not to mention their long hours. Every night of the week you can find an athletic event occurring at our schools. For example, tonight is freshman football.

CUSD schools commemorated Patriot Day on Friday, September 11, with a variety of activities at respective school sites. From flagpole gatherings to recognitions of our First Responders who also showcased the specialized vehicles they utilize in their work. These were heart-warming moments that we have captured through photos and videos and are available on our CUSD Facebook page. We encourage the public to check out the pride our students expressed.

September 11-17 is National Arts in Education Week. We recognize that arts are an essential part of educating the whole child. Participation in arts helps students grow, create, connect, and helps students develop essential cognitive function and communication skills. Please join us in celebrating fine and performing arts across our campuses and communities! There is an art show for student art downtown Chandler annually.

9. Information Items (cont'd)

9.09 Superintendent Comments (cont'd)

We recognize our students who achieve in the arena of science and engineering frequently. The latest news comes from Hamilton High School who had three students recognized as a Future Innovator of the Year for the 2022 Governor's Celebration of Innovation. Three of the six recognitions in the state came from Hamilton High. The students recognized at the state level were:

- Alex Huang (Wang)
- Kristopher Luo
- Prisha (Prish-a) Shroff (Shrawff)

These students are all taught by Mrs. Debbie Nipar who consistently produces students who perform at the top in the State and Nation. Congratulations to Mrs. Nipar as well.

During a special ceremony on September 1, Nike, and the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals made a generous donation of \$10,000 in support of Chandler Unified School District's girls flag football teams. The donation was specifically earmarked for female sports equipment to increase access and participation in the flag football program. The ceremony included a Chandler Unified School District - All-Star game with girls flag football athletes from all six high schools in the district. Hamilton, Basha, and Arizona College Prep played on one team; Perry, Casteel, and Chandler High played on the other team. The Cardinals and Nike provided the uniforms, signage, and giveaways for the game. Thank you to our District Athletic Director Shawn Rustad who provides pathways of success for all of our student-athletes.

Finally, the Chandler Education Foundation's 21st Annual Golf Tournament held Friday at the Whirlwind Golf Course was highly successful. Board members Lara Bruner and Jason Olive participated. Around 250 golfers turned out to raise money for the Foundation with programs like Impact Chandler Scholars. The tournament significantly offsets expenses for the foundation, allowing even more funds raised to go right back to where they matter most, the students. Chandler High School's Air Force Jr. presented the colors, and the Casteel Choir "Encore" sang the National Anthem to provide a patriotic kickoff to the event.

9.10 Board Member Recognition / Comments

Lindsay acknowledged the speakers at the meeting, highlighting the dress code concern. She also attended the ASBA Law Conference for 3 full days and encouraged other board members to attend in the future. The Delegate Assembly passed the legislative agenda with a few language modifications.

Lara Bruner thanked Lindsay for attending the ASBA Delegate Assembly to represent CUSD and echoed Mr. Narducci's thank you to the people that make the CEF golf tournament happen successfully. She is looking forward to upcoming events:

- The Ascension, a community event to start the mental health discussion;
- September 22nd Piece of the Pie fundraiser at the CARE Center;
- September 22nd College Night at Chandler Center for the Arts;
- September 23 Chandler Chamber golf tournament - another great opportunity to benefit students.

Jason Olive asked if administration could look into the library book concern and Mr. Narducci stated they were already addressing the issue.

10. Adjournment

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.