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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
October 23, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session – 5:00 pm

1.01 Food and Nutrition Update

Stephanie Howell, Director of Food and Nutrition, Andrew Schultz, Marketing Manager and Bethany Hultstrand, General Manager, presented an update on Food and Nutrition.

1.02 District Demographics Update

Rick Brammer and Don Graves from Applied Economics presented an update on district demographics.

1.03 Bond and Override Update

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, presented an Override and Bond Review.

2. Foreign Exchange Student Reception

2.01 Foreign Exchange Student Reception

3. Opening Items - 7:03 pm

3.01 Roll Call

Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Jason R Olive, and Kurt D Rohrs; were present. Joel H Wirth, was not present.

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

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

4. Presentation

4.01 Foreign Exchange Students and Family Recognition

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication, introduced the 2024-25 high school foreign exchange students and their host families.

5. Recognition

5.01 Outstanding Educator Award

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director for Marketing and Communications, introduced Dawn Berkshire, teacher at Hamilton HS on being selected for the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award

6. Report / Information

6.01 Student Body President Report

Kate Foster – Camille Casteel High School

6.02 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present.

6.03 Superintendent Current Events

Open Enrollment Applications will be released earlier than in past years. Chandler Unified School District is a premier district of choice. We are a destination district for families looking to open enroll as we have schools and programs designed to meet the needs of every child. To strengthen our already robust open enrollment process, Open Enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be accepted in November rather than January. Open Enrollment Applications in CUSD will officially be available to turn-in on Tuesday, November 12th, starting at 7:30 a.m. Open Enrollment is designed to allow your child to attend a school outside your home school boundaries.

A week after open enrollment opens, we are hosting our very first school choice fair right here at the district office. Families, this is your chance to see all CUSD options in one place! We are a PreK-12 district, and our programming includes but is not limited to Gifted, Accelerated, IB, Leader in Me, AVID, Dual Language Immersion, Career & Technical Education, Fine Arts, Athletics and so much more! This family-friendly event will feature fun activities for kids. Come discover what makes our tradition of excellence the right choice for your child's education!

Last Board meeting we showed you a video on the rebuild of Galveston Elementary School. Last week we held a ribbon cutting to officially open the new media robotics STEM center at Hull Elementary. This is an exceptional example of bond dollars at work! Video was shared.

As you know, there is a bus driver shortage across the state and nation. In CUSD, everyone who has a CDL, including supervisors, drives routes to help minimize the impact. Reliable transportation for our students is critical, especially for working families. Hiring for this position is a priority. CUSD pays for the training to get drivers CDL certified and compared to our neighboring districts, we offer competitive salaries and benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in this rewarding career making a difference for kids, the Transportation Team is still holding drop-in interviews every Thursday from 12 to 3pm at the transportation yard. We will continue to keep you posted if a bus routing is going to be late or alternative transportation required.

The annual Thanksgiving Family Assistance event at the Chandler CARE Center is quickly approaching, and we want to get a head start this year due to last year's low donation turnout. The CARE Center has noted that certain items, such as canned fruit, are especially in short supply every year. While all contributions are greatly appreciated, store-bought items are preferred. On your screen is a list of the most-needed items to help build Thanksgiving bags. There are two main collection boxes. One is located here at the district office. The other is in Community Education. Donations will be accepted until November 18th and then delivered to the CARE Center. As of today, 498 families have registered for assistance.

Finally, congratulations to the Chandler Education Foundation team and everyone who contributed to Cash for Classrooms. This year CEF awarded a record-breaking \$179,438 through its annual program. These funds directly support teacher-requested grants across Chandler Unified enhancing the educational experience for students throughout the district. 120 classroom grants were awarded across 44 CUSD schools and sites, with funding amounts ranging from \$260 to \$3,000.

7. Comments

7.01 Citizen Comments

Eloyce Gillespie - Communication, Teachers

Brett Wingate - Safety

8. Consent Agenda

8.01 Approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

The minutes are considered DRAFT until approved by the Governing Board.

8.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Requested approval and ratification of the following Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers:

Payroll for 2024-2025 Year:

Voucher 1019 Payroll 10/17/2024

Accounts Payable for 2024-2025 Year:

Vouchers 6064-6068 10/03/2024 Check# 1800068274-1800068426

Vouchers 6069-6073 10/10/2024 Check# 1800068427-1800068655

8.03 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$21,042.75.

8.04 Revision of Policy 3-107 - Fiscal Accounting and Financial Reporting

Based on the member input, the Trust recommended revising the portion of this policy regarding instructional minutes. The change clarifies that school districts have flexibility regarding the number of statutorily required days (180 days) if the district maintains the requisite number of instructional minutes. This recommendation is not based on any statutory or regulatory changes. These changes were presented as Information at the October 9, 2024, Recommended approval of Policy 3-107.

8.05 Revision of Policy 3-401 - Safety and Emergency Management

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 57 (House Bill 2174) requires convicted sex offenders, upon registration, to submit information regarding: (1) the individual's legal custody of a child; and (2) that child's school. Provisions of the criminal code (Title 13) have been amended to require the registered sex offender to notify the local sheriff if the student's enrollment status changes. These changes were presented as Information at the October 9, 2024. Recommended approval of Policy 3-401.

8.06 Revision of Policy 4-101 - Board Authority to Employ

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 218 (House Bill 2906) amends A.R.S. § 15-536 and A.R.S. § 15-538.01 to require that school districts issue contracts to certificated teachers on or after March 15.

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 110 (Senate Bill 1558) adds A.R.S. § 15-509 to require that school district applicants disclose specific listed crimes against children.

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 6 (Senate Bill 1560) revises A.R.S. § 15-534.04 to prohibit the employment of a non-certificated individual in a school district until that person has completed any disciplinary process for immoral or unprofessional conduct in another jurisdiction.

The Trust recommended changes to policy and a new procedure to address the above- listed requirements as well to ensure conformity with best practices with respect to conducting background checks.

These changes were presented as Information at the October 9, 2024. Recommended approval of Policy 4-101.

8. Consent Agenda

8.07 Revision of Policy 4-204 - Mandatory Reporting

Based on member input, the Trust recommends adding language regarding reporting abuse of vulnerable adults to existing policy to assist in protecting adult special education students. The Trust also suggests clarification that employees must report hazing. These recommendations are not based on any statutory or regulatory changes.

These changes are presented as Information at the October 9, 2024. Recommended approval of Policy 4-204.

8.08 Revision of Policy 5-105 - Open Enrollment

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 68 (House Bill 2311) amends A.R.S. § 15-816.01 to permit school districts to give open enrollment preference to students who have parents who are active military or were killed in the line of duty.

These changes were presented as Information at the October 9, 2024 Board meeting. Recommended approval of Revision of Policy 5-105.

8.09 Revision of Policy 5-217 - Graduation

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 98 (House Bill 2645) adds A.R.S. § 15-701.04 to require that school districts adopt a policy to provide academic credit and other protections to foster care students enrolling in 9th to 12th grades. The Trust recommends that high school districts and unified school districts revise two policies and add three new procedures to address these requirements. These changes are presented as Information at the October 9, 2024 meeting. Recommended approval of Policy 5-217.

8.10 Revision of Policy 5-219 - Arizona Online Instruction

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 239 (Senate Bill 1457) adds A.R.S. § 15-808.01, which specifies assessment protocols in the virtual setting for school districts operating Arizona Online Instruction or virtual drop out recovery programs. The Trust has proposed revisions to the existing optional policy and a new procedure to address the assessment requirements. These changes are presented as Information at the October 9, 2024 Board meeting. Recommended approval of Policy 5-219.

8.11 Revision of Policy 5-303 - Student Records

Based on member input, the Trust recommends adding language regarding reporting abuse of vulnerable adults to existing policy to assist in protecting adult special education students. The Trust also suggests clarification that employees must report hazing. These recommendations are not based on any statutory or regulatory changes. These changes are presented as Information at the October 9, 2024. Recommended approval of Policy 4-204.

8.12 Revision of Policy 5-305 - Student Code of Conduct

Based on member input, the Trust recommends revising the student code of conduct to expressly prohibit students from using generative artificial intelligence to plagiarize. This recommendation is not based on any statutory or regulatory changes.

The Trust issued an update in April 2024 with a recommended form to address the use of artificial intelligence (Form 4-303.A).

The Trust has also added a prohibition regarding making a false report about an educational institution pursuant to 2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 97, amending A.R.S. § 13-2907.

These changes are presented as Information at the October 9, 2024 Board meeting. Recommended approval of Policy 5-305.

8. Consent Agenda

8.13 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, Salary Schedule and Job Description.

Recommend approval of Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Jason R Olive, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs

9. Action Items

9.01 University of Arizona and Chandler Unified School District Memorandum of Understanding

The program offers our students meaningful, innovative learning experiences using essential cybersecurity skills and strategies that will allow them to grow their security knowledge and achieve an industry credential before leaving high school. Recommended approval.

Recommended approval of Cybersecurity Clinic MOU is an agreement between the University of Arizona's Arizona Cybersecurity Clinic and CUSD.

Motion by Patti M Serrano, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs

9.02 State Contract CTR059322

The District is seeking approval to utilize State contract CTR059322 to Peoria Ford for New Vehicle Purchases for additional transportation for field trips and athletic trips districtwide for \$750,000 based on upcoming expenditures and anticipated spending for the remainder of the FY 24-25.

The District recommends approval to utilize State contract CTR059322 to Peoria Ford for New Vehicle.

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

Amended Motion: The District recommends approval to utilize State contract CTR059322 to Peoria Ford for New Vehicle Purchases for additional transportation for field trips and athletic trips districtwide for \$750,000 based on upcoming expenditures and anticipated spending for the remainder of the FY 24-25.

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

Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth, Kurt D Rohrs

9.03 ASBA Bylaw Change Proposal Consideration

Based on membership with Arizona School Boards Association, the Board will discuss, consider and give direction on voting on several bylaw change proposals from the Arizona School Boards Association. These bylaw proposals have been offered by other ASBA member school boards, ASBA committees and the ASBA Board of Directors and must be approved by two-thirds of the ASBA member boards to be effective.

After discussion, the Board provided direction to the Board Executive Assistant to vote in the manner the board has approved. The bylaw proposals were attached for review.

Give voting directions to the Board Executive Assistant to vote in the manner the board has approved.

Motion by Patti M Serrano, second by Jason R Olive.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Jason R Olive, Joel H Wirth

Abstain: Kurt D Rohrs

10. Information Items

10.01 Revision of Procedure 5-217.B - Graduation - Transfer Credits

2024 Ariz. Sess. Laws 98 (House Bill 2645) adds A.R.S. § 15-701.04 to require that school districts adopt a procedure to provide academic credit and other protections to foster care students enrolling in 9th to 12th grades. The Trust recommends that high school districts and unified school districts add two new procedures to address these requirements. CUSD staff reviewed the additional two procedures and combined them into one comprehensive procedure – proposed 5-217.B Graduation – Transfer Credits.

Chandler School District recommended adopting Procedure 5-217.B. These changes were presented as Information only as Procedures do not require Board approval.

10.02 High School Course Catalog 2025-2026

Draft of the 2025-2026 High School Course Catalog along with the list of new courses and course description updates was provided

The catalog will be presented for approval at the November 13, 2024 Board Meeting.

10.03 Junior High School Course Catalog 2025-2026

Draft of the 2025-2026 Junior High School Course Catalog along with the list of new courses was provided.

The catalog will be presented for approval at the November 13, 2024 Board Meeting.

10.04 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board discussion of the Board Agenda Roadmap.

10.05 Board Member Current Events

Patti Serrano - Chandler Care Center Early Literacy Program needs bilingual story time reading volunteers. Contact Mrs. Perez at the Chandler CARE Center to sign up. Recognized CUSD teacher Mrs. Steadman on recent recognition by the Rotary Club.

Kurt Rohrs - 10/12 Sun Lakes Rotary Club prepped Dictionaries at HHS; 10/16 Attended memorial service for Sheila Rogers Uggetti, former Gilbert PS Board member; 10/22 - Dictionary distribution to CTA Humphrey 3rd graders, will also distribute dictionaries to Ryan Elem. next week. CTA Humphrey also houses Elite Performance Academy, this is a school choice that started as a small group and now they have their own campus; 10/23 attended the Chamber event - GCU Education Forum.

Barb Mozdzen - Attended Hull Elem. Ribbon Cutting was great, kids were very excited for their new space. New spaces have created new learning spaces more conducive to 21st century learning and collaboration. Commented on how EPA started at a church and now they have their own building at CTA Humphrey. President Mozdzen thanked Superintendent Narducci for his efforts on bringing EPA to CUSD.

11. Adjournment

11.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.