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August 27, 2024 - Board Meeting Agenda Questions & Responses

## 5.4 Vouchers

What presentation is this for?

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It is legal representation for the Birdwell v. Higley lawsuit.

Can you please share what this handout is?

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This is the factual handout to inform HUSD voters about the upcoming election, called for by the Governing Board during their regular meeting on May 8, 2024. Item is attached.

Item 5.5: Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Staff Travel

- Please provide the conference agenda/break out sessions on these and all travel moving forward. It seems the information is less visible to the public and possibly limited to those who register for the event.

If the agendas have been published by the vendors, we will attach these.

Item 5.6: Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Student Travel

- I very much appreciate the amount of information provided with the HHS Thespian Convention. It enables board members to see the process and paperwork required for student out-of-state travel requests. Thank you!
  - Should page 11 be deleted for public view due to student names being included???

Yes. We will remove the student names.

Item 5.11: Recognition of Booster Clubs and PTOs Submitting Information to the Administration

- Are school Principals allowed to be members of a PTO, in the capacity of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or any other "officer" positions?

Principals are not allowed to hold an officer position in a PTO.

- If so, which Higley schools have Admins as members of a PTO?

Administrators can be members of a PTO to serve as an advisor for the school. PTO membership is open to anyone in accordance with their PTO bylaws.

### 5.13 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment between Higley Unified and Arizona Department of Economic Security

I understand that this agreement is just making changes to amounts, but can you please answer the following questions regarding the original agreement?

On average, how many students annually take advantage of this agreement?

Student count- on average, 8 students attend each year. This year we have 6, but the previous year was 8.

Are there any performance metrics or goals associated with the services provided under this agreement, and how will the success of these programs be measured?

Each student has transition goal(s) based on their unique needs evaluated each year, prior to graduation. We do make phone calls to families a year past graduation (Post Secondary Outcomes) asking if the student is employed and/or attending post-secondary schooling.

Higley will fund 42.6% of the total estimated costs for the service provision, who funds the rest?

The Arizona Department of Economic Security per the agreement.

Can you please also include the attachment? These documents should be included so we can fully understand what we are approving.

2) Section 31.0 Attachments, Attachment 1: Annual Budget SFY25, for 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025, is \$232,440.00, is attached to this agreement.

(attached)

### 5.14 & 5.15

What specific data will be shared?

ASU Helios: The agreement with Helios is an update to previously approved agreement to provide Personalized Admissions Letters to senior students. Data shared is demographic directory information, ACT/SAT scores, and course history information.

Is parental consent obtained before they child's data is shared?

ASU Helios: Per JR-R, upon initial enrollment, during the yearly re-enrollment, and at any time, parents can designate any or all of the directory items that they do not give consent for the District to provide.

5.18 – Please pull (Flexpoint)

This item has been moved to an action item.

Is there a passcode to allow us to review the curriculum?

FlexPoint is the content provider for Higley Virtual Academy (HVA). All HVA courses are provided through Canvas and parents can register to be an Observer for those courses in which their child is enrolled.

Just like other curriculums, are parents given an opportunity to review the curriculum?

FlexPoint's (previously Florida Virtual) curriculum was presented to the Governing Board for review in July of 2020 and approved by the Board at that time. All HVA courses have a Welcome module that provides Course Information (Syllabus, Course Materials, Pace, and links to State Standards) which parents can review if they are registered as an Observer for the course.

Is a syllabus provided to parents?

The syllabus for each course is provided in the HVA Welcome Module that is standard for all HVA courses.

5.17 First Things First scholarships

The FTF program is for pre-kindergarten students. I understand that this is an agreement with VSUW to provide scholarships for families in FTF.

Are we currently using the FTF program at the early development centers at the middle schools or is FTF a new to-be-implemented program?

The district has been using FTF for a number of years at the early childhood development centers, this would be a renewal.

If it is a new program, where and how will it be implemented?

This is not a new program.

The scholarships and FTF program both indicate that this is for children ages 0-5. What is the youngest age HUSD accepts participants in the FTF program?

3 years of age is the earliest we utilize the program.

FTF conducts health screenings and data collection. What screenings are performed, what data is collected, and by what means for both? How is this information reported to FTF and VSUW?

The school district conducts hearing and vision screenings which are sent to Arizona Health Department. Our health-aides conduct the screening as required by the Arizona Health Department, as required at the K-12 levels.

## 6.1 CTE Program

Majority of those are offered at EVIT, and the outcomes of students earning industry certification is much higher when they are on campus/like night and day difference.

With so many students enrolled in CTE in satellite programs, what is the license/certification rate of those students? And if it's not the same rate as students who attend an EVIT campus, then we need a district goal to get kids to EVIT campus, so they have the outcomes that work best for them.

Students that complete CTE programs in HUSD have an 89.3% pass rate on their industry certification / license. This is equal to or higher than students that attend the EVIT campus.

Have we applied for programs at EVIT, and they've been denied? If so, which ones and why?

We applied for two programs that EVIT has denied over the last 3 years. The first was a welding program that they initially approved and then 6 months later denied and the other is a medical assisting program for Higley High school that they have denied twice.

Are all counselors trained to help facilitate students getting to EVIT if they wish, rather than fighting against them?

The CTE department meets with counselors on a regular basis to go over registration and EVIT program information. Students are encouraged to take courses at the central campus if they'd like. Over the last 5 years we've had 100% increase in students attending the main campuses.

Have we been found non-compliant with the IGA between us and EVIT? If so, have we made changes to come into compliance?

HUSD has never had a non-compliance complaint filed from EVIT.

## 6.2 Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Discussion

Will we be going through these items listed at the meeting?

Yes. As an action item the board will be approving the superintendent evaluation instrument.