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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
November 15, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

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

1.01 2022-23 Achievement Data – 5:00 pm

Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability and Research, Dr. Jessica Edgar, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Dr. Kym Marshall, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning, provided the State Letter Grade for the individual schools, Statewide Assessment and Teaching and Learning Review. CUSD had 90% of our schools earn an A or B. This is 7 more schools than last year. This is the most A letter grades the district has ever received.

1.01 Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations – 6:15 pm

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, provided an update on marketing, communications, and public relations for the District.

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

2.01 Roll Call

Jason Olive, Board President; Barb Mozdzen, Board Vice President; Joel Wirth, Kurt Rohrs, and Patti Serrano, Board Members were present.

Frank Narducci Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; 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; 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. Dr. Wendy Nance, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, and Community Services; Dr. Jeff Filloon, Executive Director of Human Resources; were not present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

**3. Routine Business**

3.01 Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

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

**Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented.**

**Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M Serrano.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

### 3. Routine Business (cont'd)

- 3.02 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers  
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Requested approval and ratification of the following Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers:

Payroll for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 1025 Payroll 10/19/2023  
Voucher 1026 Payroll 10/19/2023  
Voucher 1027 Payroll 10/20/2023  
Voucher 1028 Payroll 11/02/2023  
Voucher 1030 Payroll 11/02/2023

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Vouchers 5072-5076 10/12/2023 Check# 1800058473-1800058657  
Voucher 5077 10/16/2023 Check#1800058658  
Vouchers 5078-5082 10/19/2023 Check# 1800058691-1800058879  
Voucher 5084 10/20/2023 Check# 1800058880-1800058882  
Voucher 5085 10/24/2023 Check# 1800058887  
Vouchers 5086-5090 10/26/2023 Check# 1800058888-1800059083  
Voucher 5091 10/30/2023 Check# 1800059084  
Vouchers 5093-5097 11/02/2023 Check# 1800059109-1800059249

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

**Motion by Patti M Serrano, second by Kurt D Rohrs.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

- 3.03 Correspondence  
There was no correspondence to present at this time.

### 4. Presentation

- 4.01 Chandler USD – Innovative District Award  
Amber Morrow, Executive Director of Arizona Partnerships Arizona State University, presented the Innovative District Award.

The recipient of this year's Innovative District Award is a K-12 district that has demonstrated remarkable leadership in implementing pioneering solutions and transformative initiatives to enhance the overall educational experience. This district has strategically driven positive change, optimizing resources, and leveraging innovative practices to address the diverse needs of students, teachers, and the broader school community.

The Chandler Unified School District is receiving the 2023 Innovative District Award in recognition of their unwavering dedication to education. Their commitment to professional development has fostered continuous growth, while their embrace of blended learning practice has reshaped education. They have also reimaged education experiences for students and forged strong community partnerships to create early intersections for college and career pathways, even at the elementary level. We are honored to present them with this well-deserved award.

- 4.02 Native American Heritage Month Presentation  
Dr. Adama Sallu, Director of Educational Equity and Inclusion, introduced Malaysia John, Senior at Hamilton High School to read the Native American Heritage Month Proclamation.

## 5. Report / Information

### 5.01 Student Body President Report

Lexi Moreno, Student Body President, introduced Chandler High School STUGO officers and gave an update on events and activities at Chandler High School.

### 5.01 New Administrator Introductions

Mr. Narducci introduced new CUSD administrators to the Board:  
Erica Castorena, Principal of Shumway Leadership Academy  
Bianca Todd, Principal of CTA Humphrey Campus  
Greg Milbrandt, Principal of Chandler High School  
Scott VanDerMillen, Director of Community Education

## 6. Comments

### 6.01 Superintendent Current Events

President Olive, Board members. We were pleased to receive the announcement that CUSD is an A-rated district. We received our letter grades and 40 out of 45 of our schools received As or Bs which is an astonishing 90% of schools in our District. In addition, we received 7 more A's this year than last year. The number of A-rated schools we have is a record for CUSD. The Arizona Department of Education issues letter grades. Additionally, CUSD has been recognized as a 2024 Best School District by Niche! This year, we ranked #1 in Best School Districts in Arizona. And U.S. News and World Report ranked 29 Chandler Unified Schools among the Nation's Best! While we've always have known that CUSD is a wonderful place to learn and grow, we're so proud of our students, dedicated staff, and supportive community for earning this national distinction.

Earlier this month Hull Elementary and Knox Gifted Academy were named C-S 100 schools. Both campuses have made a remarkable commitment to computer science education, seamlessly integrating it not only within dedicated technology programs but also across grade-level classrooms. Their dedication to providing a minimum of 10 hours of computer science education to every student, aligning with recognized standards, has led them to earn the prestigious award.

Yesterday was national Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. Many schools across the nation and several CUSD schools participated. Six-year-old Ruby Bridges stepped into the history books in 1960 with the first black student who was integrated into William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans becoming a national icon for the civil rights movement. Today her story continues to inspire the next generation of leaders one step at a time and reminds us that high-quality education and programs must be accessible by all.

CUSD schools did an amazing job honoring our Veterans on Thursday November 9. Our students and staff hosted a variety of patriotic performances and celebrations. Take a look:

Please join me in celebrating the Chandler Education Foundation. The Foundation has been the premier educational non-profit partner for over 3 decades and whose efforts directly support opportunities for our students and staff. Recent fundraising efforts through deliberate work of CEF led to the distribution of \$75,000 in enrichment grants to benefit Chandler Unified School District students and schools. These grants, awarded by the CEF's own 'Woo Hoo Patrol,' will enhance access, innovation, and excellence in CUSD classrooms.

This Saturday is Turkey Food Box distribution day for the Chandler Care Center and there is still time to donate. The CARE center hopes to provide food bags to 400 Chandler families. Here is a list of items needed. Turkeys especially. Call 480-812-7900 for donation location and instructions.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you who pave the way for success in our students' lives. Your dedication "and then some." Is truly invaluable.

## 6. Comments (cont'd)

### 6.02 Citizen Comments

*Kathy Melamed* - Thanked the Board and staff from Valley Interfaith Project for their efforts in youth mental health. Thanked them for the work they have done on mental health issues over the last year. Thanked the Board and staff for implementing the requests they had requested.

*Maya Lenti* - Mental Health/AZ students for Mental Health - Has noticed a significant change on campuses. VIP had asked the Board for events to help educate communities with mental health resources, as well as checks on students with extended attendance, more social workers in schools and to implement a student advisory board. All of these requests were met. Another great accomplishment was the HOPE institute, which has provided care for 60 students with suicide ideation since September. Thank you for the support.

*Kim Mundis* - Draft Course Catalog/Agenda Item - Spoke about a recent special interest group event held by Tom Horne which was attended by Mr. Rohrs. In this meeting Mr. Horne stated CUSD has eliminated AP courses and adopted equity math. Ms. Mundis sent five emails about alleged changes to Mr. Rohrs. Mr. Rohrs has declined to respond. She is glad to see course catalogs on the agenda.

*Zayna Pruzhanovsky* - Budget Overrides - Provided suggestions on how to promote bonds and overrides, a public display in front of schools, promote projects that have been completed using bond and override funds. Promote upcoming projects that will be completed with bond and override monies. Publicly thank supporters of bonds and overrides.

*Brett Wingate* - Free Speech - At the last meeting he listened to current students that advocated for removing speech rights of other students. Thinks that there is a lack of civic understanding that we are developing in our students. In America we allow free expression, free thought and we allow free speech. Referenced previous speakers' math curriculum views and disagreement with a speech. It's ok to disagree, have a conversation - why. Encourage the district to rethink how it teaches its students in general the civics.

## 7. Consent Agenda

### 7.01 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. The Governing Board will receive a summary of final travel arrangements quarterly.

### 7.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$51,947.33.

### 7.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$144,555.79.

### 7.04 Perry High School Gigapower Fiber Hut

The District has reached a lease agreement with Gigapower, LLC for them to construct a fiber hut at Perry High School.

The terms of the lease are 1 day less than 20 years in increments of 10 years, 5 years, and 4 years with rent being \$30,000 per year increased at 3% per year. Recommended approval of the lease agreement with Gigapower, LLC at Perry High School.

### 7.05 Navarrete Flooring Replacement

Navarrete Elementary School was built in 2004 and the carpet and flooring is original and is need of replacement.

The District will contract with Diversified Flooring Services via 1GPA Contract #23-08PV-03 which complies with all school procurement rules in the amount of \$509,572.10.

The scope of the project includes:

- Remove and replace existing furnishings.
- Remove and replace carpet.
- Remove VCT.
- Polished concrete.

## 7. Consent Agenda

### 7.05 Navarrete Flooring Replacement (cont'd)

Recommended approval of Diversified Flooring Services in the amount of \$509,572.10 for the Navarrete flooring replacements.

### 7.06 Hancock Flooring Replacement

Hancock Elementary School was built in 2004 and the carpet and flooring is the original and is in need of replacement.

The District will contract with Diversified Flooring Services via 1GPA Contract #23-08PV-03 which complies with all school procurement rules in the amount of \$440,489.34.

The scope of the project includes:

- Remove and replace existing furnishings.
- Remove and replace carpet.
- Remove VCT.
- Polished concrete.

Recommended approval of Diversified Flooring Services in the amount of \$440,489.34 for the Hancock flooring replacement.

### 7.07 Contract Increase – RFT 05-25-28

The Governing Board approved RFP 05-24-28 for the Community Education Enrichment Programs with estimated expenditures of \$875,000.00 on June 28, 2023. The District requested approval of an additional \$225,000.00 to bring this to the new total amount to \$1,100,000.00 due to increased enrollment for the after school extracurricular activities for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

### 7.08 Professional Development Management Software

The District is requesting Board approval to purchase professional development software per the attached quote from PowerSchool Group.

The PowerSchool Group Professional Learning Suite software is needed to support professional development districtwide. It will serve as the software for professional development registration, continuing education units (CEU), transcript tracking, as well as house multiple online options for all staff to receive on demand professional development. Additionally, the software will support the District's Annual Best Practices compliance training and serve as a record of attendance for all Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) staff professional development.

The District is seeking to enter into a multi-year agreement with PowerSchool Group through June 2026. The multi-year agreement would allow the District to begin implementation in December in order to begin preparing customized professional development content for CUSD. By entering into a multi-year agreement, the District will receive an overall discount of \$208,675 and lower annual fees.

The purchase will comply with all required procurement rules. With Board approval, the professional development software will be purchased from PowerSchool Group in the amount of \$284,239.76 including tax and implementation fees utilizing Sourcewell contract # 090320-POW.

### 7.07 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, and Salary Schedules.

**Approve the consent agenda as presented.**

**Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Barb R Mozdzen.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

## 8. Action Items

### 8.01 Turf Field Conversion Phase II at Chandler, Hamilton and Perry High Schools

The District seeks to convert our high school stadium fields to synthetic turf over the course of two phases. Chandler, Hamilton, and Perry High Schools will be part of Phase II and pending Governing Board approval construction will begin in April 2024.

Scope of work will include:

Removal of natural turf.

Installation of synthetic turf, cooling infill and shock pad.

Storm drain system.

Request for qualifications (RFQ) # 123-23-23 was issued and CORE Construction was selected as the general contractor of record.

The District has negotiated a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for Chandler, Hamilton and Perry High Schools in the amount of \$7,628,625.00 which the District believes is fair and reasonable given current market conditions.

**Recommended approval of CORE Construction for the turf conversion at Chandler, Hamilton, and Perry High Schools in the amount of \$7,628,625.00.**

Discussion: Mr. Rohrs asked if we were staying in Budget. Lana Berry responded, yes, we are in budget. Barb Mozdzen asked about the longevity of turf fields. Tom Dunn responded, 8-10 years.

**Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Patti M Serrano.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Jason R Olive, Barb R Mozdzen, Kurt D Rohrs, Patti M Serrano**

**Abstain: Joel H Wirth**

### 8.02 Approval of I-20 Tuition Amount of FY24-25

Children of non-residents of this country, documented as I-20 students, may be admitted upon payment of a reasonable tuition fixed by the Governing Board under Arizona Revised Statute 15-823(A). In the past, the Governing Board set tuition for incoming I-20 Students using a method that determines the cost per student. This formula/methodology took into consideration the Maintenance and Operation fund, Classroom Site fund, Unrestricted Capital Outlay fund and Federal and State Project funds divided by the total student count to establish a tuition price per I-20 student. After applying the same methodology and formula from the past with updated numbers due to inflation and the restoration of district additional assistance, administration is recommending the FY24-25 tuition rate be adjusted to \$10,857.

Request approval of tuition rates for I-20 students at \$10,857 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**Recommended Approval of the tuition rates for I-20 students at \$10,857 for fiscal year 2024-2025.**

Discussion:

Barb Mozdzen asked what last year's total was. Lana Berry responded, \$9,248.00.

Barb Mozdzen asked how many students we have. Lana Berry responded, 3.

**Motion by Patti M Serrano, second by Kurt D Rohrs.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

**8. Action Items (cont'd)**

**8.03 Bus Fleet Replacements**

After careful review and research, the administration is recommending purchasing buses as replacements due to aging and costly repairs. Ten (10) Blue Bird 84 - passenger buses, ten (10) Blue Bird 48 - passenger Special Education with wheelchair lifts, and ten (10) Microbird 14 passenger Sports and Field Trip buses, will be purchased from Canyon State Bus Sales utilizing the Mohave contract 23D-CSBS-0905.

Quantity	Type of Vehicle	Total Cost	Need	Justification
10	Blue Bird All - American (84) passenger bus	\$2,506,953.95	General Education	Replacements due to aging and costly repairs.
10	Blue Bird Vision (48) passenger bus with wheelchair lift	\$1,869,228.72	Special Education	Replacements due to high mileage.
10	Microbird (14) passenger school buses.	\$1,236,393.08	Stop-to-stop or door-to-door for student transportation	For the needs to fulfill our student transport drivers.
<b>30</b>		<b>\$5,612,575.75</b>		

**Recommended approval to purchase thirty (30) buses in the amount of \$5,612,575.75 utilizing the Mohave contract 23D-CSBS-0905 with Canyon State Bus Sales.**

Discussion: Kurt Rohrs asked when the District would expect the buses and if they would have A/C. Tom Dunn responded, 2025 and yes with A/C.

Barb Mozdzen asked about trade in value. Tom Dunn explained that they look at mileage and repairs. They look at buses with 200K+ miles and most have a 10 year lifetime.

Mr. Dunn also informed the Board that a CDL is not required for the Microbird passenger busses.

**Motion by Joel H Wirth, second by Patti M Serrano.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

**9. Information Items**

**9.01 Student Activity Report**

Student Activity (SA) Report for the months ending July 2023 through September 2023 were provided for review.

**9.02 Junior High School Course Catalog 2024-2025**

A draft of the 2024-2025 Junior High School Course Catalog was presented. Also presented was the list of new courses and a summary of updates and changes to the catalog. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting.

**9.03 High School Course Catalog 2024-2025**

A draft of the 2024-2025 High School Course Catalog was presented. Also presented was the list of new courses and a summary of updates and changes to the catalog. The catalog will be presented for approval at the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting.

**9.04 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap**

**9. Information Items (cont'd)**

9.01 Board Member Current Events

*Joel Wirth* - Attended two plays one at PHS and one at Ryan which his granddaughter participated in.

*Patti Serrano* - Thank all that participated in Native American Heritage month presentation, especially our Indigenous Student Engagement Specialist leader, Shirley Antonette. BHS Si Se Puede and Sociedad Hispanica de Amistad groups will be hosting community vendor fair on Saturday, Nov. 18th in their parking lot. Student vendors will be selling homemade arts and crafts creations. Please support our students. Please consider donating to Chandler Care Center for their Family Assistance Day. Goal has not yet been met.

*Kurt Rohrs* - Attended various events including: EVIT School Board Consortium breakfast. CCA Education Forum sponsored by Chandler Chamber, Mr. Narducci was on the panel, and it was a really good event. PHS career center had a speaker come in to talk to students about internship opportunities for students. WJHS Showcase, it was well attended. EVIT Breakfast fundraiser, which was also well attended. Ryan Elem. joined Sun Lakes Rotary in delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders. BHS Cybersecurity program this was an amazing program and thanked Janet Hartkopf, Cybersecurity & Outreach Coordinator. Navarrete Elem. collected food and toys for Vet families that are struggling. Forum in teen substance abuse at PHS with FullCircle Program, which is a substance recovery program for teens. Lastly, Mr. Rohrs attended the Business Advisory Breakfast, which was very good, Patrick Brown, Coordinator of Workforce Development, his presentation was spot on about career pathways.

**10. Adjournment**

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

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Board President