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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
March 27, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session – 6:30 pm

1.01 CUSD Policy Transition

Dr. Craig Gilbert presented to the Board the transition process. On September 13, 20223, the District obtained approval from the Board to transition to The Trust Policy Model. Dr. Gilbert developed a plan to preserve the district's existing policies. By working with the Trust, we were able to obtain a Chandler specific crosswalk of the current policy to the new policy. Dr. Gilbert used a guiding checklist and timeline. A Microsoft Teams Policy File Management format was used which allowed collaboration by cabinet members to review and provide input. Four Board Planning Sessions took place to review each chapter with the Board. The Board was given time for discussion and questions at each Planning meeting. Currently we have 12 chapters of policy. The new model only has 5 chapters, and it is much easier to navigate. Policies were presented for information at the March 27, 2024 meeting and will be returned as an action item for Board approval at the April 10, 2024 meeting. If the Board approves, policies will be transmitted to The Trust to be formatted and reviewed in preparation to implement and launch on July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Governing Board Questions:

President Mozdzen asked how many hours did the process take? Dr. Gilbert responded - a lot. Cabinet members put in a lot of extra hours on top of their daily responsibilities to accomplish the task. Mr. Narducci thanked Dr. Gilbert, Cabinet members and the Board for the time spent on this process. Dr. Gilbert stated that this process had provided clarity. President Mozdzen expressed appreciation to all who participated. Member Olive stated that this has simplified the policy, and it is a lot easier to navigate. Vice-President Serrano thanked all and said that the team had made the process digestible to the Board. Member Serrano asked if the district would have enough time to make all the changes needed and if ASBA Policy will still be available. Dr. Gilbert stated that all forms, handbooks, and websites would have updated policy information by the start of the new school year. Mr. Narducci stated that ASBA policy would be archived.

2. Opening Items - 7:05 pm

1.01 Roll Call

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

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

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

3. Routine Business – 7:06 pm

- 3.01 Approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
The minutes are considered DRAFT until approved by the Governing Board.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting 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

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

Payroll for 2023-2024 Year:

Voucher 1053 Payroll 02222024

Voucher 1054 Payroll 02232024

Voucher 1056 Payroll 03072024

Voucher 1057 Payroll 03072024

Voucher 1058 Payroll 03212024

Accounts Payable for 2023-2024 Year:

Vouchers 5174-5178 02/22/2024 Check# 1800062210-1800062347

Voucher 5179 02/23/2024 Check# 1800062359-1800062361

Vouchers 5180-5184 02/29/2024 Check# 1800062362-1800062549

Vouchers 5186-5190 03/07/2024 Check# 1800062572-1800062790

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

- 3.03 Correspondence
No correspondence presented.

4. Recognition – 7:07 pm

- 4.01 Winter Sports Athletics Championships
Coach Jason Berg and the Perry HS Soccer team were recognized on their state championship title. Coach Sam Duane and the Perry HS Basketball team were recognized on their state championship title. Coach Duane was also recognized by NABC (National Association of Basketball Coaches). They have won three championships in a row. Player Koa Peat was named Gatorade Player of the Year for boys' basketball, Max Preps Player of the Year, and AIA 6A Conference Player of the Year.

- 4.04 Chief Duggan, Chandler Police Department
Chandler Unified recognized the service and dedication of Chandler's former police chief, Sean Duggan. Many times, the city of Chandler will recognize outside entities for the difference they have made in the community either directly or indirectly. Superintendent Narducci, his cabinet, the Governing Board would like to do the same for you, Chief Duggan. Sean retired this past January, concluding a 37-year career in law enforcement. Duggan served as Chandler's police chief since January 2014 and before his retirement was the most senior police chief among Valley cities. He served the City of Scottsdale for 27 years before leading the Chandler Police Department.

5. Report / Information – 7:17 pm

- 5.01 Student Body President Report
Brooklyn Tallman - Hamilton HS
Austin Clouse - Perry HS

5. Report / Information – 7:17 pm (cont'd)

5.02 New Administrator Introductions

Superintendent Narducci introduced new CUSD administrators:
Chris Rossini - Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Kraig Leuschner - Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Casteel HS
Pete Mourtsen - Assistant Director for Support Services

6. Presentation – 7:39 pm

6.01 Light the World Check Presentation

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director for Marketing and Communications, introduced Katie Kahle and Steven and Fran Lowder, Light the World Chairs for the East Valley, who presented a \$53,165 check to The Chandler CARE Center. The funds support CARE Center's Family Resource Center's STEM education and family-friendly activities and will provide access to medical and dental care for uninsured CUSD children. The check represents donations made to the Center during the 2023 holiday season at local Giving Machines.

7. Comments – 7:47 pm

7.01 Superintendent Current Events

This week we welcomed back our staff and students after a two-week spring break. I hope everyone has returned rested, rejuvenated, and ready to take on the 4th quarter.

Tomorrow two exciting events are happening in CUSD.

- Chandler High School is hosting the second annual Arizona State University Career Exploration Day for juniors. Students will be spending most of their day tomorrow participating in industry panels, various workshops, and a resource fair including employers, schools, and student organizations from ASU.
- Frye Elementary will be hosting the grandson of Cesar Chavez. Students from San Marcos Elementary will also be in attendance. This speaking engagement is one of a few events happening around Chandler this weekend ahead of Cesar Chavez's birthday.

All are excellent examples of success occurring across the district. We will, of course, showcase these great happenings on social media and in our district newsletter.

Right before the break we sent CUSD families and CUSD staff information on the creation of our Teen Violence Advisory. We are still accepting applications from CUSD stakeholders. You can find a direct link to the application on the district homepage. The deadline to apply is April 15.

I would like to share a few updates about the CUSD Arts Department.

- We had a student perform the National Anthem last night at the Police Awards Banquet.
- Los Lobos dancers from Chandler High School were invited to dance for President Biden's Chip Act announcement last week at Intel! Two of the dancers, who are in ROTC, even had the chance to interview the secret service and talk about career paths.
- CUSD student art will be on display at an upcoming Chamber of Commerce event on April 24.

Lastly, I would like to remind the community that the district art show opens April 17 in the Chandler Center for the Arts gallery. The show features student art from around the district and is a great example of our wonderful partnership with the city. The district art show will be free and open to the public!

7.02 Citizen Comments

Louann Savolt - School Safety of Students. Happy to see the good things happening, but also not happy for the not so good things. Mentioned violence, drugs, bullying in the district. Students are afraid of going into the restrooms. Suggested police and drug sniffing dogs to help.

8. Consent Agenda – 7:54 pm

8.01 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for PJHS, 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.

8.02 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$92,581.05.

8.03 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$14,694.17.

8.04 Casteel High School and Basha High School Student Laptops

Requested approval to utilize the Omnia Partners Contract #23-6692-03 for information technology products and services for the purchase of student laptop devices for a total cost of \$4,063,158.79.

The student laptops will be deployed at Casteel High School and Basha High School to continue the 1:1 learning initiative in classrooms district wide. The purchase includes 6,300 student laptops and configuration services.

Recommended approval of Insight Public Sector for the purchase of student laptops in the amount of \$4,063,158.79.

8.05 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for Elections Services

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Maricopa County Elections Department which requires Board approval. The agreement was approved by Kristin Mackin, the district's attorney.

Recommended approval of IGA between Maricopa County and Chandler Unified School District for elections services.

8.06 Community Education Fees-Rates for 2024-2025

Requested approval of the Community Ed Fees-Rates for 2024-2025. Fee schedule was presented.

8.07 Employee Benefits Package 2024-2025

Approval of the Employee Benefits package was requested. Memo was presented.

8.07 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, Support Staff Contracts 24-25, Admin Renewals List Changes for 24-25, Community Education Fees-Rates 24-25, Job Description, and Certified Re-Recommendations for 24-25.

Approve Consent agenda as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. Action Items 7:55 pm

9.01 Elementary Technology Purchase

Request approval to purchase 2,800 student technology devices from Apple, Inc. for a total cost of \$1,964,891.38. The devices will be distributed across 31 elementary sites.

The purchase includes:

- 10.9 inch iPads
- Protective hard cases with keyboards
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Apple Professional Services
- Device Management licenses
- Warranty

9. Action Items 7:55 pm

9.01 Elementary Technology Purchase (cont'd)

Devices will be distributed to 2nd grade classrooms to increase engagement of students in small group structures and to provide individualized and small group interventions and extensions in reading resulting.

The District is requesting approval to purchase the items on the quotes from Apple, Inc. in the amount of \$1,964,891.38, utilizing Mohave Contract # 21K-APPLE-0305, which complies with all school district procurement rules.

Board Questions:

Are these iPads for 2nd grade students? How will this assist with preparing students to be ready by 3rd grade? Are these 1:1 device and will they only be used in the classroom? Will printed materials be available? What is the life span of the devices?

Devices will only be used in the classrooms. Printed materials will be available for students. Device life span is 4-5 years.

Approve the purchase of 2800 student technology devices from Apple, Inc. for a total cost of \$1,964,891.38.

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

10. Information Items – 9:59 pm

10.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports

Student Activity (SA), Auxiliary Operations (AUX), and Tax Credit (TC) Reports for the months ending July 2023 through February 2024 were provided for review.

10.02 Transition to The Trust Model Policy Program

CUSD Policy Transition from ASBA to The Trust Model Policy Program. Presented as information, will return as action consent at the April 10, 2024 governing board meeting.

10.03 Policy Discussion

Board discussion of the following policies at the request of Board Member Kurt Rohrs:

Topic: Retaliation

Policy JII - Student Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances

Topic: Students Video Taping

Policy IJNDC-R - Social Media Sharing/Appropriate Use/Cyberbullying

Policy JICK - Student Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation

Policy JICK-R - Student Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation

Policy JICK-EB - Student Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation

Policy JICK-EA - Student Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation Reporting Form

Topic: Supervision and Monitoring of Students in Restrooms

Policy JIC - Student Conduct

Policy JLIA - Supervision of Students

After the policy discussion, parents were given an opportunity to speak or fill out a Policy input form. Next step: Board Member Rohrs will meet with Dr. Gilbert to continue discussion.

10.04 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

Board discussion of the Agenda Roadmap for the 2023-24 school year.

10. Information Items – 9:59 pm (cont'd)

10.05 Board Member Current Events

Kurt Rohrs - Acknowledged CM Bongiovanni's attendance. Mr. Rohrs attended the PHS Basketball Championship game on 3/2/24, CHS Career Event on 3/37/24, Parent Teen Violence meeting in Queen Creek on 3/10/24 which had good discussion, Teen Violence meeting in Gilbert on 3/24/24; meeting was well attended, Mr. Rohrs stated that this issue is not going away, parent involvement is needed. Reminded all about our Speak Up for Safety link on the district website.

Jason Olive - Policy work has been done slow and meticulously, thanked Dr. Gilbert for his time working on policy.

Patti Serrano - Thanked parents for sharing their comments. Also reminded parents to sign up for the Teen Violence Advisory. Apologized that things are not always handled at school sites and parents have to come to board meetings to be heard. We need to do better, and we see that we are taking steps to do so. Invited all to upcoming events: 3/29/24-Celebrating Cesar Chavez: Untold Stories and Cafecito at Light of Life Church at 9:30, and Let's Pull Together in Honor of Cesar Chavez from 7-noon and a march to city hall. Operation Back to School planning has started. Event is scheduled for 7/31/24 at Compass Christian Church. Thanked the community for attending our board meetings and also acknowledged CM Bongiovanni who was in attendance.

Joel Wirth - Agreed with Jason's analogy was perfect, you have a playground incident and a non-playground incident an administrators have to figure out what to do next, it's not simple.

Barb Mozden - Attended CEF Board meeting, they completed their car raffle and they have a significant amount of money for scholarships. They are in the middle of taking student applications for scholarships. Teacher Ed grants/scholarships and cash for classrooms money will increase. There are a lot of good things happening with CEF. The deadline for seniors to apply for scholarships is April 7th.

10. Adjournment – 8:38 pm

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Board President