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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona
January 15, 2025
7:00 p.m.

1. Study Session – 5:00 pm

1.01 CUSD Non-Profit Organizations

CUSD Non-Profits presentation by:

- Jennifer Hewitt, Director of Chandler Education Foundation
- Dana Stears, Director of Chandler School Boosters
- Katie Kahle, Director of Chandler CARE Center

1.02 Grants, School Resource Officers, and Security

Dr. Mike De La Torre, Assistant Superintendent of PK-12 Educational Services; Ken James, Executive Director of Junior High Schools; Mark Huish, Director of Safety; and Officer Dieu will present Grants, SRO and Security in schools.

The CUSD Safety Program is funded by grants received from the AZ Department of Education. The program is further enhanced by our ongoing relationship with the Chandler Police Department and their team of School Resource Officers teaching Law Related Education classes.

2. Opening Items - 7:08 pm

2.01 Roll Call

Patti M Serrano, Barb R Mozdzen, Kurt D Rohrs, Ryan Heap, Claudia Mendoza

Frank Narducci, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Craig Gilbert, Associate Superintendent of PreK-12 Educational Services; 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. Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer, was not present.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

2.03 Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members

Superintendent Frank Narducci administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members Ryan Heap, Claudia Mendoza and Barb Mozdzen.

2. Opening Items - 7:08 pm (cont'd)

2.04 Election of Board President for 2025

Motion to nominate Patti Serrano as Board President for 2025.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Claudia Mendoza.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Kurt D Rohrs, Claudia Mendoza

Nay: Ryan Heap

2.05 Election of Board Vice President for 2025

Motion to nominate Barb Mozdzen as Vice President for 2025.

Motion by Claudia Mendoza, second by Patti M Serrano.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Claudia Mendoza

Nay: Kurt D Rohrs, Ryan Heap

3. Presentation

3.01 I Rise Recognition

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director for Marketing and Communications introduced Alberto Esparza from I Rise Foundation who recognized Mr. Frank Narducci for his outstanding support and acts of kindness and not only to the I Rise Foundation Soccer program, but the Chandler Community at large. I Rise Foundation is grateful for the continued support of their programs over the years.

3.02 "And Then Some" Award

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director for Marketing and Communications introduced Gabe, a student at PHS. Superintendent Narducci presented Gabe, a Sports Med 1 student and a member of the Golf team, with the "And Then Some Award" for going above and beyond in his job as a student and employee! Over the winter break, Gabe had to perform CPR on patron at the golf course at which he is employed at.

4. Report / Information

4.01 Student Body President Report

Yumi Chan - PHS

4.02 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present.

4.03 Superintendent Current Events

Welcome back! We are excited to be meeting for the first time in this new year and with our new Board members.

Here is a quick update for you:

Today was the district spelling bee at the Chandler Center for the Arts. All CUSD elementary schools were in attendance. Congratulations to VenkataSuchith Nathani who attends Arizona College Prep Middle School__ for winning this year's District Spelling Bee and to Vincent Oliver who attends Knox Gifted Academy who was runner-up. This year's Spelling Bee set a record going 25 Rounds! The previous record was 23 Rounds. We cannot wait to see you along with our top ten qualifiers represent CUSD at the Regional Bee on February 12, 2025! Chandler Unified School District and Chandler Center for the Arts will be Hosting the East Valley Regional

Congratulations to our seven high school seniors who have been named to the list of 2025 Flinn Scholarship Semifinalists! Flinn Scholarships cover full-ride tuition, housing, meals, and at least two study abroad experiences for students who will be attending Arizona's public universities. Good luck in the next round of interviews!

Join Chandler Unified School District for an essential parent training session on trafficking prevention, presented by Red Light Rebellion. Gain critical tools and insights to protect your children from exploitation and emerging digital dangers. This event will be held Thursday, January 16th at 6pm online. Registration

4. Report / Information

4.03 Superintendent Current Events (cont'd)

information is on the counseling and social services webpage and in the district newsletter.

On March 6, we are hosting our annual Build for Tomorrow Career Expo. This year it will be at Perry High School from 6-8 pm. At B4T, attendees will be able to connect with employers, explore job opportunities, and discover career colleges & trade schools. All students are welcome to join us for an exciting journey into your future!

Last week, Kindergarten students at our elementary schools participated in an activity where they imagined themselves one hundred years older to mark their 100th Day of School. Video of Navarrete Elementary School's spirit to celebrate being one hundred days smarter was shared.

New family registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. This includes preschool and Pre-Kindergarten registration as well. Click the ENROLL link right on our home page of CUSD80 dot com and follow the steps. Again, this is for families new to CUSD. If you are not new, we encourage you to help us spread the word to anyone who may be looking for a new school or program for their students. It is easy as just sending them the link to register.

Finally, on Monday January 20, we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Dr. King was instrumental in so many ways including leading the charge for the American Civil Rights Movement. While our schools and district will be closed on Monday, I would like to leave you with this quote from Dr. King: "We must use time creatively in knowledge that the time is always right to do right."

5. Public Hearing

5.01 CUSD 301 Pay for Performance (PFP) 2024-2025

A.R.S. 15-977 (Classroom Site Fund) requires that a school district governing board must adopt a performance-based compensation system in order to allocate funding from the classroom site fund. The 2024-2025 Proposition 301 Pay for Performance Plan has been approved by the District's SuperProp Committee.

- Anticipated payment of \$700 per staff member to be paid in 2024-2025
- No Professional Development requirements

The CUSD Pay for Performance Plan has two components based on the following:

- 50% (\$350) is contingent upon completion of the Site Learning Experience Plan
- 50% (\$350) is based on Teachers Performance Classification

Approval of this performance-based compensation system will be requested during the February 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

6. Comments

6.01 Citizen Comments

Gary Banjac - Bus Driver Issues

Lisa Calderon - Welcome New and Returning School Board Members

Leslie Falcon - ACPMS Start time change

7. Consent Agenda

7.01 Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

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

7.02 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning forms for ACP HS, BHS and CCHS are 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. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

7.03 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 1030 Payroll 12/12/2024
Voucher 1031 Payroll 12/12/2024
Voucher 1032 Payroll 12/13/2024
Voucher 1033 Payroll 12/16/2024
Voucher 1034 Payroll 12/26/2024
Voucher 1035 Payroll 12/26/2024

Accounts Payable for 2024-2025 Year:

Vouchers 6111-6115 12/05/2024 Check# 1800069936-1800070132
Vouchers 6116-6120 12/12/2024 Check# 1800070163-1800070387
Vouchers 6121-6124 12/18/2024 Check# 1800070399-1800070573
voucher 6125 12/19/2024 Check# 1800070574
voucher 6126 01/06/2025 Check# 1800070610

7.04 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$47,791.09.

7.05 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$12,101.20.

7.06 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation and Job Descriptions.

Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Kurt D Rohrs, Claudia Mendoza, Ryan Heap

8. Action Items

8.01 SAVE Contract 24.008- Student Contract Transportation

The District requested approval to utilize SAVE Contract 24.008 for Student Contract Transportation awarded to ACES and Care Transit in the amount of \$330,000.00 based on upcoming expenditures and anticipated spending for the remainder of FY 24-25. The contract will be utilized to provide transportation for students in the ACES program and for McKinney-Vento students that Chandler Unified School District is unable to provide transportation for.

Recommend approval of SAVE Contract 24-008-Student Contract Transportation.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Kurt D Rohrs, Claudia Mendoza, Ryan Heap

8.02 Arizona State University and Chandler Unified School District Memorandum of Understanding

The Arizona State University Office of Outreach Partnership MOU is an agreement between the Arizona State University – Access ASU and the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) to offer our students the opportunity to engage ASU educational resources and obtain post-secondary experience while in the K-12 educational setting. The partnership will allow CUSD students to explore educational possibilities beyond the K-12 educational experience.

The partnership offers CUSD students ongoing meaningful, innovative learning experiences that focuses on the four Es – Enrollment, Enlistment, Entrepreneurship and Employment post K-12 education. Recommended approval.

8. Action Items

8.02 Arizona State University and Chandler Unified School District Memorandum of Understanding (cont'd) **Recommend approval of the Arizona State University and Chandler Unified School District Memorandum of Understanding for ASU Services**

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Claudia Mendoza.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Kurt D Rohrs, Claudia Mendoza, Ryan Heap

8.03 Fire Alarm Systems at Conley Elementary, Sanborn Elementary and Support Services

The fire alarm systems at Conley Elementary (1994) Sanborn Elementary (1996) and Support Services (1988) are original, and the current systems are obsolete and very difficult to service and maintain.

The District will contract with Copper State Fire Protection on the Mohave contract #22C-CFP2-0606 which complies with all school procurement rules in the amount of \$537,558.

Conley Elementary - \$225,370

Sanborn Elementary - \$259,998

Support Services - \$52,190

The scope of the project includes:

Remove current FACP, devices and wiring that is not compatible.

Install new Notifier Addressable Fire Alarm Panel

Install new Annunciator

Install full coverage smoke/heat detectors campus wide

Includes all engineering and fire alarm permits

Recommend approval of Copper State Fire Protection in the amount of \$537,558 for the fire alarm system replacements at Conley Elementary, Sanborn Elementary and Support Services.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Kurt D Rohrs, Claudia Mendoza, Ryan Heap

9. Information Items

9.01 Student Activity, Auxiliary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports

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

9.02 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

The Board discussed the Agenda Roadmap for the 2024-25 school year.

9.03 Board Member Current Events

Kurt Rohrs - Attended the following events: Jan. 9th - CUSD Business Advisory Meeting; Chandler City Council Installation Ceremony of newly elected council members; Jan. 10th - Meet the Elected Officials Chamber Event; PHS vs BHS Basketball game.

Claudia Mendoza - Expressed her gratitude to the community for the support she has received. Excited to serve on the board and advocate for students, teachers, staff and administrators.

Barb Mozdzen - Welcomed Ryan Heap and Claudia Mendoza to the Board. Excited to work together and continue to bring the District forward. Congratulated Patti Serrano as President of the Board.

Patti Serrano - City of Chandler Dr. MLK Jr. Events happening this weekend. Please consider coming out to support these events

10. Adjournment

10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.