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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
February 26, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

**1. Executive Session – 4:30 pm**

1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session-Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Budget Committee Recommendations

Chris Rossini, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Marketing and Communications and Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Budget Committee recommendations for the 2025-2025 school year.

**Consider motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5), discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.**

**Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Claudia Mendoza, Ryan Heap**

**Not Present at Vote: Kurt D Rohrs**

1.02 Adjourn from Executive Session

**Motion to Adjourn from Executive Session.**

**Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Ryan Heap.**

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

**Not Present at Vote: Claudia Mendoza**

**2. Study Session – 5:45 pm**

2.01 Career & Technical Education and Semiconductor

Dr. Jessica Edgar, Executive Director of Pk-12 Curriculum and Instruction, Lindsay Duran, Director of Career & Technical Education, and Janet Hartkopf, CTE Coordinator of Emerging Technologies, presented CTE and Semiconductor programs in CUSD.

**3. Opening Items - 7:08 pm**

3.01 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; 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; 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. Jeff Filloon, Executive Director of Human Resources; was not present.

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

## 4. Recognition

### 4.01 HHS Badminton

Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, introduced the Division I State Team Badminton Champions and their Coach Lauren Rosales.

### 4.02 Inaugural 2025 Arizona School to Watch

Dr. Robert Caplinger, Board President of the Arizona Association of Middle Level Education (AzAMLE) recognized Arizona College Prep Middle School for being selected as an inaugural 2025 "Arizona School to Watch." The Schools to Watch program is an initiative of the National Middle Grades Forum, an alliance of educators, researchers, state associations, and officers of professional organizations dedicated to improving middle-level (i.e., 5th-9th grades) education for young adolescents. Over the last twenty-six years, the Schools to Watch program has recognized excellence in the middle grades in over seven hundred schools across twenty states.

Arizona College Prep Middle School will be formally recognized at the 2025 National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, D.C., in June. ACPMS will join educators from across the country to share their expertise by presenting educational sessions that highlight the successes of students and staff.

### 4.03 CTE Month

Lindsay Duran, Director of Career & Technical Education, presented CTE Month and introduced students from CTE programs.

## 5. Report / Information

### 5.01 Student Body President Report

Reports by:

Kate Foster - CCHS

Zaria Gunn - CHS

### 5.02 Correspondence

No correspondence presented.

### 5.03 Superintendent Current Events

Governing Board,

It has only been a few short weeks since we last met, but much has happened. Here is a quick recap.

Feedback is essential for improvement. We are currently working on videos with information on the process and procedure of mandatory reporting and supportive measures available at any time to students, families and staff in CUSD. We are also assessing our gaps in informational documents that might be needed. More to come on this but wanted to update the Board and community as this was brought up at the last Board meeting.

Congratulations to Bogle Junior High School, CTA Freedom, and Hancock Elementary School for earning the A+ School of Excellence designation from the Arizona Educational Foundation! This top state-level honor recognizes outstanding achievement in teaching and learning strategies, student success, leadership, and community engagement. Recognition covers a four-year period, with this year's group earning the 2025-2029 designation.

CUSD is the first school district in the nation to launch a Google Cybersecurity Clinic for students, in partnership with the University of Arizona! This Google Clinic is at universities around the country but not yet at a public school district until now. Some of you may know, CUSD educator Janet Hartkopf. She brought Cybersecurity to CUSD in 2019 and the program has grown tremendously since. This clinic is a way for students to expand their knowledge while earning micro credentials. Video played.

Casteel High School hosted an event called Crayons to Caps. This was the first for the Colts. Kindergarteners from CTA Freedom, Auxier, & Riggs took a big field trip over to visit the campus. And boy did they have fun. Video played.

## 5. Report / Information

### 5.03 Superintendent Current Events (cont'd)

On Saturday February 22, all CUSD schools took part in the Chandler Innovation Fair which we hold in partnership with the city of Chandler. Schools showed off projects and provided hands-on activities for visitors all while showcasing their school spirit and culture to the community. Thank you to our staff & sponsors as well as to our Curriculum & Instruction team for leading this effort every year.

On February 19, we hosted our Night of Recognition where we honored more than 150 CUSD students, staff, and volunteers. Each awardee was nominated by their school site or department. Congratulations to all and thank you for all that you do for CUSD and the community!

Reminder that our Build for Tomorrow or B4T Career Expo is March 6 at Perry High School from 6-8 p.m. More than 50 employers from several different industries will be in attendance. Students of all ages are welcome as it is never too early to start thinking about a career!

Finally, happy almost Spring Break. This is our last Board meeting before break so I want to remind everyone that school will be out from March 10 to March 21; however, the district office will be open with limited staff if you are in need of getting questions answered.

## 6. Comments

### 6.01 Citizen Comments

*Zayna Pruzhanovsky* - Volunteerism  
*Eileen Garces* - Support for CUSD Volunteers  
*Bridget Vega* - Mandatory Reporting  
*Charisia Arnold* - Protecting Kids

## 7. Consent Agenda

### 7.01 Approve the Minutes of the February 12, 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 and CCHS 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 at the end of the school year.

### 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 1044 Payroll 02/20/2025

#### Accounts Payable for 2024-2025 Year:

Vouchers 6152-6156 02/06/2025 Check# 1800071511-1800071687

Vouchers 6157-6161 02/13/2025 Check# 1800071688-1800071844

### 7.04 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$18,520.68.

### 7.05 Revision of Policy 5-203 Students with Disabilities (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))

The Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) approved a rule change on October 21, 2024, that impacts secondary transition services requirements in individualized education programs (IEP). The rule change requires school districts to begin transition services by ninth grade or age sixteen (whichever is sooner); to align a student's transition goals with a projected high school graduation date; and to inform parents/legal guardians of the projected high school graduation date.

These changes were presented as Information at the February 12, 2024, Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

## 7. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

### 7.06 Memorandum of Agreement between CUSD and the Department of Air Force

Memorandum of Agreement's with the Department of Air Force and the Chandler Unified School District will renew the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) units at Basha High, Chandler High and Hamilton High schools were provided. These MOA's outline the mutual responsibilities of the Air Force and the District and have been reviewed by our attorney.

Recommended approval to continue the Air Force JROTC programs at Basha High, Chandler High and Hamilton High schools.

### 7.07 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation and Job Descriptions.

**Approve Consent Agenda as published and presented.**

**Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

## 8. Action Items

### 8.01 MOU between CUSD and Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation

The Memorandum of Understanding between Chandler Unified School District and Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation will provide free eye exams and glasses for students. When a site has 30 students who have parent/guardian consent to participate, the Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation will provide a doctor, eye exam, and glasses, if needed, for each student free of charge. CUSD will provide classroom space for the program to operate.

Recommended approval of the MOU between CUSD and Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation.

**Recommend approval of the MOU between CUSD and Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation.**

**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 Employee Compensation Package 2025-2026 School Year

John Anguiano and Michelle Mowery, Co-Chairs of the 2025 Citizen Advisory Budget Committee for CUSD presented the Budget Committee recommendations to the Board. Chris Rossini, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources presented the Employee Compensation package for the 2025-2026 school year.

Requested approval of the Employee Compensation Package recommended by Super Q and the Budget Committee for 25-26 School Year. Super Q had representation from all three employee groups participate. Recommended approval of the attached proposed compensation for the 25-26 school year.

**Recommend approval of proposed employee compensation for the 25-26 school year.**

**Motion by Ryan Heap, second by Claudia Mendoza.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

## 8. Action Items

### 8.03 Contract Increase - 1GPA 23-15PV-03 Job Order Contracting for General Contractors

The Governing Board approved contract 1GPA 23-15PV-03 Job Order Contracting for General Contractors awarded to Concord General Contracting with estimated expenditures of \$3,000,000.00 on June 12, 2024. The District requested approval of an additional \$4,914,662.652 to bring the new contract total to \$7,914.662.62 for the rollover of four reimagining projects at Conley, Sanborn, Frye and Hull Elementary for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

**Revised agenda item to provide clarity to the Board:**

*The Governing Board approved contract 1GPA 23-15PV-03 Job Order Contracting for General Contractors awarded to Concord General Contracting with estimated expenditures of \$3,000,000.00 on June 12, 2024. The District is requesting approval of an additional \$4,914,662.63 to bring the new contract total to \$7,914.662.62 due to the rollover of four reimagining projects at Conley, Sanborn, Frye and Hull Elementary.*

*Last fiscal year, FY 23-24 a total of four (4) reimagining projects were procured under the District's delegation of authority for JOC contract use but the projects were not yet completed at the fiscal year end. As a result, the total amount remaining for all 4 projects to be completed is \$4,914,662.62.*

<b>PO#</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>FY 23-24 Amount</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Amount</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
24009753	Conley Reimagining	600,766.77	1,395,481.23	1,996,248.00
24009752	Sanborn Reimagining	482,022.31	1,364,245.69	1,846,268.00
24009750	Hull Reimagining	352,076.32	991,237.68	1,343,314.00
24009751	Frye Reimagining	350,128.97	1,163,698.03	1,513,827.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,784,994.37</b>	<b>4,914,662.63</b>	<b>6,699,657.00</b>

*Request approval of an additional \$4,914,662.63 for the rollover PO amounts of the four reimagining projects at Conley, Sanborn, Frye and Hull Elementary for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fiscal year plus the \$3,000,000 originally requested to bring the new contract total to \$7,914,662.62. The \$3,000,000 estimated contract expenditures originally requested on June 12, 2024 will be used for the Shumway Leadership Academy reimagination project (\$1,915,640.00) and for any additional minor construction needs that may be needed with Concord General Contracting for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.*

**Request approval of an additional \$4,914,662.652 to bring the new contract total to \$7,914,662.62 for the rollover of four reimagining projects at Conley, Sanborn, Frye and Hull Elementary for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.**

**Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Aye: Barb R Mozdzen, Patti M Serrano, Claudia Mendoza, Ryan Heap**

**Abstain: Kurt D Rohrs**

## 9. Information

### 9.01 Science Curriculum – 6th Grade OpenSciEd

OpenSciEd is an Open Educational Resource (OER) providing high-quality science education materials for K–12 students. This standard aligned curriculum includes unit and lesson plans, student videos, simulation library, and on-demand teacher support. While the curriculum is free of charge, consumable and non-consumable items will be purchased to further support students in a hands-on learning environment. The total cost for materials is \$75,295.22 including estimated tax, shipping, and processing.

In accordance with A.R.S. 15-721, the curriculum will be placed on display for the 60-day review period for comment at the Melinda Romero Instructional Resource Center starting February 27, 2025. After the 60-day review period for public comments, the curriculum will be presented for approval.

### 9.02 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

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

## 9. Information (cont'd)

### 9.03 Board Member Current Events

*Ryan Heap* - Attended Night of Recognition on 2/19/25. Strive for Transportation to be as dependable and reliable as our teachers, students rely on transportation to get to school. Do not more of the same but do different.

*Barb Mozden* - Attended Night of Recognition on 2/19/25. We honor volunteers who put in countless hours in our schools. Thank you so much for that.

*Claudia Mendoza* - Attended Night of Recognition on 2/19/25; Chandler Innovation Fair on 2/22/25; These events exemplify our Journey to Excellence (student success and employee engagement).

*Kurt Rohrs* - Attended Chandler State of the City on 2/13/25; Night of Recognition 2/19/25; East Valley Chamber Business Education Summit 2/21/25; Chandler Innovation Fair 2/22/25; Industry Partnership Webinar- Agua Fria was the Keynote speaker 2/24/25.

*Patti Serrano* - Happy Public Schools week! Thanked CEA members and public-school advocates that attended the meeting; Reminder to purchase CEF Raffle tickets; Reminder students who are considering higher education to complete their FAFSA applications.

## 10. Adjournment

### 10.01 Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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Board President