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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board Maricopa County, Arizona June 25, 2025 7:00 p.m.

### 1. Executive Session - 5:30 pm

# 1.01 Adjourn to Executive Session - Superintendent Evaluation

Consider motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, discipline or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body. (Superintendent Evaluation)

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Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Claudia Mendoza.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

Not Present at Vote: Barb R Mozdzen

#### 1.02 Adjourn to Executive Session - Legal Advice

Consider motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney(s) of the public body regarding Social Media litigation; Satellite IGA with EVIT, current litigation matters, State Board of Education Certification matters. The attorney(s) may appear in person, virtually or by telephone.

## 1.03 Adjourn from Executive Session

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Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

### 2. Opening Items - 7:00 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; Colleen Flannery, Chief Technology Officer; Chris Rossini, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Dr. Jessica Edgar, Executive Director for PK-12 Curriculum and Instruction; Ken James, Executive Director of Junior High Schools; and Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication, were present. Dr. Michael De La Torre, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 Schools; Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability and Research; 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; Leo Schlueter, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, West Region; and Tom Dunn, Executive Director of Support Services were not present.

# 3. Recognition

#### 3.01 Panfilo H. Contreras Honorary Scholarship

Benjamin Cluff from Chandler High School, has been selected as a recipient of the esteemed 2025 Panfilo H. Contreras Honorary Scholarship by the Arizona School Boards Association Hispanic-Native American Caucus! Benjamin has been awarded \$1,250 to support his journey towards higher education at the college or university of his choice upon completing the enrollment process. This scholarship is a testament to his hard work and dedication, and we are immensely proud to have him represent Chandler High School District as a recipient. His achievement not only reflects his dedication but also highlights the excellence of our district's students. His recognition will inspire others to pursue their educational goals with passion and determination.

## 4. Report / Information

## 4.01 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present.

#### 4.02 Superintendent Current Events

Governing Board,

We are very close to the start of school. Even with a shorter summer due to our modified year-round school calendar, much has happened and is happening.

Tomorrow our website CUSD80 and the school websites will have a fresh new look. Families and staff, be on the lookout for a message with tips, tricks, and information on best ways to easily navigate the new site. Our intention with this redesign was to ensure all stakeholders can access what they need easily 24/7 while also marketing all the great programs, offerings, and success stories found within CUSD.

Families, if your student or students need transportation services for the next school year, please go into your Parent Portal in Infinite Campus and register for transportation. This action is critical to ensure everyone is ready to ride on day one.

Here is a short video on more improvements coming to CUSD starting July 16. Video played.

Messaging and short video vignettes will be coming out soon regarding Governing Board policy additions in alignment with new legislation pertaining to cell phones and mandatory reporting, so be on the lookout for that.

Additionally, because concerns continue about legislation and executive orders impacting children, we want to take a moment to remind all stakeholders that Chandler Unified remains committed to protecting the safety & rights of our students. Our priority is and always will be to care for and educate every student enrolled in our schools. Based on statute, neither students nor their families are ever asked about their immigration status, and District staff do not collect or maintain this information. Student records and student information are confidential. Staff will not release student information to any third party. Discrimination and Harassment based on race, color, and/or national origin are prohibited and not tolerated in our schools.

Operation Back to School hosted by For Our City – Chandler is coming up. This one-of-a-kind event provides thousands of students throughout Chandler with backpacks, school supplies, shoes, socks, underwear, haircuts, and school uniforms. The event this year is on Saturday July 12 from 8-11am at Compass Church 1825 S Alma School in Chandler.

Finally, tonight is a bittersweet night. Five of our long-standing administrators are retiring. Tonight is the last Board meeting for Dr. Gilbert, Colleen Flannery, Dan Serrano, Dr. Filloon, and Dr. Marshall. We will miss you all tremendously. You have always put students first and we commend you for that. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Enjoy retirement and enjoy not having to be at Board meetings!

School starts on July 16th in Chandler Unified School District. We are excited to welcome all our over 40 thousand students back for an exciting new school year, and please remember that hydration is everything in Arizona during the summer months so please remember to drink plenty of water before coming to school and bring your water bottles.

# 4. Report / Information (cont'd)

#### 4.03 New Administrator Introductions

Mr. Narducci introduced the following new administrator:

- Dr. Jason Barletta, Principal of CTA Liberty
- Krista Yubeta, Principal of Auxier Elementary
- Dr. Kevin Mendivil, Director of Human Resources
- Dr. Jessica Edgar, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 Teaching/Learning

### 5. Comments

#### 5.01 Citizen Comments

Katey McPherson - Student Safety/Parent Collaboration Bridget Vega - Teen Violence Louann Savolt - Citizenship of students and community

## 6. Consent Agenda

### 6.01 Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

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

## 6.02 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning Forms for the 2025-2026 School Year

Out of state field trip pre-planning form for the 2025-2026 school year were provided for junior high and high school sites. 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 yearly. Recommended approval of the attached out of state field trip pre-planning forms.

### 6.03 Approve and Ratify Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers

Requested approval and ratification of the following Payroll and Accounts Payable vouchers.

#### Accounts Pavable - 06/13/2025:

Vouchers 6247-6250 - Check #1800074949-1800075168

Payroll - 06/12/2025: Vouchers 1069-1071 Voucher 1073

#### 6.04 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$83,045.50.

#### 6.05 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to the Chandler School District totaling \$13,600.00.

## 6.06 Resolution Approving the Purchase of Food and Beverages

The district administration requested approval of the attached Resolution to designate the approval of food and beverage purchases for official school district events and functions to the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer. All purchases will be in compliance with constitution of Arizona, the laws pertaining to travel and subsistence, gifts, grants, including federal grants, or devises and policies adopted by the Department of Education.

## 6.07 Resolution Approving Delegation and the Disposition of Surplus and Excess Property and Materials

The district administration requested Board approval of the resolution approving the disposition of surplus and excess property and materials, in accordance with applicable Arizona law and regulations, for fiscal year 2026 and delegating authority to the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Business Services and Supervisor of Material Distribution to determine whether any district property or materials is in excess, surplus or outdated and appropriate for sale or disposal.

## 6.08 GPPCS Contract 10-26-30 Trash Removal & Recycle Material Services

Requested Governing Board approval to utilize GPPCS Contract 10-26-30 awarded to Republic Services for Trash Removal & Recycle Material Services with estimated expenditures of \$475,000.00 for the 2025-

## 6. Consent Agenda

## 6.08 GPPCS Contract 10-26-30 Trash Removal & Recycle Material Services (cont'd)

2026 fiscal year. Republic Services provide weekly trash and recycling services for all of the District's facilities. The due diligence for this cooperative contract has been reviewed by the Purchasing Department and is compliant with the Arizona Schools District Procurement Rules.

#### 6.09 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, Compensation, Re-Recommendations, and Job Description.

Recommend approval of consent agenda with the exception of items 6.06 and 6.09.

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

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

### 7. Action Items

#### 7.01 2025-26 ASBA Annual Membership Dues

Recommended approval of 2025-26 ASBA Annual Membership at 0.025% of the 2024-25 operational budget for a total of \$14,930.00 which would include for example professional development opportunities for current and new board members, access to BoardDocs and historical data.

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Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.

Recommended table agenda item and obtain additional information regarding membership costs.

Requested a cost analysis to compare full membership costs vs. a la cart options.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Ryan Heap.

Motion Fails

Aye: Ryan Heap, Kurt D Rohrs

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

Recommend approval of 2025-26 ASBA Annual Membership at 0.025% of the 2024-25 operational budget for a total of \$14,930.00.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

Nay: Kurt D Rohrs Abstain: Ryan Heap

#### 7.02 Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, school districts must publish a Public Hearing Notice and the Summary of the Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget on a district-wide basis for fiscal year 2025-2026. Prior to publication, the Governing Board must approve the legal Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget.

The publication will indicate that on July 9, 2025, there will be a public hearing on the 2025-2026 Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget.

Request approval of the 2025-2026 Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget for publication.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

## 7. Action Items (cont'd)

### 7.03 Approve Revision of the 2023-2024 Food Service Annual Financial Report

In accordance with A.R.S. §15-904, school districts are required to submit an Annual Financial Report (AFR) to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) by October 15 of each year. The AFR summarizes all financial activity for the district during the fiscal year, including expenditures, revenues, and fund balances. On October 9, 2024 the Governing Board approved the District's FY 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report package which included the Food Service AFR.

Subsequent to the original submission and governing board approval of the AFR for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, revisions to the Food Service AFR were necessary due to adjustments made to reimbursable meals claimed. The original meal counts were provided based on the school year dates rather than the fiscal year dates. The revision did not impact any revenue, expenditure or fund balance totals reported. The revised Food Service AFR reflects accurate financial data and ensures continued compliance with ADE reporting requirements. Board approval was requested.

Recommend approval of revision of the 2023-2024 Food Service Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Ryan Heap, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

#### 7.04 First Things First Agreement with the Chandler CARE Center 2025-2026

The annual grant renewal for the Government Agreement (GRA-RC035-24-1200-01) between First Things First and the Chandler CARE Center, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, is attached for approval. This agreement provides \$250,000.00 in funding to support the Chandler CARE Center Family Resource Center programs, including parenting activities and referrals, supporting families in their knowledge of child development, health, and parenting. Recommended approval of annual grant renewal of First Things First agreement with the Chandler CARE Center.

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Motion by Claudia Mendoza, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

7.05 <u>Superintendent Search: Consideration and possible action to initiate the hiring of a Superintendent search firm and authorize issuance of related RFQ.</u>

Upon the pending retirement of the current superintendent effective June 2026, the Governing Board is preparing for the process of selecting a new Superintendent. In alignment with best practices and to ensure a transparent and thorough recruitment process, the Board is considering the use of an external executive search firm to facilitate the Superintendent search.

To identify and evaluate potential firms, the Governing Board is considering taking action to issue a formal Request for Quotes (RFQ). The RFQ would be designed to solicit competitive quotes and information from qualified search firms that have experience in preK-12 leadership recruitment, particularly within Arizona and similar educational systems.

Issuing an RFQ is a standard procurement step that allows the Board to evaluate firms based on criteria such as qualifications, experience, scope of services, and cost. If it is decided to utilize the RFQ process, proposals will be reviewed and brought back to the Governing Board for consideration and potential approval of a selected firm.

Recommend that the District proceed with an RFQ to hire a Superintendent Search Firm.

Motion by Ryan Heap, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

## 7. Action Items (cont'd)

7.06 Contract between Chandler Unified School District and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services, Inc.

Attached are two separate contracted services between Chandler Unified School District (C.U.S.D.) and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services, Inc. for C.U.S.D.'s ability to provide needed comprehensive behavioral health services for students in K-6 Opportunity Program, as well as general education students requiring services. The scope of services provided by Southwest Behavioral & Health Services, Inc. are for the 2025-2026 school year.

Requested approval of contracted services through Southwest Behavioral & Health, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year:

Memo of Understanding for General Education Agreement for the K-6 Opportunity Program

(originally Consent Agenda Item 6.06)

Recommended amendment of contract between Chandler Unified School District and Southwest Behavioral & Health Services, Inc. Agreement, K-6 Opportunity program changing Item #4, section f, subbullet roman numeral iv. as listed below:

1. If the District is required to fund services, SBH Program Coordinator will email District Education Specialist the list of recommended services and their associated costs that are to be provided through the end of the current school year for each student for which the district is required to provide funding. Upon receipt of written approval from the District Education Specialist, the District will fund behavioral health services provided by SBH.

and add the following new items:

- 4. For all students whose SBH services are funded by the district and for which services through SBH need to continue into the next school year, the SBH Program Coordinator shall reassess the student's eligibility for funding sources. If the District is required to fund services, SBH must submit a new list of recommend services and their costs to the District Education Specialist for written approval.
- 5. The district is not responsible for payment of any service provided by SBH to a student unless SBH has written approval from the District Education Specialist for the current school year and the service billed is in the list of the approved services for that student. Motion Withdrawn.

Motion by Ryan Heap, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Motioned to continue the current IGA and MOU until such a time we can approve a new IGA and MOU for this contract. Motion Withdrawn.

Motion by Kurt D Rohrs, second by Ryan Heap.

Motion Fails

Aye: Ryan Heap, Kurt D Rohrs

Nay: Patti M Serrano

Abstain: Barb R Mozdzen, Claudia Mendoza

Recommend approval to continue with original recommendation to approve contracted services through Southwest Behavioral & Health Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Claudia Mendoza, second by Barb R Mozdzen.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

Nay: Ryan Heap, Kurt D Rohrs

### 7.07 Approval of 2025-2026 Digital Resources

Chandler Unified School District uses curricula aligned to the Arizona State Standards in order to meet the diverse learning needs of students. The digital resource list for all grades and content areas for the 2025-2026 school year was presented for approval. The digital resources are presented annually to the Governing Board for approval. (originally Consent Agenda Item 6.09)

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# 7. Action Items (cont'd)

#### 7.07 Approval of 2025-2026 Digital Resources (cont'd)

Recommended to amend the agenda item by removing Flocabulary from the list of digital resources.

Motion by Ryan Heap, second by Kurt D Rohrs.

Motion Fails

Aye: Ryan Heap, Kurt D Rohrs

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

Recommend approval of 2025-2026 Digital Resources as presented.

Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Claudia Mendoza.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries** 

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

Nay: Ryan Heap, Kurt D Rohrs

### 8. Information Items

### 8.01 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

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

### 8.02 Board Member Current Events

*Kurt Rohrs* - Provided a reminder that current events should not be used as a platform for political agendas.

Ryan Heap - Thanked the District's efforts in collaborating with the Chandler Chamber.

*Patti Serrano* - With this being the last regular meeting of the 2025-26 school year, President Serrano gave a final farewell and thanked Colleen Flannery and Dr. Craig Gilbert. July 16th is the first day of school. Have a safe 4th of July holiday.

## 9. Adjournment

9.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.