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## Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board

Office of the Board  
Maricopa County, Arizona  
August 20, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

### 1. Study Session – 5:00 pm

#### 1.01 2025-2026 Metrics Review and Feedback

Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 Student Services presented the 2025-2026 Metrics Review and Feedback.

#### 1.02 Learning Walks

The Chandler Unified School District Learning Walk model is a non-evaluative process for observing and discussing innovative, high-impact strategies that support student learning and align with the district's Journey to Excellence strategic plan. The Learning Walk information was presented by Dr. Jessica Edgar, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Karen Brooks, Instructional Coach.

### 2. Opening Items - 6:30 pm

#### 2.01 Roll Call

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

Frank Narducci, Superintendent; Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michael De La Torre, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 School Operations; Tom Dunn, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Dr. Jessica Edgar, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12 Teaching/Learning; Dr. Jennifer Fletcher, Assistant Superintendent of PreK-12; Chris Rossini, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Abby Allen, Executive Director of Human Resources; Stephanie Ingersoll, Executive Director of Marketing and Communication; Ken James, Executive Director of Junior High Schools; Leo Schlueter, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, West Region; and Sarah Stone, Executive Director of Student Personalized Learning; were present. Heather Anguiano, Executive Director of Elementary Schools, East Region, was not present.

#### 2.02 Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

### 3. Recognition

#### 3.01 DECA Recognition

Six students from three CUSD high schools were recognized this evening for their accomplishments this summer at the national DECA competition. DECA is a CTSO (career and technical student organization) our CTE students participate in. Each student earned recognition in their respective categories.

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA serves as a co-curricular organization in high schools and colleges, providing students with practical skills and experiences to succeed in their future careers.

## 4. Report / Information

### 4.01 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to present.

## 4. Report / Information

### 4.02 Superintendent Current Events

Last school year CUSD was the recipient of the Toyota Financial Services 5 million Dollar – 5 Year Driving Possibilities Grant. Please watch this video on the impact the grant is having at Galveston and Frye elementaries! Video Played

Our High School students can earn additional high school graduation diploma seals. The available seals are Biliiteracy, Arts Proficiency, Civics Literacy, and Personal Finance. The Arizona State Board of Education recognizes high school students with these seals for achieving proficiency in related course work and completing additional examinations along with extracurricular tasks. Students are recognized with a seal on their diploma and a notation on their transcripts. Please visit our website or discuss with your high school team to learn more about each and apply.

CUSD Families with students ages 17 & 18, this opportunity is for YOU! The City of Chandler is offering a program called LEVEL UP. Through the program students will get training in Career Prep, Leadership Development, and how to build Skills for Success. Registration is Required and seats will go fast. Deadline to register for this opportunity is Tuesday, September 30.

Help our Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) bring teacher creativity and innovation to life with grants for CUSD classrooms. Last year, CEF funded over \$179,000 in grants for STEM, fine arts, literacy, special education, and mental health. Parents and staff can donate at [cefc4c.org](http://cefc4c.org). CUSD staff can donate through payroll deduction, spreading their contributions across 14 paychecks for an easy, budget-friendly way to help. Donors giving \$100+ receive a State Forty-Eight shirt.

The Chandler Education Foundation is also holding its 24th annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser to directly support Chandler Unified School District students, staff and families on Friday, September 5, 2025, at Whirlwind Golf Course at Wild Horse Pass. If you would like to Tee Up For Education, please register at [cefc4c.org](http://cefc4c.org) or contact the foundation directly or let us know and we will connect you with CEF. It is hard to believe that this year is the 40th year that CEF has been supporting our kids!

We would like to end with a quick news clip on our new Career and Technical Education Semiconductor class. CUSD is the first school district in the nation to offer a standalone semiconductor curriculum which was created in partnership with the University of Arizona. Video played.

### 4.03 New Administrator Introductions

Mr. Narducci introduced the following new administrators:

- Alison Krystek, Assistant Director of Talent Management
- Dr. Candace Fern, Dean at Hancock Elementary
- Stefanie Baedeker, Dean at Andersen JHS
- Jessica Popham, Dean at Willis JHS
- Christopher Driving Hawk, Dean at ACPHS
- Felicia Oliver, Dean Ryan Elementary
- Dino Katsiris, Assistant Director of Assessment

## 5. Comments

### 5.01 Citizen Comments

*Katey McPherson* - Student Safety

*Kieran Mitchell* - Bullying & Intimidation by a Coach

*Will Aldous* - Why Have Rules?

*Ronnie Cavalluzzi* - Mental Health-Social Emotional Learning

*Bridget Vega* - Youth Safety

## 6. Consent Agenda

### 6.01 Approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

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

## 6. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

### 6.02 Out of State Student Travel Preplanning

Out of state field trip pre-planning form for BHS was 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.

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

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

#### Accounts Payable for 2024-2025:

Vouchers 6279-6282 - 08/06/2025 - Checks #1800076233-1800076252

Vouchers 6283-6286 - 08/13/2025 - Checks #1800076412-0800076449

#### Accounts Payable for 2025-2026:

Vouchers 7011-7014 - 07/31/2025 - Checks #1800076133-1800076207

Vouchers 7016-7019 - 08/07/2025 - Checks #1800076253-1800076405

Vouchers 7017-7023 - 08/14/2025 - Checks #1800076450-1800076548

#### Payroll for 2025-2026:

Voucher #1007 - 08/05/2025

Voucher #1008 - 08/07/2025

### 6.04 Monetary Gifts

Requested approval of the monetary gifts generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$78,329.85.

### 6.05 Donations

Requested approval of the items generously donated to Chandler Schools totaling \$13,282.43.

### 6.06 Revision of Policy 1-203 Equal Opportunity-Prohibited Sex Discrimination (Title IX)

The Trust revised Policy 1-203 Equal Opportunity—Prohibited Sex Discrimination (Title IX). The policy is compliant with the 2020 regulations implementing Title IX.

These changes were presented as Information on August 6, 2025, Board meeting. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

### 6.07 Revision of Policy 1-401 Parents/Legal Guardians Rights in Education

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 83 (House Bill 2514) will require districts to provide an annual copy of Policy 1-401 to parents and legal guardians to advise of their rights as outlined in state law. The legislation also changes requirements regarding directory information designated under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Under current law, districts may disclose directory information if the district has designated items as directory information and offered parents/legal guardians/eligible students an opportunity to opt out of disclosure. Once the legislation takes effect, districts may no longer disclose a student's address, telephone number, or email address, even if designated as directory information, unless: (1) disclosure of the information is required by state or federal law; (2) the parent, legal guardian or eligible student has provided affirmative written consent; or (3) the parent/legal guardian/eligible student has not exercised the right to opt out of the disclosure of directory information and the disclosure is to students for an educational purpose or to staff for a school business purpose. Finally, the law reiterates the obligation under FERPA to annually notify parents, legal guardians, and eligible students of their right to opt out of the disclosure of directory information.

The Trust proposed revisions to Policy 1-401 to address this new legislation.

These changes were presented as Information on August 6, 2025, Board meeting. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

## **6. Consent Agenda (cont'd)**

### **6.08 Revision of Policy 3-403 Technology**

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 53 (House Bill 2484) will add A.R.S. § 15-120.05 to require that school districts develop policies and procedures to establish restrictions on student use of wireless communication devices such as cellular telephones. District protocols must restrict access to social media networks except for instructional purposes. Procedures must permit use for parent/legal guardian and student communication, emergencies, medical needs, and educational purposes.

These changes were presented as Information on August 6, 2025, Board meeting. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

### **6.09 Revision of Policy 4-204 Mandatory Reporting**

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 40 (Senate Bill 1437) will change mandatory reporting requirements related to abuse of a minor. First, school district employees (including substitute teachers) and governing board members must make requisite mandatory reports to law enforcement and the Arizona State Board of Education. Second, conveying information to a school resource officer will no longer satisfy the duty of report. Third, a school resource officer who receives a report will be required to immediately notify a law enforcement agency in the appropriate jurisdiction and submit all information to that agency for investigation. Fourth, the scope of involvement of school resource or school safety officers in student interviews will be governed by new limits.

These changes were presented as Information on August 6, 2025, Board meeting. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

### **6.10 Revision of Policy 5-303 Student Records**

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 83 (House Bill 2514) will amend A.R.S. § 15-102 and A.R.S. § 15-542. The law will require districts to: (1) adopt a policy regarding how parents will receive information mandated by A.R.S. § 15-102; and (2) provide that policy to parents annually. The law will also change how districts may disclose directory information about students, requiring both more specific notification of the right to opt out and requiring consent in writing prior to the disclosure of a student's address, telephone numbers, or email addresses of a student, unless a specific exception applies as noted in Policy 5-303.

These changes were presented as Information on August 6, 2025, Board meeting. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

### **6.11 Revision of Policy 5-305 Student Code of Conduct**

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 53 (House Bill 2484) will add A.R.S. § 15-120.05 to require that school districts develop policies and procedures to establish restrictions on student use of wireless communication devices such as cellular telephones. District protocols must restrict access to social media networks except for instructional purposes.

These changes were presented as Information on August 6, 2025, Board meeting. Chandler School District recommended adopting the policy as proposed by the Trust.

### **6.12 Memorandum of Understanding between Chandler Unified School District and Big Brother Big Sister of Central Arizona**

Recommending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Big Brother Big Sister of Central Arizona (BBBS) and the Chandler Unified School District for the 2025-2026 school year to bring mentoring opportunities for students at San Marcos Elementary School. This site-based mentoring program is coordinated with BBBS to engage in outreach through local Chandler businesses to provide selected mentoring to San Marcos Elementary students during lunchtime as scheduled. This program

provides opportunity to build trusting relationships with trained mentors for students who have experienced challenges at home or in their communities.

Recommended approval of the MOU as presented.

## 6. Consent Agenda (cont'd)

### 6.13 Public Consulting Group (PCG) – Medicaid Third Party Administrator Agreement for FY26

Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) participates in the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Medicaid School-Based Claiming program, which has generated approximately \$2.6 million annually over the past three years. To process claims and receive reimbursements, the District is required to use a Third-Party Administrator (TPA). Public Consulting Group (PCG) will continue as the sole-source TPA for FY26, as designated by AHCCCS.

TPA fees are deducted from reimbursements prior to disbursement. For Direct Service Claiming (DSC), fees are \$0.33 per unit; for Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC), fees are 19% of quarterly reimbursements. In FY25, CUSD paid approximately \$112,000 in DSC fees and \$65,000 in MAC fees.

For FY26, estimated fees are \$128,800 for DSC and \$74,750 for MAC (based on a projected 15% increase in revenue). Recommended Approval of continued participation with PCG as the TPA for the AHCCCS Medicaid School-Based Claiming program for FY26.

### 6.14 Maricopa County Garnishment Resolution

In order to continue having Maricopa County process Chandler Unified School District's garnishments, an updated Resolution (attached) with current Board members signatures must be submitted annually.

### 6.15 Human Resources

Employment, Separation, and Compensation.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Motion by Barb R Mozdzen, second by Ryan Heap.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

## 7. Action Items

### 7.01 Board Consideration of the Draft 2025 Political Agenda

The Governing Board discussed and may consider action to approve the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) draft 2025 Political Agenda and direct the District's delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly to represent the Board's determined position.

Motion to Amend Section 3 - Item 9 to "those who need meals free of charge only" and strike Section 4 - Item 2 completely.

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

**Approve ASBA's draft 2025 Political Agenda and direct the District's delegate, Barb Mozdzen, to represent the Board's position.**

**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**

#### 7.02 Approval of the 2026 Capital Plan

Chandler Unified School District's FY2026 Capital Plan will be submitted to the Arizona School Facilities Division (formerly SFB) by September 1st. This is the draft capital plan and may be revised at a later date.  
**Recommend approval of the 2026 Capital Plan.**

**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**

### 8. Information Items

#### 8.01 Revision of Policy 5-201 Patriotic Exercises and Observance Days

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 2 (Senate Bill 1225) clarifies the requirements of A.R.S. § 15-710.02 regarding instruction pertaining to terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The Trust recommends a new title and revisions to Policy 5-201 to reflect an observance day for 9-11 and Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebrations on September 25th. This legislation carried an emergency clause and is effective now.

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policy as proposed by The Trust. These changes were presented as information and approval of Policy 5-201 will be requested at the September 10, 2025, Board meeting.

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

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 196 (House Bill 2170) amends A.R.S. § 15-763 to require school districts to state in an individualized education plan (IEP) whether a student with a specific learning disability has been diagnosed with dyslexia.

The State Board of Education adopted revisions to Ariz. Admin Code R7-2-401(E)(4) on June 23, 2025, which require school districts to publish evaluation procedures for the evaluation of special education eligibility on the district's website and address timing of communication regarding the evaluation process.

The Trust recommends changes to Policy 5-203 to reflect these Arizona specific requirements. The Trust has also edited the policy for additional clarity.

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policy as proposed by The Trust. These changes were presented as information and approval of Policy 5-203 will be requested at the September 10, 2025, Board meeting.

#### 8.03 Policy 5-216.01 (NEW) Assessments

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 204 (House Bill 2540) revised A.R.S. § 15-741 regarding testing prescribed by the State Board of Education. High school students may submit scores from nationally recognized assessments and opt out of State Board prescribed testing. The Trust recommends the adoption of a new policy to address the requirements.

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policy as proposed by The Trust. These changes were presented as information. Approval of Policy 5-216.01 will be requested at the September 10, 2025, Board meeting.

#### 8.04 Revision of Policy 5-404 Administration of Medicine

2025 Ariz. Sess. Laws 104 (Senate Bill 1440) amends multiple statutes to reflect a revised definition of an epinephrine delivery system as defined in A.R.S. § 36-2201 (removing use of the word "auto-injector"). The Trust has proposed conforming changes to policy and procedure.

Chandler School District recommends adopting the policy as proposed by The Trust with one minor edit, the District is recommending using the word "administer" instead of "inject" on item number 3 in page 3 of the attached policy (this has been highlighted for your reference). These changes were presented as information and approval of Policy 5-404 will be requested at the September 10, 2025, Board meeting. Procedures are presented as information and do not require Board approval.

#### 8.05 Policy 1-109 Press Releases, Conferences, and Interviews

Attorney review of Policy 1-109 Press Releases, Conferences, and Interviews, at the request of Board Member Kurt Rohrs.

8.06 Year End Summary Out of State Student Travel School Year 2024-25

Year End Summary of the Out of State Trips for Student Travel for the 2024-2025 school year was provided.

8.07 Student Activity Report

The Student Activity (SA) Report for the month ending July 2025 was provided for your review.

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

8.08 CUSD Board Agenda Roadmap

The Board reviewed the Board Agenda roadmap.

8.09 Board Member Current Events

*Ryan Heap* - Announced that "Cirrus-ly Fun Digital Electronics" was selected as Conley Elementary's Selective Elective and is very excited.

*Barb Mozdzen* - Congratulated Member Heap.

*Claudia Mendoza* - Gave kudos to the study session presenters, they started us on a path that will help us continue our momentum.

*Kurt Rohrs* - Happy to hear about Mr. Heap's Selective Election at Conley Elementary. On August 12th Mr. Rohrs attended the Economic Update Chandler Chamber Event. The Board has been holding executive sessions on Superintendent Search.

*Patti Serrano* - Reminded the public to take precautions as kids are back in school and follow health protocols. The Board is working on the Superintendent Search, a Request for Quote "RFQ" on a national level was issued and the Board received 6 responses. The Board has carefully reviewed all six responses and has selected the top three vendors and will hold interviews before awarding a contract. President Serrano gave her condolences to the families impacted with the recent tragic event at Maryvale School.

**9. Adjournment**

9.01 Adjourn the Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Board President