

CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Tucson, Arizona

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center**  
**3435 E. Sunrise Drive - Tucson, Arizona**  
**Tuesday, November 9 - 6:30 PM**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Announcement of the meeting was posted at Catalina Foothills High School, Esperero Canyon Middle School, Orange Grove Middle School, Ventana Vista Elementary School, Canyon View Elementary School, Manzanita Elementary School, Sunrise Drive Elementary School, Valley View Early Learning Center, and on the CFSD website (www.cfsd16.org) on November 2, 2021.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members Present**

Amy Krauss, President (via Zoom link)  
Carole Siegler, Vice President  
Amy Bhola, Board Member  
Doug Hadley, Board Member (via Zoom link)  
Eileen Jackson, Board Member

**District Administration**

Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent  
Mary Jo Conery, Associate Superintendent  
Denise Bartlett, Assistant Superintendent

**Visitors**

4 community members  
Attended through YouTube Live link.

**District Personnel**

Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

**1. OPENING**

1. 1. Call to Order and Welcome  
Vice President Siegler called to order the governing board meeting at 6:32 p.m.
1. 2. Pledge of Allegiance  
Vice President Siegler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
1. 3. Rules of Order for Governing Board Meetings  
Vice President Siegler read the Rules of Order for governing board meetings.
1. 4. Outstanding Achievements  
Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following outstanding achievements of CFSD students and staff.

**Girls Golf**

The CFHS Girls Golf Team came in 3rd overall at State at Omni Tucson National on October 26. Individual results included: Mia Cesarek, 9th; Rylie Crane, 13th; Gina Lee, 15th; Gabrielle Matty, 21st; and Amber Ortiz, 23rd. The team's coach is Ryan Dunn.

**Choir**

The CFSD Falcon Choir group consisting of Concert Chorale, Concert Silver, and Change of Pace traveled to the Arizona Choral Educators Fall Festival at Palo Verde High School. All three groups received the highest possible rating of "Superior with Distinction" and have been invited to participate in the State Choral Festival this spring. Their choral director is Jeffrey Evans.

**Band**

The Foothills Falcon Band's undefeated season continued when it won 1st place at the Ironwood Ridge Marching Band Invitational on October 23rd, and won the 4A Division and the Nunamaker Award at the U of A Band Day on October 30. Renee Shane-Boyd is the CFHS Director of Bands.

Breaking News: The marching band has been invited to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA, on January 1, 2023.

National Association of Music Educators (NAfME) Grant Writing Project

CFHS Director of Bands Renee Shane-Boyd was in Washington D.C. in 2016 when the NAfME received a grant to write a series of primary source lessons in conjunction with the Library of Congress. Renee was asked recently to be a part of the team that will write the final round of lessons for the proficient and advanced levels. Although her focus will be on band, she will be working in tandem with orchestra and vocal. Her first draft is due the first week of December so that it can be piloted and then sent back for revision. This project will support music educators and the students they serve for years to come.

Swim and Dive

Last weekend, the CFHS swim and dive teams competed at the State Championships. The boys team placed 2nd overall with 246 points and the girls team finished in 5th place with 205 points. Ed Walter is their head coach.

Ella Cosgrove (9th grade) won two individual state championships, in Girls 200 Free and 500 Free. State Runners Up include Amber Janky (grade 9) in Girls 100 Free, Colin Cosgrove (11) in Boys 100 Breaststroke, and the Girls 400 Free Relay team - Amber Janky, Julia Beskind (10), Lilian Li (9), and Ella Cosgrove (9).

Third Place Finishers were Colin Cosgrove, Boys 100 M; Amber Janky, Girls 50 Free, Girls 200 Free Relay team (Amber Janky, Avery Kowayeck, Julia Beskind, and Ella Cosgrove); Boys 200 Free Relay team (Michael Kahn, Matthew Johnson, Brandon Tong, and Devin Wiper); Boys 400 Free Relay team (Colin Cosgrove, Kyle Dowe, Rowdy Fordney, and Michael Kahn).

Football

With their 49-14 win over Empire Friday night, the CFHS Falcon varsity football squad was crowned the 4A Gila Region Champion. Their head coach is Daniel Sainz.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Ms. Krauss and a second by Ms. Jackson, the governing board approved the following items on the consent agenda: 3.1 the governing board October 25, 2021, special meeting minutes, as presented; 3.2 the governing board October 25, 2021, executive session meeting minutes, as presented; 3.3 the governing board October 26, 2021, regular meeting minutes, as presented; 3.4 the expense voucher memorandum, as presented; 3.5 the field trip request memorandum, as presented; 3.6 the fundraising request memorandum, as presented; 3.7 the personnel memorandum, as presented; 3.8 the acceptance, with gratitude, of the gifts and donations memorandum, as presented; 3.9 to authorize action for administrative review of the Arizona Department of Education's findings in complaint Reference No. 3138, as presented; 3.10 the additional compensation rates for athletics, as presented.

Amy Bhola - Yea; Doug Hadley - Yea; Eileen Jackson - Yea; Carole Siegler - Yea; Amy Krauss - Yea. Motion carried 5-0.

3. 1. Approval of October 25, 2021, Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum  
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the special governing board meeting minutes for October 25, 2021.

3. 2. Approval of October 25, 2021, Executive Session Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum  
On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the executive session governing board meeting minutes for October 25, 2021.

3. 3. Approval of October 26, 2021, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes Memorandum  
 On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the regular governing board meeting minutes for October 26, 2021.

3. 4. Approval of Expense Voucher Memorandum  
 On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following expense vouchers.

Expense Voucher	22052	\$	1,314,671.76
Expense Voucher	22057		92,231.49
Expense Voucher	22058		67,944.51
Expense Voucher	22059		170,430.65
Expense Voucher	22061		318,548.19
Expense Voucher	22063		32,713.96
Expense Voucher	22064		124,433.26

3. 5. Approval of Field Trip Request Memorandum  
 On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following field trip.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
Catalina Foothills High School			
Theatre Arts & Production – Advance Class	To participate in AIA State Thespian Conference.	Phoenix, AZ	11/19/2021

3. 6. Approval of Fundraising Request Memorandum  
 On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the fundraising request.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE(S)</b>
<b><u>Catalina Foothills High School</u></b>				
Girls Basketball Boosters	Banner Sales	To raise funds for team travel meals, training supplies, end of the year banquet, senior banners/gifts, and awards.	On Campus	12/2021 to 1/2022

3. 7. Approval of Personnel Memorandum  
 On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the personnel.

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

- New Hires/Rehires  
 Marissa Guerra, 1.0, Science Teacher, ECMS
- Correction/Extra Duty  
 Dustin Chilson, varies, Band Director-Festivals, OGMS

**CLASSIFIED STAFF**

- New Hires/Rehires
- Change in Status
- Resignation

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

- New Hires/Rehires
- Resignation

CARE  
 • New Hires/Rehires

COACH

VOLUNTEER

3. 8. Approval of Gifts and Donations Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board accepted, with gratitude, the following gifts and donations.

DATE	DONOR	SCHOOL	PURPOSE/ITEM	Amount
10/27/2021	Canyon View Elementary (CV) Family Faculty Organization (FFO)	CV	Field trip transportation	\$172.03
11/01/2021	Lois Wilde	Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)	Choir Curriculum	\$100.00
11/3/2021	Orange Grove Middle School (OGMS) FFO	OGMS	Shade structure	\$15,000.00
11/3/2021	CFHS Touchdown Club	CFHS	Bus transportation	\$628.49
			Total	\$15,900.52

3. 9. Approve the Authorization for Administrative Review of the Arizona Department of Education's Findings in Complaint Reference No: 30318 Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board authorized action for administrative review of the Arizona Department of Education's findings in complaint Reference No. 3138.

3. 10. Approval of Updated Athletics Compensation Rates Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the additional compensation rates for athletics.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. 1. Approval of Revisions to Policies JFAA, JFAB, Exhibits JFAA-EA, JFAB-EA, JFAA-EB, JFAB-EB Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students (second reading)

Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett presented the second reading of the revisions. She reported that Senate Bill 1420 required the state or a political subdivision of the state which includes school districts to accept consular identification cards that are issued by a foreign government. Other foreign governments use biometric identity verification techniques that include fingerprint identification and retina scans, in issuing the consular identification. This language has been added to all policies and exhibits. After the first reading on October 26, there were no recommended revisions.

Upon a motion by Ms. Jackson, and a second by Ms. Bhola, the governing board approved the revisions to policies JFAA and JFAB, Exhibits JFAA-EA, JFAB-EA, JFAA-EB, and JFAB-EB *Admission of Resident Students and Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students*, as presented.

Amy Bhola - Yea; Doug Hadley - Yea; Eileen Jackson - Yea; Carole Siegler - Yea; Amy Krauss - Yea. Motion carried 5-0.

4. 2. Approval of Revisions to Policy GCF, Professional Staff Hiring, and Policy GDF, Support Staff Hiring (second reading)

Dr. Bartlett presented the second reading of the revisions. She reported that the necessary changes were due to House Bill 2023. Before the district can hire a certificated or noncertificated person, the district has to conduct a search of the educator information systems that are maintained by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) on prospective employees. The revisions state that school districts are prohibited from employing, in a position that requires a valid fingerprint clearance card, either a certificated person whose certificate had been suspended, surrendered, or revoked and not later reinstated, or a noncertificated person who had been prohibited from employment at a school district or charter school. Both of these policies are now included in the newly enacted A.R.S. 15-505. Dr. Bartlett reported that the language had been added to the policies. After the first reading on October 26, there were no recommended revisions.

A board member asked if the newly added paragraphs to both policies were added to highlight the annual submittal of the list from the district to ADE along with the offered guidance about the requirements. Dr. Bartlett confirmed that the paragraph is new to the policies.

A board member asked if the new language was to specify the creation of the database by ADE for certificated and noncertificated applicants. Dr. Bartlett confirmed that the new language is specific to the creation and maintenance of the educator information system by ADE.

Upon a motion by Ms. Bhola, and a second by Ms. Krauss, the governing board approved the revisions to policy GCF, *Professional Staff Hiring* and policy GDF, *Support Staff Hiring*, as presented.

Amy Bhola - Yea; Doug Hadley - Yea; Eileen Jackson - Yea; Carole Siegler - Yea; Amy Krauss - Yea. Motion carried 5-0.

4. 3. Approval of Revisions to Policy IHAMB and Regulation IHAMB-R Family Life Education (second reading)

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery presented the second reading of revisions. Dr. Conery stated that the revisions were due to a change in House Bill 2035 that added language to A.R.S. 15-113, Rights of Parents, and A.R.S. 15-711, Sex Education Instruction. The changes to the policy and regulation state that schools are no longer allowed to offer sex education before grade 5. She indicated that the district will not be updating any instructional materials but will be moving some current grade 4 content into grade 5. She reminded board members that the recommended changes were being presented to the governing board at both November meetings. Both meetings include a public hearing on the proposed revisions to grade 5 Human Growth and Development. After the first reading on October 26, there were no recommended revisions.

Dr. Conery mentioned that she contacted ADE since the first reading to ask for more information about any guidance that would be provided by ADE on the development of the advisory committee and recommended materials specific to the language in the law. The response by ADE was that guidance would not be provided to school districts on the sex education and curricula or the advisory committee and suggested that the district contact the district's legal counsel to offer any clarification on the language related to the law.

A board member asked for clarification on the information in the first reading about the district being several years away from revision to the curriculum, and there will be limited attention to the inner workings of an advisory committee until those revisions are presented. Dr. Conery confirmed that all proposed materials had been reviewed and approved by the board and revisions would not be necessary for several years.

Upon a motion by Ms. Jackson, and a second by Ms. Krauss, the governing board approved the revisions to Policy IHAMB and Regulation IHAMB-R, *Family Life Education*, as presented.

Amy Bhola - Yea; Doug Hadley - Yea; Eileen Jackson - Yea; Carole Siegler - Yea; Amy Krauss - Yea. Motion carried 5-0.

4. 4. Approval of Revisions to Policy KB *Parental Involvement in Education* (second reading)

Dr. Conery presented the second reading of the revisions. She stated that the changes were due to revised language to A.R.S. 15-102 as required by House Bill 2035 on instruction, learning materials, or presentations about sexuality in courses other than formal sex education curricula. The language added to A.R.S. 15-113 requires parental consent before providing sex education instruction to the student. She reviewed the minor wording adjustments and modified the language in several areas of the policy to provide clarity that was discussed in the first reading on October 26. Dr. Conery recommended that the strike-through on the student accountability information system acronym (SAIS) be removed.

Upon a motion by Ms. Bhola, and a second by Ms. Jackson, the governing board approved the revisions to Policy KB, *Parental Involvement in Education*, as amended.

Amy Bhola - Yea; Doug Hadley - Yea; Eileen Jackson - Yea; Carole Siegler - Yea; Amy Krauss - Yea. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5. 1. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Revisions to Grade 5 Human Growth and Development

Ms. Siegler opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and informed all that the hearing provided the public an opportunity to comment on the revisions to grade 5 Human Growth and Development. There were no public comments. The public hearing closed at 7:05p.m.

5. 2. Consideration of Revisions to Grade 5 Human Growth and Development (first reading)

Dr. Conery reviewed information pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901 on Sex Education, and Arizona Administrative Code R7-2-303, and House Bill 2035 that made changes to A.R.S. 15-71. She stated that the changes in the statute would give direction to school districts on the development and approval of sex education curricula. The law now requires that school districts no longer provide sex education before grade 5. The curriculum team reviewed the grade 4 and grade 5 lessons and reorganized some of the content and materials for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Conery reported that as part of the review and reorganization, no content was changed and no new media or materials/resources were added. The Arizona statute requires board review and approval of any modification or changes to sex education curricula. However, this reorganization of grade 5 only includes the lesson content and materials that were already approved by the board in June 2015 for grades 4-9. Dr. Conery reviewed the reorganization of lesson content and materials in Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the Grade 5 Human Growth and Development (HG&D) curriculum.

The second public hearing is scheduled for the next governing board meeting on November 22, 2021, with anticipated action in response to the second reading of the reorganization of Grade 5 HG&D.

A board member asked for more information on the letter to parents. Specifically, is there information in the letter that directs the parents to check materials online before opting in or out of the instruction for the student? Dr. Conery responded that according to the new law, the materials are required to be posted online. However, she was concerned about possible copyright infringement and contacted ADE for guidance. Dr. Conery also stated that it was not possible to post videos on a public-facing website. She reported that at school sites, there are kits available for parents with DVDs, flash drives, and notebooks with materials and outlines of the lessons for HG&D by grade level.

A board member asked if there had been any feedback from the sites about parents who asked to review the materials. Dr. Conery responded that in the past there had been a few

parents who expressed interest and came to review the materials and content. She reported that in the letter that is sent to parents, there is information on how sessions are divided in order to give them the opportunity check the materials before making any decisions on whether to opt in or out of specific sessions.

A board member asked about the male and female separate instruction; specifically, is it offered across all grade levels? Dr. Conery responded that separate instruction is offered in grades 5-8.

A board member asked if there were requirements for a male instructor for male students and a female teacher for female students. Dr. Conery responded that there were no requirements.

Discussion ensued about the options of opting in and out of HG&D instruction by parents. Dr. Conery provided a historical background on the timelines and development of the specific materials for the district as it related to the law.

The second public hearing is scheduled for the next governing board meeting on November 22, 2021, with anticipated action in response to the second reading of the Grade 5 Human Growth and Development.

## 6. **DISCUSSION / REPORTS**

### 6. 1. 2021 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity

The board asked if the district had received any further communication regarding the district's applications for both the Governor's Education Plus-Up (EPU) grant and the U. S. Department of Education's Project SAFE Program grant. Dr. Kamerzell responded that Governor Ducey seemed to be maintaining his position that EPU funds could be denied to schools with a mask mandate even though the courts determined that the legislation banning a mask mandate was unconstitutional. The Project SAFE Program grant application was submitted on October 26, and the district received an email confirming that the application was being reviewed.

## 7. **FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS**

There were no requests for future agenda considerations.

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Jackson and a second by Ms. Bhola, the governing board adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Amy Bhola - Yea; Doug Hadley - Yea; Eileen Jackson - Yea; Carole Siegler - Yea; Amy Krauss - Yea.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Approved: November 22, 2021

Carole Siegler, Vice President