



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CFSD FOUNDATION**

**May 6, 2025**

### **Minutes**

Present: Johanne Ives, Traci Seidel Smith, Dr. Denise Bartlett, Julie Farbarik, Carole Siegler, Marissa Baretich, Aditi Gupta, Tanya Buffalo, Jocelin Olivier, Amy Morales Baum, Juhie Parnami, Caroline Wesnitzer, Amy Corrales, Sumi Rowe

In addition many community members and possible new board members were present including Joyce Sue, Kelly Trubett, Taylor Rascher, Melissa Amundsen, Julia Elitzer and Governing Board member Tom Logue and virtually Patrycja Lenkin.

Absent: Ivelisse Bonilla, Tatiana Johnson

Call to order at 5:34 PM.

There was a time for introductions of the new attendees in the room as many new possible members were present along with Tom Logue governing board member to observe. Amy took time to thank the current members for all they contributed during the 24-25 school year.

Tanya motioned to accept April meeting minutes. Aditi seconded. All in favor, no abstentions. The motion passed.

District Report- Dr Bartlett presented the district report. Dr. Bartlett shared that the 2025–2026 professional salary schedule was approved, maintaining last year’s structure. Certified staff will receive a \$910 step increase and a \$1,000 longevity bonus, averaging a 2.7% raise. Classified staff, administrators, and exempt employees will receive a 2% increase. The district also outlined priority projects funded by the \$13 million Project 2022 Series B bond, with details available on the CFSD website. Thirteen new school buses were approved for purchase and will arrive by July 31, 2025. The proposed M&O budget for FY2026 continues support for academic programs and services. In response to HB 2484, technology policies are being updated to restrict social media access, limit phone use, and clarify parent-student communication. The board recognized 12 students for earning the State Seal of Arts Proficiency and will honor 68 more for the Seal of Biliteracy. Finally, the district celebrated the Class of 2025 with the annual Falcon Fly Out; 92.5% of seniors are college-bound, with acceptances to over 200 institutions.

There was discussion regarding the Technology policies of the district and the group of parents leading the charge of the Technology Aware Parents in the district. Dr. Bartlett is working closely with this group.

Endowment Committee Report-

Traci reported on the work of the Endowment Committee which can be referenced in the

Endowment Committee Report. She shared that the committee met with our account manager who was very helpful in answering questions and provided a report of all transferred to and from the accounts for the past five years. She shared that the committee is working to prepare recommendations to the board that can be adopted regarding all of these endowment funds. These recommendations are likely to include donations going directly into the specific account for all endowments to simplify the process for our financial team, and having a set amount of 4% that is calculated from the endowments each year to give funds to the district.

#### Teacher of the Year Event Planning-

There was a conversation to debrief the 2025 Teacher of the Year event. A plus delta form was discussed and added to to go over what went well and what could be improved for the coming year. The summary of the discussion includes that the event was a success, many liked the improved venue, food, and service compared to previous years. The event felt truly celebratory, with emotional student speakers and performances by student musicians adding a special touch. However, for future events, suggestions included securing a larger room, improving table-registration coordination, adding school or teacher affiliation to sign-ups, forming a dedicated planning committee, considering alternative dates for better attendance, and increasing teacher applicants. Additional recommendations included having a photographer, AV tech support, and inviting more families to boost turnout and engagement.

#### Financial Updates-

Sumi Rowe and Amy Corrales provided an update on our March financials. See reports. A discussion was had about the second check to the district for the 24-25 school year. The financial committee met earlier in the day to discuss cash flow and movement of endowment funds. A recommendation was made by the committee to give the district up to \$50,000 at the next governing board meeting pending some final financial numbers that the committee was awaiting from Millenium Wealth. Juhie made a motion to give the CFSD district up to \$50,000 at the next governing board meeting. Johanne seconded. No one abstained. The motion passed.

#### Giving Chair Report-

Johanne reported on the success of the Arizona Gives Day campaign, mentioning the total amount raised and the donations received. The committee is planning to continue focusing on business sponsorships and other fundraising efforts to support the foundation's work.

#### President's Report and Future Planning

Amy provided an update on the president's report, including development of the 25-26 slate, interviews with new members and that a slate would be provided by email to vote. She plans to have the board work in committees over the summer to prepare for the 25-26 school year. There was an idea to outreach to other community members to join our committees as we may get more people involved that way.

Meeting adjourned. 6:38pm.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting by email in the end of May early June.