

# The Border

## A Summary Report of the September 13, 2022 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



### Outstanding Achievements!

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following staff and student achievements.

#### New Teacher Induction Program

Congratulations to our teachers who completed CFSD's *Great Beginnings: Systems for Success* induction program in June 2022. For 2-3 years, teachers who were new to CFSD participated in a variety of experiences to expand their teaching repertoire and develop their skills on the job. They participated in New Teacher Orientation, learned from colleagues at their sites, participated in instructional coaching, and collaborated with colleagues in seminars and Summer Institutes on instructional practices and differentiated instruction. We appreciate the commitment of our teachers to make a difference in the lives of our students every day.

#### Pre-K and Elementary

Anna Ames  
Wendy Baldwin  
Ryan Bowman  
Audrey Carlson  
Siyi Chen  
Cindy Gallego  
Rebecca Garcia  
Tara Mulay  
Christina O'Brien  
Melissa Prokop  
Sydney Sellinger  
Crystal Thompson

#### Middle School

Sarah Deane  
Jennifer Eschedor  
Auston Pisani  
Daniel Schrimpf

#### High School

Jessica Altenburg  
Daniel Altenburg  
Wendy Armstrong  
Michael Bryan  
Mark Cook  
Jeffrey Evans  
Rachel Lindsay  
Tony Marinaccio

#### Guitar Scholarship Winner

Dante Olita '21 was the recipient of the Stuart Weber Scholarship for his study of guitar. Each year, the American guitarist and composer Stuart Weber offers a full scholarship to one USA resident guitar student.

Guitar teacher Alex Meredith said, "Dante started with me as a freshman when I started the guitar program at Catalina Foothills. He is truly a kind, thoughtful, and compassionate soul. I was so fortunate to have such an incredible young man as a student for my first 4 years of teaching. He is now soaring and got to spend the summer in Italy on a full scholarship with the Volterra Project."

Dante's beautiful performance of Etude No. 8 can be viewed on the homepage of the CFSD website at [www.cfsd.org](http://www.cfsd.org).

#### Financial Reporting

Congratulations to Director of Finance Lisa Taetle and the entire business services staff of the district. Once again, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded to CFSD its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

#### Consideration of Revisions to Policy IHAMB and Regulation IHAMB-R, Family Life Education (first reading)

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery reviewed the necessary changes to the policy based on House Bill 2495 as permitted by statute A.R.S. 15-711. She explained that policy IHAMB was updated to prohibit the referral to sexually explicit materials unless part of a Governing Board approved sex education program as exempted by statute. Regulation IHAMB-R was updated with the legal language that defines sexually explicit materials" and the requirements for exemptions from the rule.

**Report on CFSD's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) III Plan**

Dr. Conery reported on the district's \$2,322,760.89 in ESSER III funds to be spent over multiple years. The award period is March 13, 2020 – September 30, 2024. The funds are to help the district safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. The plan depends on anticipated grant approval by the Arizona Department of Education and can be amended under new conditions and/or any necessary spending plan revisions. ESSER III has specific use requirements set by the federal government. Dr. Conery reviewed the specific requirements in the following three areas: Prevention and Mitigation Strategies; Addressing Unfinished Learning/"Learning Loss" and Academic, Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs; and Other Uses of Funds. With the exception of the mitigation plan, there have been minimal changes to the overall plan since it was presented to the governing board in September 2021.

**2022 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity**

Board members discussed the Arizona Legislature's ability to override the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL) that will reduce school districts' ability to spend all of their budget dollars this fiscal year. An override requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature before April 1st. If it does not pass, it will be difficult to avoid layoffs and cuts to programs /services provided to students in Arizona.

Dr. Kamerzell reported that letters were sent by the business community and the state's school district superintendents to the governor and legislature. She expressed how detrimental the AEL would be to the district if not overridden. It affects the district's ability to operate for the final three months of the fiscal year from April through June. She explained that our district alone would lose \$6.6 million in funds and the negative economic impact on the community would be overwhelming.

**Consent Agenda Items**

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- August 23, 2022, regular governing board meeting minutes
- Expense vouchers
- Field Trip requests
- Fundraising requests
- Personnel memorandum
- Gifts and Donations

**Upcoming Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

- Approval of Revisions to Policy and Regulation IHAMB, IHAMB-R *Family Life Education* - (second reading)
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy IMD, *School Ceremonies and Observances* (first reading)
- Arizona School Boards Association Pre-Conference and Law Conference Report, September 7-9, 2022
- Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Report, September 10, 2022
- Arizona School Boards Association Pima County Meeting, September 22, 2022 Report
- Executive Session re: Security



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

- Kaitlyn Bracety, EA Classroom, ECMS
- Judith Carlock, EA Inclusion, OGMS
- Jake Lukasco, EA Inclusion, OGMS
- Shelby Robertson, EA Inclusion, MZ
- Kelley, Rosi, Facilities Office Clerk, MAC