

# The BOARDER



## ***A Summary Report of the November 25, 2024, CFSD Governing Board Meeting***

### **Preliminary Approval of 2026-2027 School Year Calendar (third reading)**

Associate Superintendent Mindy Westover presented a revised 2026-2027 school year calendar to address the unequal split of instructional days in the semesters previously presented to the governing board on November 4. Highlights of the revised calendar include: new teachers' reporting date of July 22; returning teachers' reporting date of July 28; the first day of school August 3; Fall Break October 5–9 (full week); K-12 parent-teacher conferences October 20, 21, 22; Pre-K parent-teacher conferences September 21–October 2 and April 19–30 by appointment only; Winter Break includes three weekends; semesters are evenly divided (90/90 days); last day of school on May 19; and last contract day for teachers is May 20. The governing board preliminarily approved the 2026-2027 school year calendar, as amended.

### **Approval of Revisions to Policy DJE and Regulation DJE-R, Bidding / Purchasing Procedures (second reading)**

Ms. Westover presented the second reading of revisions to the policy and regulation related to bidding/purchasing procedures to ensure that grant-related purchases are not made from an entity that has been suspended or debarred by the federal government. There were no recommended changes to the policy and regulation since the board's review on November 4. Suspension and debarment are actions taken by the federal government against organizations or individuals who have committed fraud or a criminal offense in violation of federal law. The policy and regulation have been revised to include language to check for procurement contracts for goods and services awarded under a non-procurement transaction (e.g., grant or cooperative agreement) that are expected to equal or exceed \$25,000, for debarment or suspension of any agency, entity, and its principals. The governing board approved the policy and regulation, as presented.

### **Selection of Delegates to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) – Arizona School Administrators (ASA) Annual Membership Meeting, Thursday, December 19, 2024**

The governing board approved Vice President Amy Krauss as its delegate and Board Member Doug Hadley as its alternate to attend the ASBA-ASA Annual Conference Membership Meeting on December 19, 2024.

### **Consideration of Proposed Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Bylaws**

President Eileen Jackson presented the ASBA's bylaw proposal to enhance governance practices within ASBA. Updates were designed to improve transparency, accountability, and member engagement, ensuring ASBA continues to operate with the highest standards of integrity and effectiveness. Board members requested more information related to the proposed changes. The item will return to the regular meeting agenda on December 10.

### **2024 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity**

Board members discussed the future of Proposition 123, Governor Katie Hobbs' plan to raise pay for educators, support staff, and improve school safety without tax hikes.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items:

- November 4, 2024, regular governing board meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum, as amended
- Fundraising memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gifts and donation memorandum

### **Upcoming Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Carole Siegler Boardroom at Valley View Early Learning Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.** Topics on the December 10 agenda include:

- Outstanding Achievements
- Super Volunteer Recognition
- CFSD Star Award
- Consideration of Revisions to Policy IMG and Regulation IMG-R, *Animals in Schools* (first reading)
- Consideration of Proposed Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaws
- Public Hearing on Revisions to Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (Revision #2)
- Approval of Revisions to Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Revision #2)
- Approval of Resolution Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Board Members Doug Hadley and Carole Siegler
- Fiscal Year 2026 Draft Budget Process
- Executive Session: Legal Advice, Confidential Records, and Mid-Year Performance Review of Superintendent



**Please welcome new CFSD staff members!**

**Katie Christopher**, EA Inclusion, CFHS

**Lani Corbett**, EA Inclusion, MZES

**Julie Elliott**, ELD Aide, CVES/ECMS and EA  
Classroom, ECMS

**Almira Sant**, EA Inclusion, CFHS