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# Candeo Schools

## Minutes

### Governing Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday February 5, 2025 at 2:00 PM

**Location**

Candeo Peoria  
9965 W Calle Lejos  
Peoria, AZ 85383

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
CANDEO PEORIA AND CANDEO NORTH SCOTTSDALE**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 38-431.01 and 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board and the general public that the Governing Boards for Candeo Peoria (“CP”) and Candeo North Scottsdale (“CNS”) (collectively, the “Schools”) will hold a joint meeting open to the public at the foregoing time and place. The Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda and the Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephonic communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda. The Board’s attorney may appear telephonically.

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### **Directors Present**

B. Boone, D. Tomlinson, K. Rodriguez (remote), R. Stocking (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

D. Musser, Jake Trani, K. Marchisotto, M. Rogers (remote), R. Larcom (remote), S. Kies (remote), S. Musser

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Tomlinson called a meeting of the board of directors of Candeo Schools to order on Wednesday Feb 5, 2025 at 2:26 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes from the 10/30/2024 meeting of the governing board of Candeo Peoria and Candeo North Scottsdale**

R. Stocking made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Meeting on 10-30-24.

B. Boone seconded the motion.

With no discussion, the board voted to approve the minutes.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

B. Boone Aye

R. Stocking Aye

K. Rodriguez Aye

D. Tomlinson Aye

## **II. Other Business**

### **A. Accept the Peoria FY24 financial audit by roll call vote**

S. Kies presented the audited financials and highlighted key components.

There being no questions, the board moved on to accept the audit.

R. Stocking made a motion to accept the audit.

D. Tomlinson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

B. Boone Aye  
D. Tomlinson Aye  
R. Stocking Aye  
K. Rodriguez Aye

**B. Accept the North Scottsdale FY24 financial audit by roll call vote**

B. Boone made a motion to accept the audit.  
D. Tomlinson seconded the motion.  
With no further discussion, the board moved to vote to accept the audit.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

K. Rodriguez Aye  
B. Boone Aye  
D. Tomlinson Aye  
R. Stocking Aye

**C. Ratify the extension of the term of service for Richard Stocking**

B. Boone made a motion to ratify the extension of a three-year term.  
K. Rodriguez seconded the motion.  
S. Musser presented R. Stocking for an extension of his three-year term as a Governing Board Member.

D. Tomlinson confirmed that R. Stocking was willing to continue serving. R. Stocking concurred.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

K. Rodriguez Aye  
B. Boone Aye  
R. Stocking Aye  
D. Tomlinson Aye

**III. School Finance**

**A. Presentation of Financials of Candeo Peoria and Candeo North Scottsdale**

S Kies presented key financial information from July to December 2024.

Budgets will need to be revised before May, 2025, to reflect 32 fewer students than originally budgeted. Net surplus will also revise downward due to reduction in ADM.

The board offered no questions.

## **IV. Academics**

### **A. Presentation of the Quarterly School Report for both Candeo Peoria and Candeo North Scottsdale**

D. Tomlinson presented the academics section as described in the agenda summary.

S. Musser solicited questions or highlights to expound upon and reinforced that it is an oversight of key drivers of academic success.

D. Tomlinson and board members expressed appreciation for the summaries provided and had no questions or comments.

S. Musser emphasized the importance of understanding the key drivers of school success, and invited board members to consider those in evaluating our progress.

R. Stocking commended both the school and board for growth and progress.

### **B. Presentation of Key Student Achievement Data**

#### **AASA Proficiency Scores**

K. Marchisotto presented the AASA proficiency scores by grade level for each campus, comparing them to the average scores of the state and surrounding districts (Peoria and Cave Creek). She also highlighted year-over-year gains and losses.

D. Tomlinson inquired about the decline in 4th-grade proficiency at the Peoria campus.

B. Boone asked about the sustainability of current proficiency levels and whether the observed gains can be maintained long-term.

K. Marchisotto and S. Musser discussed post-pandemic growth trends and the impact of curriculum changes. They noted that prior to the pandemic, ELA scores were trending downward, but the Spring 2024 results exceeded pre-pandemic levels, demonstrating the effectiveness of recent curriculum adjustments.

#### **DIBELS Data (K-3)**

K. Marchisotto presented DIBELS data for grades K-3 across both campuses. D. Tomlinson asked about the availability of May results for review at the June board meeting.

#### **NWEA Testing Data**

K. Marchisotto provided an overview of NWEA testing data, explaining that it is not administered in kindergarten until the end of the year. This assessment is primarily used to measure student growth within a given year and serves as a predictor for state proficiency testing.

D. Tomlinson noted that Candeo Schools have consistently outperformed NWEA growth predictions in both math and reading.

## V. Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas (Candeo Peoria/Candeo North Scottsdale)

### A. The next scheduled meeting on April 16, 2025 will be 9:00 AM.

The Governing Board Members agreed upon a 9:00 AM start time for the next Governing Board Meeting on April 16, 2025.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Tomlinson

B. Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

K. Rodriguez Aye

B. Boone Aye

R. Stocking Aye

D. Tomlinson Aye