

CASA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

220 West Kortsen Road
Casa Grande, Arizona

The Governing Board of the Casa Grande Elementary School District No. 4 met Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Governing Board Room, Elementary Administration Building, 220 West Kortsen Road, Casa Grande, Arizona.

1.01 **Call to Order:**

Mrs. Varela called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 **Roll Call:**

Present:

Blanca Varela, President
Jerry Stabley
Adelphia Sisson
Lorenza Martinez
Michael Cruz

Adam Leckie, Ed.D., Superintendent
Jan Draper, Director
Robert Quiñones, Director
Van Ornelas, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Tim Mace, Director
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

1.03 Mrs. Sisson led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

2.01 **Agenda Adoption:**

Dr. Leckie had two clarifications on the agenda. Item 7.12 be pulled from the consent agenda for separate action and discussion; and, postpone the presentation and vote on item 8.01 to a special meeting or later meeting as the agenda item was inaccurately labeled.

Mr. Stabley made a motion that the agenda be accepted and adopted with item 8.01 continued to a meeting in the future for both presentation and vote, and item 7.12 pulled from the consent agenda for separate action and discussion.

Mrs. Sisson seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

3.01 Board Member Updates

- Mr. Cruz updated the public that he submitted an appropriations request to help make a proposal come to fruition to ensure that our students have a safe place and alternative activity location.
- Mrs. Varela and Mrs. Sisson attended Saguario’s reading night and thanked them for inviting Board members.
- Mrs. Martinez recognized Jan Draper and her team for putting together the curriculum adoption process. She invited the community to be a part of the process.

4.01 Superintendent’s Report

- The artwork this month is from Ironwood.
- The old district office is being explored as a community resource center. This could increase engagement and collaboration with our families and community.
- Curriculum nights are happening at all our schools. Parents and families are encouraged to attend and engage with things happening at the schools.
- While we know state assessment doesn’t measure enough, the kids are doing fantastic.

5.01 The following were recognized as students and employees of the month:

Casa Grande Middle School

Employees – Melinda McMorrow, Gabriela Garcia

Students – Victor Arreguin Cervantes, Aiden Tom, Niyah Leyba

Palo Verde Elementary School

Employees – Cheryl Johnston, Katrina Sugar

Students – Claudio Mejo, Fernanda Castro Ulloa, Madeleine Noel

Cholla Elementary School

Employees – Mark Davey, Katherine Ward

Students – Riley Wolfe, Jason Dugan, Jaydin Archuleta

COIL

Employees – Patti Kleinhanzl, Michelle Raley

Students – Nathan Ornelas, Zackary Pratt, Markie Nettles

6.01 Call to the Public

Kelly Herrington spoke about the middle school time change and a curriculum change at Villago Middle School.

7.01 Mrs. Varela called for objections from Board members, staff, and the public regarding consent agenda items.

Mr. Stabley moved that the agenda items marked with an asterisk, with the exception of item 7.12, be approved and/or ratified.

Mrs. Sisson seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

*7.02 The minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

*7.03 The following certified personnel actions were approved/ratified by the Governing Board:

RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Groh, Jeffrey	Desert Willow	Assistant Principal	4/3/2024
Director of Leadership and Engagement	District Office	Assistant Superintendent	4/10/2024
Quinones, Robert	District Office	Assistant Superintendent	4/10/2024
Special Education Teacher - SOAR	Ironwood	Special Education Teacher - Extended Resource	7/1/2024

RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Abreu, Keea	Palo Verde	Teacher - 3rd Grade	5/23/2024
Abriani, Crystal	Saguaro	Teacher - 3rd Grade	5/23/2024
Crouch, Dena	Villago	Teacher - 8th SpEd Resource	5/23/2024
Dowdle, Geoffrey	Villago	Teacher - 7th Science	5/23/2024

Hillis, Deja	Cholla	Teacher - 1st Grade	5/23/2024
Howell, Chad	Villago	Teacher - 7th Math	5/23/2024
Humber, Baely	Palo Verde	Teacher - Sped Autism	5/23/2024
Mayo, Katherine	Cottonwood	Counselor	5/30/2024
McCoy, Dianne	Saguaro	Teacher - 4th Grade	5/23/2024
Montes de Oca, Sylvia	Saguaro	Counselor	5/30/2024
Nagore, Sydnie	Cactus	Teacher - 6-8 ELD	5/23/2024
Perry, Jamie	Cactus	Teacher - 7th Social Studies	5/23/2024
Rackley, Nicole	Villago	Teacher - 8th Science	5/23/2024
Saraficio, Mark	CGMS	Teacher - 7-8 Science	5/23/2024
Schimmel, Natasha	McCartney Ranch	Teacher	5/23/2024
Soto, Jessica	Desert Willow	Teacher - 1st Grade	5/23/2024

*7.04 The following classified personnel actions were approved/ratified by the Governing Board:

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Ackermann, Elise	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	3/21/2024
Battafarano, Barbara	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	4/3/2024
Byrne, Barney	Transportation	Vehicle Mechanic	3/27/2024
Herrera Rocha, Blanca	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	3/27/2024
Johnson, Stacie	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	4/3/2024
Lomeli, Michele	Cottonwood	Cafe Cook	3/13/2024
Martin, Jackie	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	3/13/2024
Mendenhall, Destiny	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Student Support ESSER	3/21/2024
Middaugh, Brenda	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	4/9/2024
Moore, Amanda	ECLC	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education Floater	3/21/2024
Storey, Tatiana	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Manager	3/20/2024
Valday, Christopher	Villago	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	3/13/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			

NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Accounts Payable Specialist	District Office	Business Services Generalist	7/1/24
Apprentice Teacher	All Locations	Apprentice Teacher	7/1/24
Acuna, Samantha	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Early Childhood	7/1/24
Aldecoa, Waldo	Transportation	Bus Driver	3/14/2024
Alejandro, Maria	Facility Services	Custodian	
Coody, Benjamin	Warehouse	Warehouse Lead	3/14/2024
Dalrymple Malouff, Karen	Business Services	Accounting Technician - Bookkeeper	3/18/2024
Gonzales, Jennifer	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	7/1/24
Mejia, Rita	Desert Willow	Early Education Assistant	7/1/24
Mohler, Amanda	Desert Willow	Early Education Assistant	7/1/24
Valenzuela, Rosie	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Early Childhood	7/1/24
Walker, Reyna	Transportation	Transportation Assistant	4/1/2024
	COIL	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	7/1/24
	Digital Learning	IT User Support Technician (12 Month)	7/1/2024

RESIGNATION

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Acosta, Denise	Transportation	Bus Driver	3/28/2024
Cabrera, Michael	Transportation	Bus Driver	4/5/2024
Flores, Kristi	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/23/2024
Fregoso, Jose	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Student Support ESSER	3/12/2024
Gaona Arellano, Lesley	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	3/14/2024
Hartsell, Jennifer	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	3/28/2024
Hoveland Ebert, Lauren	Villago	Education Assistant - Special Education	5/23/2024
Lapin, Yvonne	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	3/6/2024
Ledezma, Thelma	Transportation	Bus Driver	3/19/2024
Lee, Jady	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Title I	5/23/2024
Legarda Cisneros, Jennifer	Desert Willow	Noon Assistant	3/13/2024
Lomeli, Michele	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	4/2/2024
Martin, Feloniz	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	3/12/2024
Martinez, Jonathon	Villago	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/23/2024

Mejia, Sarahi	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/23/2024
Perales, Jordann	Villago	Health Office Technician	4/11/2024
Pulliam, Shannon	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	4/9/2024
Ranch, Laurence	Transportation	Bus Driver Sub	3/27/2024
Tadeo, Nayeli	McCartney Ranch	Office Specialist	6/6/2024
Taylor, Nordella	Office of Learning Support	Compliance Specialist	6/30/2024
Viray, Angelica	Villago	Day Assistant	4/9/2024
Watts, Judah	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Crossing Guard	5/23/2024
Weber, Emma	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	5/23/2024
Wohlleber, Tom	District Office	Safety & Planning Coordinator	6/30/2024
NEW POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
	Cactus	Education Assistant - Student Support	7/1/2024
	Casa Grande Middle	Education Assistant - Student Support	7/1/2024
	Villago	Education Assistant - Student Support	7/1/2024
	COIL	Education Assistant - Student Support	7/1/2024
	COIL	Education Assistant - Crossing Guard	7/1/2024
	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - K-3 Reading	7/1/2024
	Transportation	Substitute Van Driver	4/10/2024
	Transportation	Substitute Van Driver	4/10/2024
	Transportation	Non-CDL Bus Driver	4/10/2024
LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Robledo, Juan	Warehouse	Warehouse & Dist Lead	03/22/2024
Tovar, Frances	Facilities - Cottonwood	Custodian	03/25/2024
RETIREMENT NOTICE			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Berry, Connie	Nutrition Services	Nutrition Services Supervisor	6/30/2025
Seaver, Katherine	Desert Willow	CSL	5/22/2025

Soto, Maria	Nutrition Services	Cafeteria Assistant Manager	5/22/2025
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- *7.05 The student activities report for March, 2024, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.06 The financial report for March, 2024 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.07 The vehicle inventory report for March, 2024 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for March, 2024 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.09 The vouchers presented at the meeting were approved by the Governing Board.
- *7.10 The following donations were accepted:

CGMS

Mrs. John had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$220.
 Mr. Wilson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$218.

Mesquite

Amber & Robert Hadley, Kindergarten parents, donated 600 bottles of water for students for field day.
 The Canada Day Party from Palm Creek donated \$500 to PTO. The money will be used for PBIS incentives.
 Mrs. Pacheco had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$824.

Nutrition Services

VFW Casa Grande Auxillary 1677 donated \$500 for the summer lunch program.

- *7.11 A copy of the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board approved Casa Grande Elementary School District signing onto the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact.
- 7.12 A copy of the CGESD Staff Attendance Incentive Proposal was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Board members discussed the agenda item with Mr. Quinones and Dr. Leckie. Discussion included the importance of recognizing teachers who put students first and come to work; sustainability of funds for future years; attendance breakdown for 2023-2024 to see how many would qualify if the program were in place now; preapproval for personal days will be streamlined; communication with staff of program; and, teachers who have given up prep times to cover for absences.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to approve the CGESD Staff Attendance Incentive Program, as proposed.

Mr. Stabley seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

- *7.13 Approval of Overnight Field Trip – The Casa Grande Middle School Wildcat Outdoor Club submitted an application for an overnight field trip to Grand Canyon, AZ, from April 26-28, 2024. The Governing Board authorized the field trip as proposed.
- *7.14 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Emergency Procurement – Tee Pee Contractors, Inc. was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the excavation of the Villago Middle School chiller water line leaks by Tee Pee Contractors, Inc., as an emergency procurement as proposed.
- *7.15 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization to Use Cooperative Contracts for Special Education Services was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the use of SAVE and GPPCS cooperative contracts to fill special education vacancies for the 2024-25 school year as proposed.
- *7.16 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization of Sole Source Procurement – 95 Percent Group was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized 95 Percent Group as a sole source as recommended.
- *7.17 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Recycling of Surplus ELA Textbooks was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the recycling of the surplus ELA textbooks through ASDD Document Destruction as proposed.
- *7.18 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Purchase of Chromebooks was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the purchase of Chromebooks from Dell Technologies as proposed.
- *7.19 First Reading, Revision of Policy GDD-Support Staff Vacations and Holidays. As this was a first reading, no action was required.
- *7.20 First Reading, Policy Advisory No. 763-786. As this was a first reading, no action was required.

- *7.21 The district was notified that the Pinal County Elections Department will not be holding the May 14, 2024 Jurisdictional Election. The Governing Board approved the May Governing Board meeting be moved back to its original date of Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

- 8.01 Discussion and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Elementary K-5, and Middle School 6-8 Math Program Adoptions. The agenda should have read Discussion and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Elementary K-5 ELA Curriculum. This item is being continued to a future meeting as the agenda item was inaccurately labeled.

- 9.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

- 10.01 Mrs. Varela adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 5/14/2024

President