

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, December 10, 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
Robert Quinones, Assistant Superintendent
Van Ornelas, Director
Jan Draper, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

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

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mrs. Sisson made a motion that the agenda be accepted and adopted as presented.

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	

3.01 Board Member Updates

Mr. Cruz took a moment, as this is his last board meeting, to offer gratitude to the

staff of CGESD. He came in as a teacher and administrator and is now a board member. He is here today because of amazing teachers in his life. The district teachers are amazing and he offered thanks for their diligent work every day. He stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve beside the other board members and thanked the other board members for putting children first over. He also thanked the community for supporting his efforts.

Mrs. Sisson thanked Mr. Cruz for all the time he has put into the Board.

Mr. Stabley stated it has been a privilege serving with Mr. Cruz.

Mrs. Varela thanked Mr. Cruz for his service to the board and the support he has provided and all of his knowledge. She stated he will be dearly missed and was an invaluable member.

4.01 Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Leckie echoed what the board stated about Board member Cruz.
- He expressed how proud he is of the work teachers and staff have accomplished during the first semester. The amount of change we have seen in the first half of the year is remarkable.
- The district has a lot more success on the horizon.
- Artwork in the Board room this month is provided by ECLC.
- January 31st, the newly established Education Foundation, whose role is to support the mission and vision of the District, is hosting a free movie event to be held at Cholla Elementary School.
- Recognition representing the five core values was given to Governing Board members – Mr. Cruz-Excellence; Mr. Stabley-Integrity; Mrs. Martinez-Collaboration; Mrs. Varela-Service; and, Mrs. Sisson-Compassion

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

Early Childhood Learning

Students of the Month: Jonathan Espinoza, Gianna Hallanger, Brightlyn Davis-Eisenhart, Eric Urquijo Encinas, Graciela Rosales

Employees of the Month: Janell Heinle, Rosie Valenzuela

Nutrition Services

Employees of the Month: Irma Chavarin, Tatiana Storey

Transportation

Employees of the Month: Christen Ruiz, Pamela Adams

6.01 Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public.

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

Dr. Leckie asked to remove item 7.13.

Mr. Cruz moved that the agenda items marked with an asterisk, with the exception of item 7.13, 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	
Michael Cruz	X	

- *7.02 The minutes of the November 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
Pornia, Melaine	CGMS	Teacher - 6-8 Computer Science	12/11/2024
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Castro, Bertha	Desert Willow	Teacher - 4th	5/22/2025
Padilla, Julianna	Palo Verde	Teacher - 3rd	5/22/2025
Strobel, Susan	Palo Verde	Teacher - Kinder	5/22/2025
Wootten, Margaret	Desert Willow	Teacher - 4th	5/22/2025

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

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Chism, Jennifer	COIL	Education Assistant - Student Support	11/19/2024
Ebert, Nevaeh	Cactus	Education Assistant - Special Education	12/4/2024

Hemmersmeier, Ashley	Villago	Associate Teacher - 7th Math	1/6/2025
Jamerson, Kai	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - K-3 Reading	11/19/2024
Loor, Elvis	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/4/2024
Martinez, Carlos Javier	Transportation	Bus Driver	1/2/2025
Murray, Stacy	Cottonwood	SLPA	12/16/2024
Perales, Jordann	Villago	Health Office Technician	12/4/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Mixon, Lakeysha	CGMS	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/18/2024
Pease, Latonya	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Title I	10/21/2024
Pina, Katherain	Transportation	Bus Driver	11/7/2024
Ruth, Sarah	Transportation	Bus Driver	11/14/2024
Solano, Crystal	Villago	Cafe Assistant	11/18/2024
Stanley, Martha	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Special Education 8.5	11/13/2024
Vasquez, Laura	CGMS	Cafe Cook	11/12/2024
	ECLC @ DW	Early Education Assistant CC: 11864	11/13/24
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Acosta, Maria	Saguaro	Education Assistant - K-3 Reading	11/7/2024
Gemmell, Loretta	Villago	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/26/2024
Hernandez, Natalie	Villago	Health Office Technician	11/7/2024
Hernandez, Trinidad	Cactus	Attendance Assistant	12/19/2024
Kempton, Tammy	IT	IT Help Desk Technican	6/30/2025
Maldonado, Sydnie	Transportation	Bus Driver	11/28/2024
McQuillen, Jennifer	Cottonwood	SLPA	11/30/2024
Rosenow, Elizabeth	Mesquite	Cafe Site Manager	11/14/2024
Webster, Kura	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/19/2024
NEW POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Student Support	12/11/24
RETIREMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Gill, Sherrie	District Office	Executive Assistant	12/28/2025

- *7.05 The student activities report for November, 2024, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.06 The financial report for November, 2024 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.07 The vehicle inventory report for November, 2024 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for November, 2024 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *7.09 The vouchers presented at the meeting were approved by the Governing Board.
- *7.10 The following donations were accepted:

District

The District received 60 Thanksgiving meal boxes from Chasse Building Team to distribute to families in need.

Cactus

Mr. Layson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$22.

CGMS

Mrs. John had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$19.

COIL

Mrs. Villaverde had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$275.

Cottonwood

Ms. Waldrop, a parent, donated approximately 80 dozen roses valued at \$800.

Ironwood

Mrs. Cruz had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$305.

Ms. Cordova had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$235.

McCartney Ranch

Ms. Barr had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$178.

Saguaro

The Casa Grande Art Association donated a gift basket and gift card, both valued at \$40, for the winners of the Attendance Poster Contest.

Ms. Appel-Brown had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$172.

- *7.11 First Reading, Policy Advisory 808, Regulation IHB-R Special Instructional Programs – This revision impacts Individualized Education Program (IEP)

requirements, particularly in the area of Transition Services, including the inclusion of an estimated graduation date (A.A.C. R7-2-401(G)(4)(A)) and written notification to parents of the anticipated graduation date (A.A.C. R7-2-401(G)(4)(A)(c)(i)). As this was a first reading, no action was required.

- *7.12 Second Reading, Revision of Policy ACA, ACAA, ACAA-R, JII – A recent policy advisory was released which included suggested revisions to all policies corresponding to Title IX – Sex Discrimination. These policies went under a further review and recommendation by legal counsel to ensure compliance with legal changes, required adoption, and administrative execution. The Governing Board approved the Revision of Policy ACA, ACAA, ACAA-R, JII as proposed.

- 7.13 Second Reading, Revision of Policy IMG, IMG-R Animals in Schools – A recent policy advisory was released which included suggested revision to Policy IMG and IMG-R. Several Students at COIL initiated a project at the beginning of the school year which proposed a new policy for hosting and training therapy dogs in school. After much work from the students and staff, a proposal is put forth to memorialize the work and prove an opportunity for all schools which outlines clear guidance with a focus on safety for all.

Lucy Soderberg, COIL student, explained that at the beginning of the year, every student participates in a program. They had a dog on campus to train as a therapy dog, but it had to be removed because there wasn't a policy in place. With the help of Assistant Superintendent Quinones, the policy has been revised.

Mr. Stabley moved to approve the Revision of Policy IMG, IMG-R Animals in School as proposed.

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	
Michael Cruz	X	

- *7.14 Approval of Overnight Field Trip – The Casa Grande Middle School Wildcat Outdoor Club submitted an application for an overnight field trip to Roosevelt Lake, AZ, from January 24-26, 2025. The Governing Board authorized the field trip as proposed.
- *7.15 Approval of Overnight Field Trip – The Cactus and Casa Grande Middle School bands submitted an application for an overnight field trip to Musical Instrument Museum and Disneyland, from January 18-20, 2025. The Governing Board authorized the field trip as proposed.

- 8.01 Authorization for COIL Media Center HVAC Split System Replacement – The district is seeking authorization from the Governing Board for the replacement of the COIL Media Center’s 15-ton HVAC split system unit. The district solicited cooperative proposals for a replacement. Emcor Services Arizona submitted the lowest responsive and responsible proposal for \$122,602, which includes all applicable costs.

Mrs. Martinez made a motion to authorize the replacement of the COIL Media Center’s HVAC split system 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	
Michael Cruz	X	

- 9.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

- 10.01 Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) to receive legal advice regarding district land and boundaries.

Mr. Stabley made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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	

The meeting was closed to the public at 6:48 p.m.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the open meeting was reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

11.01 Mrs. Varela adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 12/10/2024

President