

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 12, 2023, 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:**

Mr. Stabley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 **Roll Call:**

Present:

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

Adam Leckie, Ed.D., Superintendent
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Nicole Wheatcroft, CFO
Van Ornelas, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Tim Mace, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Jan Draper, Director
Robert Quiñones, Director
Darla Johnson, 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 asked that items 8.03 and 11.01 be removed, Mr. Wohlleber who was going to present these items, was not able to attend the meeting. These items will be postponed to the January meeting.

Mrs. Varela moved that the agenda be accepted and adopted with the removal of items 8.03 and 11.01.

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

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

3.01 Board Member Updates

- Mr. Cruz thanked Dr. Leckie and Van Ornelas for participating in the ASBA Annual Conference. Mr. Cruz also shared that Salvation Army has finalized their donations and will be serving 500 families, giving out 20,000 gifts.
- Mrs. Martinez thanked Ironwood for inviting her to their Spelling Bee.
- Mr. Stabley attended the Saguaro Kindergarten music program at the Frank Davidson Auditorium.

4.01 Superintendent's Report

- Individual school Spelling Bees are underway with the District Spelling Bee coming up in January.
- Schools have been hosting holiday events.
- Happy Birthday to Board Member Sisson, tomorrow is her birthday.
- ASBA is now looking for a new director. Since Mr. Del Palacio has resigned, it will not be necessary to draft a resolution as discussed in the November meeting.
- During this past semester, the district embarked on a journey to continuous improvement. Big work is happening across all sites and departments.
- As this is the last Board meeting before winter break, wishes to all families and students for a happy Winter Break and a successful last few days of school.

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

Facilities

Employee – Robert Pedroza

Cactus Middle School

Employees – April Rago, Cami Wright

Students – Charlie Whitmer, Hanna Jordan, Porter Garnett

Ironwood Elementary School

Employees – Josie Morales, Carolyne Garcia

Students – Julian Elias Torres, Ella Boostedt, Sofia Cruz

Saguaro Elementary School

Employees – Jennifer Brown, Aryana Salazar

Students – Tyren Moreno, Khloe Alvarez, Jillian Spire

Desert Willow Elementary School

Employees – Bertha Castro, Justin Watson

Students – Phellanie Mayer, Jaaziah Le, Nailea Jimenez Calvillo

COIL/CGOLA

Employees – Vicki Ellis, Bonnie Gylling

Students – Austin Miers, Abbilynn Williamson, Blake Gaskins

6.01 Call to the Public

Mr. Bruce Schutt spoke about agenda item placement and pre-meeting silence.

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

Mrs. Varela moved that the agenda items marked with an asterisk be approved and/or ratified.

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

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

*7.02 The minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

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

Authorization to Issue Certified Assistant Principal and Dean of Students Contracts, FY 2024-2025: The Governing Board approved the ability to issue Certified Assistant Principal and Dean of Students contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

Authorization to Issue Certified Teachers, Certified Directors, Assistant Directors, and Principals Contracts, FY 2024-2025: The Governing Board approved the ability to issue Certified Teachers, Directors, Assistant Directors, School Counselors, and

Principals contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Cole, Ashley	Desert Willow	Teacher - Kindergarten	12/11/2023
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Kavanaugh, Malysa	Villago	School Psychologist 6/5's contract	12/6/23
Preston, Addison	Cottonwood	Teacher - 3rd Grade	11/27/2023
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Internoscia, Megan	Ironwood	Teacher - 5th Grade	1/4/2024
NEW POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
District Librarian (full-time)	Digital Learning	District Librarian (full-time)	12/13/23
Teacher - Kindergarten	Cholla	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Cottonwood	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Cottonwood	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Desert Willow	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Ironwood	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Ironwood	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Mesquite	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Palo Verde	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Palo Verde	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Saguaro	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
Teacher - Kindergarten	Sagurao	Teacher - Kindergarten	07/01/2024
LEAVE OF ABSENCE			

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Anzaldua, Ashley	Cottonwood	Apprentice Teacher - Sped Autism	10/9/2023

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

Authorization to Renew Contracts for Classified Directors, FY 2024-2025: The Governing Board approved the ability to issue Classified Director contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

Authorization to Issue Classified Exempt Contracts and ta-Will Work Agreements, FY 2024-2025: The Governing Board approved the ability to issue Classified At-Will Work Agreements for the 2024-2025 school year.

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Arellano Rojas, Dora	Facility Services	Custodian	11/30/2023
Fizzell, Ramona	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	12/6/2023
Garcia, Vilma	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/6/23
Hernandez, Reynaldo Jr.	Transportation	Bus Driver Sub	11/13/2023
Martin, Feloniz	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/4/2023
Melchor Aguirre, Juan Carlos	Facility Services	Grounds & Landscape Specialist	11/20/2023
Mendez, Laura	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/6/2023
Mills, Jennifer	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Crossing Guard	12/6/2023
Moorehouse, Stacia	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	12/6/2023
Moreno de Warnes, Martha	Facility Services	Custodian	12/14/2023
Olguin, Celina	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/13/2023
Quinones, Dineliz	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Special Education	12/13/2023
Salvaneschi, Rhiannon	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/6/2023
Sanchez, Liza	Mesquite	Day Assistant	12/6/2023
Schatz, Megan	Palo Verde	Crossing Guard	12/6/2023
Schatz, Megan	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - ELG	12/6/2023
Soria, Gilbert	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/21/2023
Tadeo, Santiago	Villago	Campus Monitor	12/6/2023

Tualla, Magdalena	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	12/6/2023
Velis, Irma	Transportation	Bus Driver	11/29/2023
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Ernstmeyer, Kristina	Facilities	Cell Phone Stipend	7/1/2023
Kennaway, Tesla	Cactus	Education Assistant - Student Support	11/13/2023
Lopez Martinez, Maria	COIL	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/20/2023
Phillips, Jennifer	Transportation	Bus Driver	11/21/2023
Wittner, Ann-Marie	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education MSI	11/27/2023
James, Melissa	Villago	Associate Teacher - 6th Math	1/2/2024
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Arguelles Silva, Keyla	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/21/2023
Clow, Bennett	Transportation	Van Driver	12/14/2023
Esparza, Stacy	Palo Verde	Crossing Guard	11/17/2023
Esparza, Stacy	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - ELG	11/17/2023
Hemingsen, Matthew	Transportation	Bus Driver/Van Driver Non CDL	12/1/2023
James, Melissa	Villago	Associate Teacher - 6th Math	1/2/2024
Martin, Feloniz	COIL	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/10/2023
Martinez, Amanda	Villago	Campus Monitor	11/13/2023
Sotelo, Rosa	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	12/14/2023
Storey, Tatiana	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Manager	12/7/2023
Tye, Jessica	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/22/2023
Velazquez, Jocelyn	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Special Education	11/28/2023
Villela, Oscar	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	11/14/2023
Wood, Luke	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	11/30/2023
NEW POSITIONS			

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Education Specialist - Special Education	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Special Education	12/13/2023
ELIMINATED POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
	Cholla	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	McCartney Ranch	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	McCartney Ranch	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Saguaro	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024
	Saguaro	Education Specialist - Kinderplus	05/23/2024

- *7.05 The student activities report for November, 2023, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.06 The financial report for November, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.07 The vehicle inventory report for November, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for November, 2023 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:

District
Chasse Building Team donated 40 Thanksgiving meal boxes to be distributed to

families in need.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church donated a case of peanut butter, jackets and winter accessories to be distributed to students in need.

Casa Grande Middle School

Mr. Wilson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$376.

Ms. Martinez had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$470.

Mr. Wilson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$437.

Cottonwood

Mrs. Mackynen had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$457.

Mrs. Mackynen had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$535.

Desert Willow

Ms. Meza had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$407.

Palo Verde

Mrs. Hutton had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$2,937.

Saguaro

An anonymous donor donated \$1,000 in food and hygiene products for the counselors closet.

- *7.11 Authorization of Clerical Revisions to the 2024-2025 Adopted School Calendar and Adoption of the 2025-26 School Calendar – The Governing Board approved the revisions to the 2024-2025 Adopted School Calendar and adopted the 2025-26 School Calendar.
- *7.12 Approval of Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) Regional Cooperative Agreement – The Governing Board approved the Cooperative Agreement with Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) as proposed.
- *7.13 Approval of IGA with The Arizona Department of Education – Achievement Tutoring Program – The Governing Board approved the IGA with ADE as outlined.
- *7.14 Approval of IGA with The Arizona Department of Education – Arts Consumables – The Governing Board approved the IGA with ADE as outlined.
- *7.15 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization of Sole Source Procurement –Greenfield Dynamics was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized Greenfield Dynamics, LLC as a sole source as recommended.
- *7.16 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Purchase of School Bus Tracking System with Student Ridership/Validation was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the Sourcewell cooperative

contract awarded to Synovia Solutions, LLC and to enter into a five-year agreement for a school bus fleet tracking system with student ridership/validation as recommended.

- *7.17 Approval of APS Solar Communities Program Agreement at Palo Verde – The Governing Board approved the APS Solar Communities Program Agreement at Palo Verde, as proposed.
- *7.18 Approval of Request to Reduce Academic Space as Calculated by Arizona School Facilities Division – The Governing Board approved the request to reduce academic space as calculated by Arizona School Facilities Division, as proposed.
- *7.19 Second Reading, Revision Policy JFB-Open Enrollment and JFB-R; Removal of Exhibit JFB-E – The Governing Board approved the revision to Policy JFB-Open Enrollment and JFB-R; and the removal of Exhibit JFB-E, as proposed.
- *7.20 Second Reading, Policy Advisory 748-762 – The Governing Board approved Policy Advisory 748-762, as presented.

8.01 Mrs. Draper presented on A-F Accountability and school letter grades. She shared the timeline the State Board lines out for the preparation of letter grades. The district has no schools in appeal this year. The district has one A school, three B schools, seven C schools and one D school.

Mr. Cruz asked about the opportunity for an A+ application for the schools who might qualify through AEF. The Board will be updated.

8.02 Mr. Raymond presented the COIL proposal for growth and expansion. Community interest and school/programming needs have justified a consideration to accelerate the growth at COIL. It is proposed that grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 7 are added for the 24/25 school year. By offering grades K-7 at COIL next year, it will give the ability to serve more sibling groups, begin the foundational CSTEM-focused education model in the early grades, and increase learner-driven opportunities for all. Discussion included: how the program will look for younger students, doing the expansion right including the team and classroom needs, and opportunities for community members to come in with projects.

8.03 School Safety Update – This item will be postponed to January, as the presenter was unable to attend this meeting.

8.04 Information pertaining to the revision of the 2023-2024 budget had been included in the Board's information. The public hearing provides the general public an opportunity to provide input with regard to the proposed revisions.

Ms. Wheatcroft presented the proposed revision of the 2023-2024 Budget. The district was not required to revise the budget, but due to some minor changes, it was practical

to do so. ESSER moves were discussed as this is a common thread in Arizona schools, but CGESD is in a strong financial position to face the loss of these funds.

Mr. Stabley declared that the public hearing for the proposed revision of the 2023-2024 budget hearing be opened at 7:51 p.m. There were no questions or concerns from the public. Mr. Stabley closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

- 9.01 Authorization to Revise the 2023-2024 Budget - Dr. Leckie recommended that the Board authorize the revision of the 2023-2024 budget.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to authorize the revision to the 2023-2024 Budget as presented.

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

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

- 9.02 Authorization to Offer a Stipend for the 2023-24 School Year – With the use of one time Maintenance and Operation funds from the state, it was recommended the Governing Board authorize the administration to provide a stipend of \$1,000 to full time employees, and \$500 to part time employees who have passed their 60 day probation period on or before December 12, 2023

Mrs. Martinez made a motion to approve the proposed stipend.

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

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

- 10.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with a Board work study session beginning at 5:00 p.m.

- 11.01 Vote to Conduct Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(8): for discussion of the District's emergency operations plan (EOP). – The Board did not go into executive session.

12.01 Mr. Stabley adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 1/9/2024

President