

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, January 15, 2019, 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. Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call:

Present:

Rachel Hernandez
Gilberto Mendez
David Snider
Dolores Kinser
Judee Jackson, President

JoEtta Gonzales, Ed.D., Superintendent
Tom Wohlleber, Chief Financial Officer
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Brenda Tijerina, Director
Jeff Lavender, Director
Mike Cruz, PIO
Sherrie Gill, Secretary

Also Present:
See Exhibit 1

Barbara Wright, Principal
Celie Downey-Foye, Principal
Melissa Pieper, Principal

Press: Kevin Reagan
Casa Grande Dispatch

1.03 Mr. Mendez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.04 A moment of silence was observed.

1.05 Mrs. Kinser moved to:

“Nominate Mrs. Jackson to serve as president of the Governing Board during 2019.”

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

1.06 Mr. Snider moved to:

“Nominate Mrs. Kinser to serve as president pro tempore of the Governing Board during 2019.”

Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

2.01 **Agenda Adoption:**

Ms. Hernandez moved that:

"The agenda be accepted and adopted, as presented."

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

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

Mrs. Kinser moved that:

"The agenda items marked with an asterisk be approved and/or ratified."

Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the

motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

*4.01 The minutes of the December 11, 2018 Special Meeting and Executive Session were approved by the Governing Board.

*4.02 The minutes of the December 11, 2018 study session were approved by the Governing Board.

5. Audience with Groups or Individuals:

5.01 Dr. Gonzales recognized the Casa Grande Rotary Club students of the month for January, as follows: Samantha Reeves, 8th grade, Cactus; Jesus Perez, 8th grade, Casa Grande Middle School; Nataly Rodriguez, 8th grade, Villago. Ms. Hernandez assisted in presenting certificates to the students.

5.02 Members from the Sunrise Optimist Club presented Maria JoAnn Bridgewater from Cactus Middle School with her 1st Place Essay Contest award for her essay entitled "Can Society Function Without Respect?."

5.03 Dr. Gonzales recognized #BeKind Award recipients, Mesquite teacher, Margaret Wootten, and Cottonwood crossing guard, JoAnn Markham.

5.04 Mrs. McClintic and Ms. Tijerina recognized Miranda Dillard and Monica Mora for successfully completing the Grow Your Own Program and becoming fully certified teachers.

5.05 Dr. Gonzales recognized Mrs. Jackson for her service as Governing Board President during 2018. Board members also expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Jackson.

5.06 CGUHS Chief Science Officer, Chloe Buchanan and Merlin D'Souza presented their plans for Sci Tech week. The Board vocalized unanimous support of STEAM week.

5.07 Mr. Steve Chasse of APS presented Casa Grande Elementary School District with a rebate check in the amount of over \$15,000 for New Energy Efficient Lighting & Chiller Upgrades.

6.01 The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the following donations:

Beall's Outlet donated \$250 worth of Christmas gifts which were distributed to random students at Casa Grande Middle School and Saguaro Elementary School..

McCartney Ranch received the Lowe’s Toolbox National Grant in the amount of \$14,000.

Tamerra Teti donated a TV, splitter and mounting bracket to Mesquite Elementary School for use in teaching general music and band.

Rick Wilson, 5th grade teacher at Mesquite Elementary School received funding for his Donors Choose project, “Lego Mania”, in the amount of \$538.54. His classroom received two sets of “We Do 2.0 Lego Education Kits.”

Ms. Hernandez moved that:

“The donations be accepted, as read.”

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

6.02 Information pertaining to the approval of Arizona’s Lower-Emission School Bus Program Grant Agreement had been included in the Board’s information.

Mr. Wohlleber reported that as a result of the settlement between the State of Arizona and Volkswagen that resulted in the state receiving many millions of dollars, Gov. Ducey proposed the plans approved to allocate about \$38M of that to replace inefficient older school buses to reduce diesel emissions. The district was notified in December that we were eligible to replace 6 school buses at the contribution amount of \$110,000 per bus or \$660,000. The cost of the buses is slightly more than that. The remaining balance, after scrap value, will be about \$75,000 which will be funded by bond proceeds.

Mr. Wohlleber expressed thanks to Darla Johnson, Director of Transportation, in her efforts to apply for this grant.

Mrs. Kinser moved to:

“Approve the Arizona’s Lower-Emission School Bus Program Grant Agreement as presented.”

Ms. Hernandez seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the

motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

- 6.03 Information pertaining to the Authorization for VW Settlement Bus Purchases had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Wohlleber recommended authorization to approve purchasing of six school buses, four conventional and two 35 passenger Special Education buses totaling \$736,453.92.

Mr. Mendez moved to:

“Authorize the purchase of the school buses from RWC Group as proposed.”

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	X	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Dolores Kinser	X	

- *6.04 A memorandum from Mr. Wohlleber regarding the Award Recommendation for Cottonwood Elementary School Weatherization had been included in the Board’s information. The exterior walls at Cottonwood Elementary School are experiencing water penetration and water is ponding along the school’s slab following storms. The school needs to be weatherized to prevent further interior and exterior damage to the building. The District is recommending the award of Invitation for Bid (IFB) #274-1118 to Gallo Construction, Inc. for their proposed big in the amount of \$110,058.00 along with Add Alternate #1 in the amount of \$3,533.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$113,591.00, for the weatherization of Cottonwood Elementary School. Board members authorized the award of IFB #274-1118 for the weatherization of Cottonwood Elementary School in the amount not to exceed \$113,591.00 contingent to receiving SFB funding for the project.

- *6.05 A memorandum from Mr. Wohlleber regarding the Award Recommendation for Evergreen Elementary School Weatherization had been included in the Board’s information. The brick and CMU walls at Evergreen Elementary School have been found to have an unacceptable rate of water absorption and/or penetration following testing that was performed. The school needs to be weatherized to prevent further

interior and exterior damage to the building. The District is recommending the award of IFB #275-1118 to Skyline Builders & Restoration, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$194,890.72 for the weatherization of Evergreen Elementary School. Board members authorized the award of IFB #275-1118 for the weatherization of Evergreen Elementary School in the amount not to exceed \$194,890.72 contingent to receiving SFB funding for the project.

- *6.06 A copy of the Panorama Education-Service Order had been included in the Board's information. Board members approved Panorama Education, Inc. as a "sole source" vendor.
- *6.07 Revised Policy GCCA – Professional/Support Staff Sick Leave was presented for adoption. This policy has been revised to update language regarding accumulation of General Leave. Board members approved revision of Policy GCCA, as proposed.

7. Instructional Programs:

- *7.01 A memorandum from Ms. Andrea Muñoz regarding Supplemental Materials Adoption had been included in the Board's information. The administration recommends approval of the supplementary materials listed. In accordance with Governing Board Policy IJJ, the supplements have been on display at the District Office for sixty days. Board members approved the recommended supplementary materials.

8. Personnel:

- *8.01 A memorandum from Ms. Brenda Tijerina regarding Review of Current Year Teacher Employment and Recruitment Plan for School Year 2019-20 had been included in the Board's information. A spreadsheet with information related to results from last year's recruitment efforts was also included. No action is required on this agenda item.
- *8.02 The following certified personnel actions were ratified by the Governing Board:

Proposed Increase for the Emergency Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay: The immediate increase of rates of pay for emergency substitute teachers from \$85 to \$90 for daily assignments and from \$105 to \$110 for long-term assignments.

Ratification of Behavior Intervention Specialist Position for Casa Grande Middle School: The addition of a Behavior Intervention Specialist for CGMS.

Request to be Released from Certified Contracts: Marjorie Clark, 2nd grade teacher, Evergreen, effective January 3, 2019 without the assessment of liquidated damages; Michelle Carter, 8th grade math, CGMS, effective January 18, 2019 without the assessment of liquidated damages.

Ratification of Certified Personnel Employment: Rochelle Ashcroft, Special

Education Resource Teacher, Saguario; Chad Hoing, 5th grade teacher, Saguario; Maria King, 8th grade math teacher, CGMS; Nicole Nanny, Behavior Intervention Specialist, CGMS; Taylor Petersen, 2nd grade, Evergreen.

Ratification of Reclassification to Certified Position: Monica Mora, Teacher Special Education Resource, CGMS; Annette Romero, Apprentice Teacher, Cholla; Justin Smith, 4th grade teacher, Evergreen.

*8.03 The following classified personnel actions were ratified by the Governing Board:

Additional Support Staff for Evergreen and Saguario Schools: The addition of a Title I educational assistant for Evergreen School and the creation of a “balance of the school year” only position for Saguario School.

Classified Personnel Employment: Ryan Barrett, Educational Asst/CG/Noon Aide, Palo Verde; Guillermina Benitez, Educational Assistant-PreSchool, ECLC; Tiffany Lankford, Nutrition Services Worker, Evergreen; Mackenzie Leavitt, Special Education Specialist, Mesquite; Natasha Schimmel, Education Assistant-Special Education, Ironwood.

Superintendent’s Acceptance of Classified Personnel Resignations: Robert Anderson, Educational Assistant-APS, Cactus, Effective December 18, 2018; Damacio Cates, Ed. Asst/CG/Noon Assistant, Evergreen, Effective January 11, 2019; Maria Freeman, Bus Driver-Special Needs, Transportation, Effective December 21, 2018; DeeAnn Greb, Warehouse Lead, Nutrition Services, Effective December 13, 2018; Roxanne Jimenez, Administrative Assistant, Digital Learning, Effective November 27, 2018; Remy King, Ed. Asst/CG/Noon Aide, Palo Verde, Effective December 21, 2018; Mary Jo Landreth, Senior Relief Driver, Transportation, Effective December 14, 2018; Rachel Moya, ECLC Specialist Lead, ECLC, Effective December 14, 2018; Teresa Redd, Router/Driver, Transportation, Effective December 19, 2018; Alexis Sosa, ECEP Lead, ECLC, Effective December 14, 2018; Donald Stephens, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective December 21, 2018.

Reclassification of Classified Personnel: Sharon Decker, Early Childhood Ext. Program Lead, ECLC; Alberto Flores, Educational Assistant-Special Education, Cholla; Cheri Nagel, Educational Assistant-Special Education, Saguario; Natalie Rodriguez, Special Education Specialist, Ironwood; Naomi Rust, Educational Assistant-Special Education, Cactus.

9. **Pupil Personnel**

No items this meeting.

10. **Buildings and Grounds:**

No items this meeting.

11. Reports:

11.01 The student activities report for December, 2018, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

*11.02 The financial report for December, 2018 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

*11.03 The lunch menu for students had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

*11.04 The vehicle status report for November 16 to December 15, 2018 had been provided in the Board's information.

*11.05 The vehicle maintenance report for November 16 to December 15, 2018 had been provided in the Board's information.

*11.06 The weekly attendance reports for December 12, December 19, and January 9, 2019 had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

*12.01 The vouchers presented at the meeting, listed in Exhibit 2, were approved by the Governing Board.

13.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

14.01 Call for Audience Questions Pertaining to Agenda Items and Items of Interest

No calls to the public.

15.01 Mrs. Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 02/12/19

President