

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 14, 2025, 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 Dr. Adam Leckie administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bruce Schutt, Mrs. Adelpia Sisson and Mr. Jerry Stabley.

1.03 Roll Call:

Present:

Blanca Varela, President
Jerry Stabley
Adelpia Sisson
Lorenza Martinez
Bruce Schutt

Adam Leckie, Ed.D., Superintendent
Robert Quinones, Assistant Superintendent
Van Ornelas, Director
Jan Draper, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Tammy Blomquist, Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

1.04 Mr. Stabley led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

1.05 Mr. Stabley nominated Mrs. Blanca Varela for the office of the president of Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board.

There were no further nominations.

Board members voted as follows:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Jerry Stabley	X	
Blanca Varela	X	
Adelpia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Bruce Schutt	X	

- 1.06 Mrs. Varela nominated Mrs. Lorenza Martinez for the office of the president pro tempore of Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board.

There were no further nominations.

Board members voted as follows:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Bruce Schutt	X	

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mr. Stabley made a motion that the agenda be accepted and adopted as presented.

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	
Bruce Schutt	X	

3.01 Board Member Updates

Mr. Stabley and Mrs. Varela attended the 2nd semester kickoff meeting on Zoom. Mrs. Varela congratulated Dr. Leckie and team on what is happening in the district.

4.01 Superintendent's Report

- Welcome to everyone from winter break.
- It is great seeing the energy from students thriving in the classroom.
- Staff and students hit the ground running after break.
- Continuous Improvement work in district is that we must work close to those closest to the work. All people have a collective effort and care about the community and students.
- January is National School Board Recognition month. Board service is a lot of effort to be informed, and members are not paid. Every single one of the people who sit up here make sure CGESD is a destination district where everyone wants to work and students want to attend.

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

Cactus Middle School

Students of the Month: Jeremiah Capps, Kendra Perry, Jaydin Wallace, Clayton Ratliff, Azaria Gonzalez

Employees of the Month: Lara Isabel Garchitorena, Tesla Kennaway

Desert Willow Elementary School

Students of the Month: Bentley Robertson, Jaeiah Mathis, Zion Jackson, Elias Orozco, Cayde Garshak

Employees of the Month: Cierra Duran, Maria Martinez

Volunteer of the Month: Miriam Doing

Cholla Elementary School

Students of the Month: Julie Arteaga, Mario Cholak, Jesse Herrera, Anabel Perez, Amaris Medina

Employees of the Month: Valinda Arbuckle, Amber Nixon

Volunteer of the Month: Candice Lancaster

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.

Mrs. Varela recognized The University of Arizona for their donations to COIL. She also recognized Ms. Escarcega for receiving a \$2500 Fiesta Bowl Teacher Grant.

Mr. Stabley moved that the agenda items marked with an asterisk 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	
Bruce Schutt	X	

*7.02 The minutes of the December 10, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

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

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Grogan, Rachel	Palo Verde	Teacher - 4th Grade	1/6/2025
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Dein, Amy	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - 2nd Grade	12/17/2024
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Brinton, Suzanne	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - 4th Grade	5/22/2025
Clegg, Lisa	Palo Verde	Teacher - 5th Grade	1/3/2025
Moore, Catherine	Ironwood	Teacher - Elementary Band	05/22/2025
NEW POSITION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
	McCartney Ranch	Behavior Interventionist	7/1/2025

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

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Chelf, Kimbra	Saguaro	Education Assistant - K-3 Reading	12/11/2024
Gomez, Patricia	Transportation	Bus Driver Special Needs	12/11/2024
Hernandez, Natalie	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	12/11/2024
Klingensmith, Brian	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	1/8/2025
Miles, Ethan	Transportation	Transportation Assistant	1/2/2025
Ramirez, Mercedes	Ironwood	Noon Assistant	1/2/2025
Villescaz, Veronica	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	12/11/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Estrada, Rahberta	Saguaro	Associate Teacher	1/6/2025
Morris, Carrie	CGMS	Guest Teacher	10/24/2024

Oden, Wayne	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/31/2024
Whetstone, Levi	Transportation	Bus Driver Sub	12/17/2024
Williams, Melissa	Desert Willow	Early Education Assistant	1/6/2025
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Bautista, Kyleigh	Ironwood	Health Office Technician	1/9/2025
Brown, Eugene	Transportation	Van Driver	12/20/2024
Cazares, Karla	Transportation	Van Driver	12/19/2024
Colter, Adam	Palo Verde	Associate Teacher - 4th	1/2/2025
Guilkey, Maryellen	Transportation	Bus Driver Special Needs	12/5/2024
Hernandez, Daniel	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/2/2024
Hernandez, Delilah	Transportation	Bus Driver Sub	12/18/2024
Jones, Alan	Transportation	Bus Driver	1/23/2025
Keith, Karlie	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/27/2024
Kempton, Tammy	IT	IT Help Desk Technician	1/1/2025
Mercado, Jericka	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/8/2025
Weitz, Vickie	Cholla	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/9/2024

- *7.05 The student activities report for December, 2024, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.06 The financial report for December, 2024 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.07 The vehicle inventory report for December, 2024 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for December, 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:

CGMS

Mrs. Morris had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$189.
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COIL

The University of Arizona, AZ Health Zone donated 30 each of the following: yoga mats, soccer balls, volleyballs, footballs, basketballs, playground style balls, kickballs, jump ropes, tennis balls and net ball bags.

Ironwood

Ms. Escarcega was awarded a Fiesta Bowl Teacher Grant in the amount of \$2500. Mr. Chuck Muir, community member donated various art supplies.

Mesquite

Ms. Kisil had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$44.

Saguaro

Jessica D uran donated 21 LED star wands valued at \$300 for cookie night. Jewels Desert Sands donated socks, gloves, fruit and snacks for each Saguaro student, a total value of \$2,000. Mrs. LaVoo had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$272.

Villago

Mrs. Aten had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$1,276. Mrs. Villaverde had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$44.

- *7.11 Second 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)). The Governing Board approved the Revision of Regulation IHB-R, as proposed.
- *7.12 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Casa Grande Middle School Gym Roof Replacement was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized to award IFB #214-1124 to Sun Valley Builders, in the amount not to exceed \$698,165 for the Casa Grande Middle School gym roof replacement as recommended.
- *7.13 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Casa Grande Middle School Gym Weatherization was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized to award IFB #215-1124 to SD Crane Builders, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$117,000 for the weatherization of the Casa Grande Middle School gym as recommended.
- *7.14 Approval of Student Activities Clubs' Fundraising Events – The Governing Board approved the Student Activities fundraising events as presented.
- 8.01 Mr. Matt Lemberg presented updates for the Boys & Girls Club. August 17th, 2025 is the 27th anniversary of their partnership with CGESD. The club started at Saguaro

Elementary School with 30 students and has grown to eight clubs, in four different communities, serving 650 students. Of the 650 students, 337 are from CGESD. Three of the eight clubs serve CGESD students – Ironwood, Len Cholla and Nap Lawrence Recreation Center.

The club's mission is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potential. Every Boys & Girls Club promotes academic success, good citizenship and healthy lifestyles. The clubs provide a safe place for kids to go after school and supports the learning students do all day. Each club has three spaces like technology labs and art rooms. Care camp is a local program that was created with a guitar center and now bucket drumming.

Mr. Lemberg offered his thanks to Darla Johnson and her transportation staff, Mrs. Jennifer McClintic for her service on the Boys & Girls Club Board and Dr. Leckie for being a celebrity dancer in the Dancing For Our Stars fundraiser and the district's support.

Mrs. Martinez inquired about the student check-in and check-out process. When students get off the bus, they are all individually signed in. When parents arrive to check them out, they must ring the doorbell or knock on the door to sign their child out.

Mrs. Varela inquired about whether safety drills are implemented. Yes, safety drills are conducted. Mrs. Varela also thanked Mr. Lemberg for the services provided to our families and children.

- 8.02 Mrs. Lisa Bradshaw provided an update on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its role in the CGESD community, highlighting its benefits, potential problems, and future directions. AI is defined as the simulation of human intelligence by machines, enabling them to analyze data, learn, and make decisions. What is AI – facial recognition, Google Home, Alexa, social media, navigation apps, chatbot, etc. Kids naturally are leaning into using AI tools.

The benefits of AI in CGESD include enhanced learning experiences, increased efficiency, and instant feedback. However, there are potential problems such as inaccuracies, bias, privacy concerns, and ethical issues.

Mrs. Bradshaw demonstrated how AI can be used by staff by giving the program Magic School the information to create a rubric.

Some safety precautions in place are to review the tools before giving permission for them to be used, as many have an age limit of 18; and encouraging staff not to enter personal identifiable information. It is important to review and teach our students to review the response AI gives back. We want to make sure we address both our students and staff using AI in appropriate ways and students not using it to cheat.

One of the next things coming up is developing guidelines for use of AI for students, staff and families; professional development, training staff on how to use AI and how to teach about AI to students; AI lessons; data dashboard; and a continued review of tools.

9.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

11.01 Mrs. Varela adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 2/11/2025

President