

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 10, 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 Pinal County Supervisor Mr. Steve Miller administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Michael Cruz for his appointment as Board member. Dr. Adam Leckie administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Lorenza Martinez and Mrs. Blanca Varela.

1.03 **Roll Call:**

Present:

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

Adam Leckie, Ed.D., Superintendent
Nicole Wheatcroft, CFO
Tim Mace, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Jan Draper, Director
Robert Quiñones, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Dennis York, Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Also Present:
See Exhibit 1

Barbara Wright, Principal
Jeff Lavender, Principal

Samantha Sarnowski, Principal
Scott Raymond, Principal

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

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

Mrs. Sisson moved that:

“Nominations for the office of the president of Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board be closed.”

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

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

Mrs. Varela moved that:

“Mr. Jerry Stabley be elected president of the Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board.”

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

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

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

Mrs. Sisson moved that:

“Nominations for the office of the president pro tempore of Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board be closed.”

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

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

Mr. Stabley moved that:

“Mrs. Blanca Varela be elected president pro tempore of the Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board.”

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

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

2.01 **Agenda Adoption:**

Mrs. Sisson moved that:

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

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

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

3. **Awards, Recognitions, Celebrations**

- 3.01 Dr. Leckie recognized Denise Penn, Kayla Tacker, and Viviana Guerra as Rotary students of the month.
- 3.02 Mrs. Jennifer McClintic recognized Cierra Duran and Cheri Nagel for completing the Grown Your Own program.
- 3.03 Mr. Bob Quiñones recognized the Leadership Learning Collaborative (LLC) Participants and commended their commitment to the program and use of their own time meeting out of school hours to participate and not being compensated. Mr. Stabley commented that these 29 individuals were a testament to their desire to grow in their careers. Participants: Michelle Steiner, Karen Garcia, Dedra Boynton-Crudup, Tara Dickey, Joleen Miller, Jason Foye, Amanda Johnson, Jennifer Sommers-Perkowski, Annette Culver, Jennifer VanBockel, Brooke Sachak, Kenneth Anderson, Kimberly Franco, Jaclyn Roeber,, Stacy Gray, Marcy McCue, Jennifer Graffius,

Micaela Jimenez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Mandy Curry, Kristi Osuna, Amy Cameron, Danielle Aldana, Elizabeth Van De Moere, Monica Diaz, Christine Nordman, Stacy Howell, Denia Welch, and Kristen Coates.

Dr. Leckie recognized Dr. Barbara Wright as she has formally announced her retirement as of June 30, 2023. Mr. Quinones read some remarks highlighting Dr. Wright’s career in the district and how she has influenced the lives of so many students, parents and colleagues.

4.01 Call to the Public

Mr. Jeff Lavender invited everyone to the Unity March on Thursday, January 12, 2023. The theme is Dr. King’s Beloved Community.

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

Mrs. Martinez asked that item 5.13 be removed from consent.

Mrs. Varela moved that:

"The agenda items marked with an asterisk, with the exception of item 5.13, be approved and/or ratified."

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

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

*5.02 The minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

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

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Weldin, Nita	CGMS	Associate Teacher 6-8 PE	1/3/2023
RECLASSIFICATION			

NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Montijo, Marissa	Villago	Apprentice Teacher	1/3/2023
Nordman, Christine	CGMS	National Board Certification Stipend	12/31/2022
Rohr, Dena	Cholla	Teacher - 3rd	1/3/2023
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Fuller, Tammy	Cholla	Teacher - 5th	1/3/2023
Wright, Barbara	Cottonwood	Principal	6/30/2023
RETURN FROM LOA			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Nagel, Cheri	Palo Verde	Apprentice Teacher	12/14/2022

***5.04 Classified Personnel**

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

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Arguelles Silva, Keyla	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/4/2023
Avila Barrera, Julissa	Facilities	Custodian	1/4/2023
Cervantes, Jazmin	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - EL	1/3/2023
Garcia, Ana	Ironwood	Health Office Technician	1/4/2023
Harrenstein, Heidi	Villago	Noon Assistant	1/4/2023
Leon, Francisco	Ironwood	Day Assistant	1/4/2023
Mendez, Carlyn	Facilities	Custodian	1/4/2023
Nixon, Amber	Cholla	Education Assistant - Academic Intervention	1/4/2023
Reid, Stephan	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	1/5/2023
Rodriguez, Nancy	CGMS	Office Specialist	1/4/2023
Sawyer, Hayden	Cholla	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/4/2023

Thomas, Nobie	Transportation	Transportation Assistant	12/15/2022
Trinidad, Brenda	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant - Floater	12/14/2022
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Acosta, Luz	Facilities	Office Specialist	12/19/2022
Back, Charles	Transportation	Van Driver	12/12/2022
Cervantes, Jazmin	Teaching & Learning	Education Assistant - ELL (8.5 hrs/day)	1/3/2023
Education Assistant - ELL (8 hrs/day)	Teaching & Learning	Education Assistant - ELL (8.5 hrs/day)	1/3/2023
Francesca Reyes	Nutrition Services	Accounting Specialist	12/13/2022
Garcia, Gabriela	CGMS	Education Assistant - Special Education	1/4/2023
Mendoza, Zulma	ECLC	Education Assistant - Speech	1/3/2023
Raya, Jasmin	Ironwood	Education Assistant - Crossing Guard	1/3/2023
Reyes, Francisca	Nutrition Services	Accounting Specialist	12/13/2022
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Castro, Francis	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/3/2023
Graciano, Greg	Facilities	Grounds & Landscape Specialist	12/9/2022
Lamprey, Dennie	Transportation	Bus Driver	5/25/2023
Lopez, Josephine	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/6/2023
Martinez, Shantal	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	12/20/2022
Olivas, Diana	Transportation	Bus Driver	1/3/2023
Ponce de Leon, Alejandro	Transportation	Bus Driver	1/2/2023
Ramos, Joanna	CGMS	Registration & Data Specialist	12/29/2023
Reyna, Casey	Cactus	Education Assistant - Special Education	12/5/2022
Rodriguez, Laurie	Ironwood	Health Office Technician	1/6/2023
Sanchez, Eloisa	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	1/15/2023
Wilkins, Dennis	Facilities	Maintenance Specialist	6/30/2023
Williams, Michele	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Library Media	12/16/2022

NEW POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Education Assistant - ELG	Mesquite	Education Assistant - ELG	1/10/2023

- *5.05 Acceptance of Administrative Resignation/Retirement: Dr. Barbara Wright, Principal, Cottonwood Elementary School, effective June 30, 2023.
- *5.06 The student activities report for December, 2022, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *5.07 The financial report for December, 2022 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *5.08 The vehicle inventory report for December, 2022 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *5.09 The vehicle maintenance report for December, 2022 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *5.10 The weekly enrollment summaries for December 7 and December 14, 2022 had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.
- *5.11 The vouchers presented at the meeting were approved by the Governing Board.
- *5.12 The following donations were accepted:

Cholla Elementary

Iridium Communications of Chandler donated 50 office chairs.

McCartney Ranch Elementary

Ms. Lois Akahoshi, Ms. Laurie MacLaren, and Ms. Gina Theriault each donated \$100 to pay overdue balances on lunch accounts.

Mesquite Elementary

Fiesta Grande RV Resort gave gifts (toys, shoes, socks) to 64 students identified by teachers and also multiple boxes of food and household goods to 9 families for Christmas. Their estimated donation amount if \$9,700.

- 5.13 Adoption of the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Calendars – Mrs. Martinez asked what the feeder districts are to Casa Grande Union High School District which was mentioned in the narrative. Dr. Leckie answered that those were Stanfield, Toltec and Sacaton. Mrs. Martinez also had a question about the shift in the calendar of parent/teacher conference from the end of the quarter to the middle of the quarter. Dr. Leckie explained this would give teachers the opportunity to work with parents if

there are issues and give information to parents prior to the end of the grading period. Mrs. Martinez then asked if there will be a change to the grading system to which Dr. Leckie stated there will be no changes to the grading policy. We are looking at a possible revision to the report card. Lastly, Mrs. Martinez asked how this information will be communicated to the community ahead of time. Dr. Leckie stated we will be relying on the schools which is our best way of communication and the district will also be using district social media platforms.

Mr. Cruz mentioned that there are 154 instructional days on the calendar, however, in policy it states 180 instructional days. Possibly this is a policy clean-up issue. Dr. Leckie will get back to the Board about the discrepancy and any policy revision will be brought to the Board. Mr. Cruz reflected that from his time in the classroom it was a lot to handle to give each family time to discuss their child’s progress and learning experience. What are teachers thoughts if we go to a more comprehensive process to educate families on how we give grades? Dr. Leckie stated it is always an ongoing process in improving the parent, teacher and student relationships and ensuring our parents are well informed. One of the goals for upcoming years is to improve parent engagement.

Mr. Cruz moved to:

"Adopt the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school calendars as proposed."

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

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

*5.14 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Surplus Auction was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the use of Sierra Auctions for the public auction of the current items designated as surplus.

*5.15 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Villago Middle School Weatherization was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the award of IFB #209-1123 for the weatherization of Villago Middle School do Doege Development LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$309,043, which includes their proposed base bid, add alternates, and all other applicable costs (taxes and bonding). Any award will be contingent on receiving SFB funding for its portion of the project.

*5.16 First Reading, Policy Advisory 716, 722, 737-738, Exhibit JLCB-E – As this is a first reading, no action is required.

6.01 Mrs. Jan Draper presented information on the elementary and middle school core math programs that will be placed on public display in the District office and on the District website for a period of 60 days. The materials going on public review are: Amplify Desmos 6-8 and Houghton Mifflin Into Math K-5. Mrs. Draper's presentation explained the process used thus far and the next steps toward possible approval.

Mrs. Varela asked if the program will be available online for all to review and contact information on who to contact. Mrs. Draper stated a live link will be posted to the website tomorrow (1/11/2023).

Mr. Cruz thanked the committee for their process and asked how does the material up for review align with the current instructional model. Mrs. Draper stated both programs have been scrutinized and meet Arizona state standards. When the programs are presented for approval, the committee will provide samples.

7.01 A proposal for Center for Online and Innovative Learning was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Scott Raymond presented the proposal and information to the Board.

The Center for Online and Innovative Learning (COIL) will be operating on the campus previously home to Evergreen Elementary.

Students will engage in personalized, project-based learning environments focusing on STEM practices and 21st Century skill development.

Year 1, COIL will serve students in grades 4-6. Year 2, enrollment will expand one grade in each direction. Year 3, enrollment will be open to all grade levels. The phased approach to opening COIL will provide an opportunity to develop school-wide systems and instructional frameworks necessary to successfully expand in subsequent years.

Families will begin the enrollment process by completing an Interest Form to be widely-distributed following the approval of this program. Admission into COIL will follow established CGESD Open Enrollment Policy. Applicants will be accepted if there is sufficient capacity within a grade-level band and offered educational program. Once capacity is reached, students will be placed on a waiting list time-stamped with the receipt of their Open Enrollment application.

Mr. Stabley asked how project based learning works for K-2 students? Mr. Raymond stated they will use conceptual learning in small groups with time in the day for project based learning. Mrs. Draper added that they will also be learning through play. Mr. Stabley also thanked the District for maintaining the Evergreen facility and having it ready to receive students.

Mrs. Varela asked how students will be selected. Mrs. Bradshaw stated 100% of students will be open enrollment. COIL enrollment will be delayed about a month. Interest forms will be sent out and students will then be grouped.

Mr. Cruz stated this is the future for our community. College degrees are being dropped as a requirement for many occupations. Mr. Cruz asked if the district has the capital to support the program if override monies are lost. Dr. Leckie has spoken with the district's CFO about funding and the district is in a healthy position.

Mr. Varela moved:

"To approve the creation of a new school named Center for Online and Innovative Learning, or COIL, to open for the 2023-2024 school year."

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

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

7.01 The next regular meeting, will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

8.01 Superintendent's Report

- Congratulations and welcome to the new and returning Board members.
- Thank you to staff for a successful return after winter break.
- Thank you to the Board for approving COIL; innovation takes risks and this one is believed to be worth it.

9.01 Mr. Stabley adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 2/14/2023

President