

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 9, 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:

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
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

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

1.04 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	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Michael Cruz	X	

1.05 Mrs. Sisson nominated Mr. Jerry Stabley 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	
Michael Cruz	X	

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mrs. Sisson moved that the agenda be accepted and adopted.

Mr. Cruz 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

There were no Board Member updates.

4.01 Superintendent’s Report

- Welcome everyone back to school and the second semester.
- The Board had the opportunity to meet with the District’s consultant on continuous improvement.
- Goal is to have every student want to come to school and every employee want to work here.
- Thank you to Cactus for their artwork in the Board Room.
- Athletics are ongoing, families are encouraged to attend games.
- COIL will be expanding next year to K-7.

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

Nutrition Services

Employee – Rosa Devis Solano

Casa Grande Middle School

Employees – Alysia Delcid, Natasha Vazquez Hernandez

Students – Ryan Miller, Makye Hampton, Hailianna “Flint” Rodgers

Palo Verde Elementary School

Employees – Sue Strobel, Nicole Viceri

Students – Samiyah Wilson, Isabella Lopez, Hezekiah Noel

Cholla Elementary School

Employees – Elizabeth Kelly, Lorie Bartsch

Students – Kristian Cerna, Sammia Graves, Jennifer Laureano

COIL

Employees – Jenny Duenas, Kristen Miller

Students – Rowan Clarke, Morgan Vandenberg, Brianna Wyllie

6.01 Call to the Public

Mr. Bruce Schutt spoke about agenda alignment.

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

Mr. Cruz 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	
Mike Cruz	X	

*7.02 The minutes of the December 12, 2023 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
Young, Alfred	Cactus	Teacher - 8th Social Studies	1/2/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Kavanaugh, Malysa	Villago	School Psychologist 6/5's contract	12/4/23
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Irvin, Angela	Cactus	Teacher - 6th Language Arts	5/23/2024
Ukat, Kendra	Cholla	Teacher - 3rd Grade	3/20/2024

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

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Aldecoa, Waldo	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	1/3/2024
Avila, Christina	Desert Willow	Health Office Technician - Student Specific	1/4/2024
Brown, Eugene	Transportation	Van Driver	1/17/2024
Espejo, Sofia	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/3/2024
Garcia Aguilar, Susana	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/3/2024
Hartsell, Jennifer	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	1/3/2024
Hemphill, Derrick	Cactus	Education Assistant - Academic Intervention	1/3/2024
Hoveland Ebert, Lauren	Villago	Education Assistant - Special Education	1/10/2024
Kirlin, Brittany	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	1/3/2024
Tapia, Marisela	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	1/3/2024
Valenzuela, Claudia	Transportation	Van Driver	12/13/2023
Vasquez, Laura	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant Floater	1/3/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			

NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Henry, Candice	Saguaro	Education Assistant - Student Support ESSER	12/11/2023
Legarda Cisneros, Jennifer	Desert Willow	Noon Assistant	1/8/2024
Magsam, Linda	Transportation	Bus Driver/Van Driver Non CDL	12/11/2023
Maldonado, Sydnie	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/21/2023

RESIGNATION

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Cerda, Sheila	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	12/5/2023
Kempton, Brian	DLS	Site Technology Liaison	1/2/2024
Shepherd, Lisbeth	Transportation	Bus Driver	12/14/2023
Tovar, Jesus	Facility Services	Custodian	12/30/2023
Viezcas, Julieta	Transportation	Van Driver	1/16/2024

- *7.05 The student activities report for December, 2023, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.06 The financial report for December, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.07 The vehicle inventory report for December, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for December, 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
Dignity Health/St. Joseph’s Hospital & Medical Center donated six Stop the Bleed personal kits valued at \$75 each, and eight wall mounted Stop the Bleed units valued at \$750 each.

Casa Grande Middle School
Ms. Nordman had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$642.
Mr. Wilson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$943.

Cholla
Mrs. Smith had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$603.

COIL

The COIL garden received grant monies from SeedMoney in the amount of \$1,000.

Cottonwood

Ms. Cortright had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$336.

Ms. Nicholson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$220.

McCartney Ranch

Mrs. Leija had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$294.

Mesquite

Ms. Escarcega had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$316.

Palo Verde

Ms. Haro-Costales had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$735.

Mrs. Humber had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$531.

Ms. West had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$217.

- *7.11 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Emergency Procurement – Tee Pee Contractors was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the pipe repairs to the Cactus Middle School fluid cooler system by Tee Pee Contractors, Inc., as an emergency procurement as proposed.

- 8.01 Mr. Wohlleber presented a School Safety Update. Rationale for having a comprehensive school safety plan, conducting training and routinely testing and exercising the plan was given. The district has developed partnerships with first responders and public safety, the high school district and local community agencies.

Information was provided on Safety and Security Initiatives that are completed, currently in progress and on-going. Discussion with Board members included the tip reporting system, community support committee, Raptor accessibility for teachers, and purchasing power for operational needs.

- 8.02 Mr. Scott Sowinski and Mr. Saravanan Bala with Orcutt Winslow presented an update on the Capital Master Planning process. The Orcutt Winslow team reviewed the process and what has been completed to date. The next phase is Prioritization & Planning before the completed facilities report is finalized and completed prior to the May Board meeting.

Information gathered from the Strategic Visioning sessions at each school campus was shared. Each campus has a set of data specific to their community, and the team has also looked at the items that are overarching throughout the district.

Discussion with Board members included variety and flexibility of learning space, surveillance and safety as part of the plan, and connections to utility upgrades.

9.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

10.01 Vote to Conduct Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(8): to review the District Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Mr. Cruz made a motion that the Board move to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. for discussion of the Emergency Operations Plan.

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 7:30 p.m.

10.02 Vote to Conduct Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employee Policy GBK Grievance matter (Grievance #24-001)

10.03 Vote to Conduct Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3): for discussion or consultation for legal advice – The Board did not request legal advice.

At the close of the executive session, the open meeting was reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

11.01 Action upon employee Policy GBK Grievance matter #24-2001

Mr. Stabley made a motion to affirm the Superintendent’s Level II Decision in the matter of Grievance #24-001.

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	

Mr. Cruz requested there be a review of Policy GBK.

12.01 Mrs. Varela adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 2/13/2024

President