

# 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, March 21, 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  
Nicole Wheatcroft, CFO  
Jennifer McClintic, Director  
Stacy Howell, Director  
Robert Quiñones, Director  
Jan Draper, Director  
Tim Mace, Director  
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Also Present:  
See Exhibit 1

Casa Grande Dispatch:  
Jodie Newell

Barbara Wright, Principal  
Robin Rosales, Principal

Melissa Pieper, Principal  
Stephanie Sander, Interim Principal

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

## 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:

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

**3. Awards, Recognitions, Celebrations**

3.01 Dr. Leckie recognized Dominique Martinez, Jace Mitchell and Lynisee Armstrong as Rotary students of the month.

3.02 Dr. Leckie recognized Making Your Mark! recipients Chris Pritchett, Lindsey Wittenburg, Oben Eyong, Carlos Sosa, Ainsley Morgan and Zulma Mendoza.

Dr. Leckie also recognized Jeff Lavender as he accepted the position as the interim superintendent at Casa Grande Union High School District. Mr. Quinones read some remarks highlighting Mr. Lavender’s career in the district and how he has influenced the lives of many students, parents and colleagues.

**4.01 Call to the Public**

There were no requests to speak.

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

Mr. Cruz asked to remove item 5.05 from consent.

Mr. Cruz moved that:

"The agenda items marked with an asterisk, with the exception of item 5.05, be approved and/or ratified."

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

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

\*5.02 The minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting and February 28, 2023 Special Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

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

Ratification to Renew Contracts for Certified Directors, Assistant Directors, and Principals, FY 2023-24: Lisa Dempsey, Director of ECLC; Lisa Bradshaw, Director of Digital Learning & Strategy; Jan Draper, Director of Teaching & Learning; Stacy Gray, Assistant Director of Teaching & Learning; Cassandra Goldberg, Assistant Director of Learning Support; Jennifer McClintic, Director of Learning Support; Robert Quinones, Director of Leadership & Engagement; Rebecca Romo, Principal; Samantha Sarnowski, Principal; Melissa Davey, Principal; Scott Raymond, Principal; Robin Rosales, Principal; Jessica Quinones, Principal; Carol Wrightson, Principal; Celie Downey-Foye, Principal; Marcy McCue, Principal.

Ratification to Renew Certified Assistant Principal Contracts, FY 2023-24: Peter Quinn, Assistant Principal; Taryn Tijerina, Assistant Principal; Stephanie Sander, Assistant Principal; Donnie Nusbaum, Assistant Principal; Matthew Flora, Assistant Principal; Aundre Bell, Assistant Principal.

Notification of Intent to Retire Effective at Conclusion of Contract Year 2022-23; 2023-24/Request for Benefits

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
<b>RECLASSIFICATION</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NEW POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Diaz, Monica	Villago		3/6/2023
Robbins, Randy	Villago	Assistant Principal	3/6/2023
Sanders, Stephanie	Villago		3/6/2023
<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Baeza, Danielle	Desert Willow	Teacher - 2nd Grade	5/25/2023
Carr, Joanne	Desert Willow	Teacher - 5th Grade Wings	1/24/2023
Clark, Bradlee	Palo Verde	Teacher - 4th Grade	5/25/2023
Dukes, Annika	Ironwood	Teacher - PE	5/25/2023
Fairbanks, Sandra	McCartney Ranch	Counselor	6/1/2023
Gilder, Elmo	Villago	Teacher - PE	5/25/2023

Hanrion, Michael	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - 4th Grade	5/25/2023
Hernandez, Angela	Palo Verde	Teacher - 4th Grade	5/25/2023
Joiner, Jessica	Saguaro	Teacher - 5th Grade	5/25/2023
Lafferty, Katherine	Villago	Teacher - 8th Grade ELA	5/25/2023
Lavender, Jeff	Villago	Principal	3/19/2023
Love, Jonathan	Cactus	Teacher - 8th Grade Social Studies	5/25/2023
Romero, Fernando	Villago	Teacher - Computer	5/25/2023
Shofner, Pam	Desert Willow	Teacher - PE	5/25/2023
Villaverde, Rhonda	CGOLA	Teacher - 1st Grade	5/25/2023
Woolsey, Sarah	Villago	Teacher - 8th Grade SpEd Resource	5/25/2023

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>			
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<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	McCartney Ranch	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Palo Verde	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Cholla	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Desert Willow	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Ironwood	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Mesquite	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Saguaro	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023
Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	Cottonwood	Elementary Assistant Principal/Dean	7/1/2023

<b>ELIMINATED POSITIONS</b>			
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<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Teacher TOA	McCartney Ranch	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Teacher TOA	Palo Verde	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Teacher TOA	Cholla	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023

Teacher TOA	Desert Willow	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Teacher TOA	Ironwood	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Teacher TOA	Mesquite	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Teacher TOA	Saguaro	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Teacher TOA	Cottonwood	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023

**\*5.04 Classified Personnel**

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

Notification of Intent to Retire Effective at Conclusion of Contract Year 2022-23; 2023-24/Request for Benefits

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Cerda, Sheila	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	2/15/2023
Estrada, Leslie	Evergreen	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	2/22/2023
Melchor, Nadia	Business Services	Accounting Specialist	3/8/2023
Preston, Addison	Desert Willow	Guest Teacher	3/20/2023
Sawadogo, Wendlamita	Evergreen	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	3/20/2023
Vazquez Meyer, Liliana	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	3/1/2023
Wickersheim, Sabrina	Cholla	Day Assistant	2/22/2023
<b>RECLASSIFICATION</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NEW POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Archuleta-Jones, Clarissa	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Barajas, Ernesto	Transportation	Vehicle Mechanic	2/13/2023
Brehmer, Angela	Desert Willow	Noon Assistant	2/21/2023
Contreras, Inez	Nutrition Services	Nutrition Services Operations Manager	2/15/2023
Day Assistant	Cholla	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Day Assistant	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Day Assistant	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Day Assistant	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022

Day Assistant	Cottonwood	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Day Assistant	Mesquite	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Day Assistant	Saguaro	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Detour, Laura	ECLC	Education Specialist - Early Childhood	2/27/2023
DeWolf, Dominic	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	2/27/2023
Dodge, Jeanne	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Fox, Julie	ECLC	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	2/27/2023
Garrison, Lynnette	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Hopkins, Sara	Cottonwood	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Lankford, Tiffany	Cottonwood	Guest Teacher	3/20/2023
Viray, Angelica	Mesquite	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	8/11/2022
Walker, Reyna	Saguaro	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/25/2022
Wickersheim, Sabrina	Cholla	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	2/22/2023
<b>LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Cortes, Beatriz	Facilities	Custodian	3/14/2023
<b>RESIGNATION</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Alderete, David	CGMS	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/25/2023
Bautista, Adrienne	Mesquite	Noon Assistant	5/25/2023
Blaine, April	Transportation	Bus Driver Sub	3/13/2023
Chase, Corde	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - Special Education	2/21/2023
Clegg, Kristy	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/25/2023
Cline, Karen	Cactus	Registrar	6/6/2023
Delcid, Gabriella	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Kinder Plus	5/25/2023
DeWolf, Dominic	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	3/16/2023
Duckworth, Jennifer	Mesquite	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	2/23/2023
Esparza, Stacy	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Kinder Plus	5/25/2023
Flores, Kristi	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/25/2023
Homewytewa-Antone, Amelia	Cottonwood	Digital Literacy Assistant	2/14/2023
Jett, Debbie	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Student Support	3/20/2023

Kennady, Kelcy	Palo Verde	Health Technician	5/25/2023
Leon, Francisco	Ironwood	Day Assistant	2/8/2023
Macias, Andrew	Villago	Education Assistant - Academic Intervention	3/9/2023
Madrid, Edelmira	Cactus	Custodian	6/30/2023
Mendez, Robert	Villago	Day Assistant	5/25/2023
Muniz, Melissa	Desert Willow	Administrative Assistant	3/20/2023
O'Dell, Jackie	Saguaro	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/25/2023
Packard, Chase	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Crossing Guard	5/25/2023
Quijada, Susan	Business Services	Accounting Technician	3/16/2023
Ranch, Laurence	Transportation	Bus Driver	5/25/2023
Robbins, Randy	McCartney Ranch	Guest Teacher	5/25/2023
Rodriguez, Tracy	CGMS	Education Assistant - Alternative Placement	5/25/2023
Russell, Salena	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Kinder Plus	5/25/2023
Shelstad, Christina	Cottonwood	Guest Teacher	3/2/2023
Willis, Katelyn	Cottonwood	Education Specialist - Kinder Plus	5/25/2023
<b>RETIREMENT NOTICE</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Taylor, Nordella	Learning Support	Compliance/Medicaid Specialist	6/30/2024
Weber, Emma	McCartney Ranch	Cafeteria Cook	6/30/2024
<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Education Assistant - Day Assistant	COIL	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	7/1/2023

5.05 Acceptance of Administrative Resignation: Jeff Lavender, Principal, Villago Middle School, effective March 16, 2023.

Mr. Cruz asked to verify that Mr. Lavender was assessed liquidated damages. In the executive section of Item 5.03 on the Board agenda it is reflected that Mr. Lavender will be required to pay liquidated damages.

Mrs. Varela moved that:

"Mr. Jeff Lavender's resignation, effective March 16, 2023, be accepted."

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

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

- \*5.06 The student activities report for February, 2023, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- \*5.07 The financial report for February, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- \*5.08 The vehicle inventory report for February, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- \*5.09 The vehicle maintenance report for February, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- \*5.10 The weekly enrollment summaries for February 1, February 8, February 15 and February 22, 2023 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:

District

Ochs, Inc. donated a \$50 gift card and swag to be given away at the upcoming Talent Acquisition & Employee Services job fair.

Cottonwood

Ms. Cortright had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$331.

Ironwood

Ms. Gaetani had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$871.

Mesquite

- Lee and Bobbi Seabolt donated two electric globes valued at \$155.
- Delta Kappa Gamma donated tennis shoes, family tickets to the science center, and peanut butter and jelly for the weekend backpack program. Value \$200.
- Palm Creek residents donated \$400 from their Canada Day Celebration and fundraiser.

- \*5.13 Second Reading, Policy IC and Exhibit JEA\_E, Policy GCCG, and Policy GDL – The Governing Board approved Policy IC, Policy GCCG and Policy GDL, as proposed.
- \*5.14 Approval of Student Activities Clubs’ Fundraising Events – The Governing Board approved the Student Activities fundraising events as presented.
- \*5.15 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Villago Middle School Site Improvements was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the award of IFB #210-1121 for the Villago Middle School site improvements to Doege Development, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$1,216,903.00, which includes all applicable costs for the project, as proposed..
- \*5.16 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award RFP for Leased Wide Area Network was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the award of RFP #101-1523 for a leased wide area network to Cox Communications, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$562,300 plus applicable taxes as proposed.
- \*5.17 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Extension of RFP for Standards Based Assessment System was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the extension of RFP #191-2021 for a standards-based assessment system to Curriculum Associates, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$292,953.88 as proposed.
- \*5.18 A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CGESD and Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. Early Childhood Development Program was included in the Board’s information. Board members approved the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. Early Childhood Development Program, as presented.
- \*5.19 Winter Holiday for 12-Month Employees – The Governing Board designated Monday, December 25 as the Christmas holiday; Tuesday, December 26 as the floating vacation day; and Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28, as Board-approved vacation days for 12-month employees.
- \*5.20 A memorandum regarding Approval of APS Solar Communities Program Agreement at McCartney Ranch was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board approved the APS Solar Communities agreement as written.
- 6.01 Mrs. Jan Draper presented on the programs up for adoption for K-5 and 6-8 math. The current math programs were adopted in 2008 (K-5) and 2017 (6-8). HMH Into Math was proposed for K-5 and Desmos was proposed for 6-8. Both programs will have a 5-year print and digital license with professional development for years 1-3 of implementation.

Mrs. Draper addressed questions from Board members Martinez, Varela and Cruz.

Mr. Cruz moved that:

"The adoption of HMH Into Math and Amplify's DESMOS as the District's math curriculum starting in the 2023-2024 school year be approved."

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

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

6.02 Ms. Wheatcroft presented information regarding the Financial and Compliance Audit for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022. School district governing boards must publicly accept all audits and compliance questionnaires by roll call vote. A copy of the audit report and USFR compliance questionnaire was provided to Governing Board members. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies found in the audit.

Mrs. Varela moved that:

"The Financial Audit and Compliance Questionnaire CWDL, P.C., for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 be approved as presented."

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

<b>Board member</b>	<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Against</b>
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, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

8.01 Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Leckie thanked the Board for approving the adoption of the math curriculum.
- Today is World's Down Syndrome Day.
- Superintendent Advisory committees (parents and students) have kicked off their first meetings.

- The art work in the Board Room is from the ECLC.
- New school leader recommendations are being finalized and will be celebrated at our next meeting.
- Dr. Leckie expressed gratitude for the board's support and trust in himself and our teams to do the work we are hired to do as a CGESD Family.

9.01 Mr. Stabley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 4/11/2023

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President