

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, May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cafeteria, Cactus Middle School, 1220 East 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
Jan Draper, Director
Tim Mace, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Also Present:
See Exhibit 1

Lisa Dempsey, Director of ECL Jessica Quinones, Principal
Julie Neuhaus, Principal

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

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mrs. Varela moved 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
Mike Cruz	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Blanca Varela	X	

3. Awards, Recognitions, Celebrations

3.01 Dr. Leckie recognized Skylar Archambault, Daniel Brown and Amrie Rodriguez as Rotary students of the month.

3.02 Dr. Leckie recognized Making Your Mark! recipients Randy Van Der Pol, Sylvia Montes de Oca, Veronica Miele, Natalie Studebaker, Amanda Johnson, Terry Piper, Elodia Mena, Lisa Gipson, Marissa Montijo, Rebecca Romo, Peter Quinn, and Azure Sullivan.

3.03 Employees meeting the milestone of Years of Service for 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years were recognized.

3.04 Mr. Gilberto Mendez was recognized for his Years of Service as a Governing Board member.

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 5.22 from consent.

Mr. Cruz moved that:

"The agenda items marked with an asterisk, with the exception of item 5.22, be approved and/or ratified."

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	

*5.02 The minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

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

Authorization for Professional Staff Vacation Buy Back / Donation to General Leave Bank

Employment & Referral Incentives for CGESD Employees – The continuation of the referral and incentive program with recommended edits, was approved.

Employment & Referral Incentives for Part-Time (Non-Benefits Eligible) CGESD Employees

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Baraja, Maria	Cholla	Teacher - Special Education Extended Resource	7/10/2023
Bell, Nelson	Saguaro	Teacher - PE	7/10/2023
Belt, Mattie	Cholla	Assistant Principal	7/1/2023
Bojorquez, Mayra	Saguaro	Teacher - 1st	7/10/2023
Burnett, Philil	Cholla	Teacher - 4th	7/10/2023
Cox, Tracey	Learning Support	School Psychologist	7/12/2023
Crouch, Dena	Villago	Teacher - Special Education Resource - 8th	7/10/2023
Curtiss, Amy	Cottonwood	School Psychologist	7/12/2023
Curtiss, Michael	COIL	Teacher - 4-6	7/10/2023
Dawson, Stephanie	T&L	School Implementation Specialist	7/1/2023
Finucane, Romina	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - 2nd	7/10/2023
Gorman, Michael	Ironwood	Teacher - PE	7/10/2023
Inocian, Ethel	Villago	Teacher - Special Education Extended Resource	7/10/2023
Johnson, Eric	McCartney Ranch	School Counselor	7/12/2023
LeMaire, Christopher	Palo Verde	Teacher - 5th	7/10/2023
Montemayor, Alainah	Villago	Teacher - Science - 8th	7/10/2023
Moore, Angel	Ironwood	Teacher - Special Education Extended Resource	7/10/2023
Pleus, Jonathan	Desert Willow	Teacher - PE	7/10/2023
Rackley, Nicole	Villago	Teacher - Science - 8th	7/10/2023
Sewell, Paige	Mesquite	Teacher - 5th	7/10/2023
Shultz, Jacee	Villago	Teacher - Language Arts - 6th	5/10/2023

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Silver, Judith	CGMS	Teacher - Social Studies - 8th	7/10/2023
Tamayo, Anglie	CGMS	Teacher - Math - 8th	7/10/2023
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Curry, Mandy	Saguaro	Principal	6/9/2023
Moore, Catherine	COIL	Band Teacher	7/10/2023
Owen, David	Cottonwood	Principal	6/9/2023
Sander, Stephanie	Villago	Principal	6/9/2023
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Bell, Nelson	Saguaro	Teacher - PE	7/10/2023
Borondia Jr., Romeo	CGMS	Teacher - 7/8 Science	5/25/2023
Daniels, Teena	Villago	Teacher - 7th grade math	5/25/2023
Gonzales Beechum, Gabriel	Villago	Teacher - PE	5/25/2023
Machado, Leonor	Palo Verde	Teacher - 5th grade	5/25/2023
Romero, Fernando	Villago	Teacher - Computer Science	5/25/2023
Ullrich, Diana	Saguaro	Teacher - 4th grade	5/25/2023
NEW POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Certified Teacher	Saguaro	Second Grade	7/1/2023
Instructional Coach	Villago	Instructional Coach	7/1/2023
Early Childhood Coordinator	ECLC	Early Childhood Coordinator	7/1/2023
ELIMINATED POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Avery, Amanda	McCartney Ranch	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023
Cheavers, Gabriel	Palo Verde	Teacher TOA	6/8/2023

*5.04 Classified Personnel

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

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Employment & Referral Incentives for CGESD Employees

Employment & Referral Incentives for Part-Time (Non-Benefits Eligible) CGESD Employees

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Downey, Cheryl	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant - Floater	4/12/2023
Fregoso, Jose	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Student Support	4/26/2023
Govea, Vanessa	Nutrition Services	Administrative Assistant	4/12/2023
Hale, Veronica	Transportation	Van Driver	5/4/2023
Hernandez, Elva	Saguaro	Administrative Assistant	5/3/2023
Jayne, Jessica	Ironwood	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	4/19/2023
Lippman, Erica	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	4/26/2023
Sanchez Acosta, Nelly	Facilities	Custodian	4/26/2023
Soto, Joanna	Nutrition Services	Cafe Manager, Central Kitchen	4/19/2023
Viezcas, Julieta	Transportation	Van Driver	5/4/2023
Watts, Judah	Desert Willow	Noon Assistant	5/3/2023
Wright, Cami	Cactus	Registration & Data Specialist	5/3/2023
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
2 part time Education Assistant - Title I	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - MOWR (1 FTE)	7/1/2023
Cabrera, Rachel	Transportation	Bus Driver	4/18/2023
Clegg, Jenna	Palo Verde	Education Assistant - MOWR	10/26/2022
Decker, Destiny	ECLC	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education MSI	4/19/2023
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Guevara, Roberto	Facilities	Certified Applicator, Pesticide License	3/8/2023
Hemingsen, Matthew	Transportation	Bus Driver/Van Driver non CDL	4/24/2023
Hernandez, Cynthia	Transportation	Sub Bus Driver	5/8/2023
Hernandez, Yasmin	Transportation	Special Needs Coordinator	4/12/2023
Johnson, Nathan	Business Services	SAIS Coordinator	4/12/2023
Macias, Desiree	Cactus	Attendance Assistant	4/17/2023
Pelaez, Alicia	District Office	Payroll Specialist	5/3/2023
Ramirez Rosillo, Adolfin	Cottonwood	Education Assistant - Academic Interventionist	5/1/2023
Woodrum, Jennifer	Transportation	Bus Driver/Van Driver non CDL	4/24/2023
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Alcon, Carmel	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	4/6/2023
Alderete, Jaime	Nutrition Services	Nutrition Services Lead Supervisor	4/14/2023
Alvarez, Lesly	Mesquite	Education Assistant - Special Education	5/12/2023
Begay, Sharon	Evergreen	Early Education Assistant	4/24/2023
Brehmer, Angela	Desert Willow	Noon Assistant	4/19/2023
Castro, Berenis	Transportation	Van Driver	3/30/2023
Ibarra, Natasha	Saguaro	Guest Teacher	5/25/2023
Mejia, Sarahi	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	5/25/2023
Morfin, Efren	Transportation	Mechanic	5/4/2023
Valles, Domingo	Transportation	Bus Driver	4/10/2023
NEW POSITIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Education Assistant - Grade Level Support	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Grade Level Support	7/1/2023
Cafe Assistant (Floater)	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant (Floater)	5/10/2023
Cafe Site Manager	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Manager	7/1/2023
Cafe Site Assistant Manager	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	7/1/2023

*5.05 The student activities report for April, 2023, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

- *5.06 The financial report for April, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *5.07 The vehicle inventory report for April, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *5.08 The vehicle maintenance report for April, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *5.09 The weekly enrollment summaries for April 5, April 12, April 19 and April 26 2023 had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.
- *5.10 The vouchers presented at the meeting were approved by the Governing Board.
- *5.11 The following donations were accepted:

District

APS donated 1900 individually wrapped snacks, peanut butter and jelly to the weekend backpack program.

Cactus

Mrs. Sugaski was a recipient of the 2023 Barbara Park Memorial Grant and received \$500 for the library.

CGMS

Ms. Vazquez was a recipient of the 2023 Barbara Park Memorial Grant and received \$500 for the library.

Desert Willow

Ms. Rael was a recipient of the 2023 Barbara Park Memorial Grant and received \$500 for the library.

McCartney Ranch

Ms. Miller was a recipient of the 2023 Barbara Park Memorial Grant and received \$500 for the library.

Mrs. Stone had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$434.

Mesquite

Ms. Escarcega had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$366.

Palo Verde

Mr. Bailey was a recipient of the 2023 Barbara Park Memorial Grant and received \$500 for the library.

Ms. Isles had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$516.

Mrs. Miraldi had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$169.

Ms. Aldana had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$643.
Ms. Haro had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$740.

Villago

Mrs. DeWolf had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$444.
Ms. Tanaka had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$405.

- *5.12 Second Reading, Policy Advisory 740-743 – The Governing Board approved Policy Advisory 740-743 as proposed.
- *5.13 Second Reading, Revision of Policy GCCA and GDD – The Governing Board approved Policy GCCA and GDD as proposed.
- *5.14 First Reading, Revision of Policy GCD; New Regulation GBEF-R – This was a first reading, no action required. Regulations do not require Board approval, this was for information only.
- *5.15 Authorization to Offer Elective Courses at Middle Schools – The Governing Board approved the following elective classes at Cactus Middle School: Literature Circles and Food Science.
- *5.16 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Recycling of Math Surplus Textbooks was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the recycling of the math surplus textbooks through ASDD Document Destruction as proposed.
- *5.17 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization to Use Cooperative Contracts for Special Education Services was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the use of cooperative contracts to fill special education vacancies for the 2023-24 school year as proposed.
- *5.18 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for COIL Outdoor Learning Space was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized using Mohave Educational Services Cooperatives awarded to Shade 'N Net of Arizona and McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. for an outdoor learning space at COIL as recommended.
- *5.19 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding For Lotus Behavior Health Services – The Governing Board approved the memorandum of understanding between Lotus Behavioral health Services and CGESD to provide outpatient mental health services to students and families.
- *5.20 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization of Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Administration as proposed.

*5.21 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Cactus Middle School Water Source Heat Pump Replacements was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized using Pueblo Mechanical and Controls for the replacement of water source heat pumps at Cactus Middle School as recommended.

5.22 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Provision of Services by the Pinal County Recorder and Elections Department – The Intergovernmental Agreement with Pinal County authorizes the Pinal County Elections Department and Pinal County Recorder’s Office to provide election and voter registration services for the District’s election in November 2023.

Mr. Cruz emphasized the need for educators and staff to communicate the need for this override to the community.

Mr. Cruz moved that:

"The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement be approved, as presented."

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	

6.01 Preschool Literacy Programs for 60-day Public Review – Ms. Lisa Dempsey, Director of Early Childhood Learning, presented information on the TELL Curriculum (Teaching Early Literacy and Language). CGESD Preschools have been partnering with Arizona State University in a research project related to curriculum development and implementation. Great improvement has been seen in language development and literacy skills with the program.

Materials for the preschool literacy program will be placed on display in the District office for a period of at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which the Board will consider their adoption. Ms. Dempsey answered Board member questions.

6.02 Public Hearing for Proposed Revision of the 2022-2023 Budget

Ms. Wheatcroft presented the Proposed 2022-23 Revised Budget.

President Stabley opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m. There were no comments from the public. President Stabley closed the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

7.01 Authorization to Revise the 2022-2023 Budget

Mrs. Sisson moved that:

"The revision of the 2022-2023 budget be approved."

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	

7.02 Consideration of Proposed Priorities to the ASBA Legislative Committee

The following items are proposed:

- Adequately and Equitably Fund District Schools to at least the National Median per Pupil Funding
- Preserve and Strengthen Local Control
- Improve Outcomes for All Students
- Require Public Accountability for Taxpayer Dollars Spent on Education
- Support Additional Funding for School Safety and Security

Additionally, our Board may propose two additional items. The items recommended are as follows:

- Fully fund full-day kindergarten and include kindergarten students in the override calculations
- Revise analysis of school district square footage of SFOB calculations to more accurately reflect actual district facility capacity

Mr. Cruz brought up concerns about the fourth item in the proposed priorities. Mrs. Martinez concurred.

Mr. Cruz moved:

"To approve the item communicating the following priorities as presented with removal of tab Require Public Accountability for Taxpayer Dollars Spent on Education item bullet 2 Repeal any program that gives public funds for private schools, vouchers (Empowerment Scholarship Accounts) and private school subsidies (School Tuition Organizations) and prevent any future expansion."

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	

8.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

9.01 Superintendent's Report

- It has been so special to recognize so many staff and students in the last weeks.
- Teachers are committed to teach every day up to the last day.
- CGESD was one of three districts offered to participate in Project Momentum which will help the district focus on school improvement work.
- Sports championships are going on this week.
- Dr. Leckie is excited about his 1st year and is looking forward to the work ahead.

10.01 Mr. Stabley adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 6/13/2023

President