

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, November 9, 2021, 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. Mendez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call:

Present:

Jerry Stabley
Adelphia Sisson
Gilberto Mendez, President
Thomas Ramsdell
Blanca Varela

JoEtta Gonzales, Ed.D., Superintendent
Aaron Whittle, Financial Officer
Andrea Baker, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Jan Draper, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Tina Walker, Communications & Marketing
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Also Present:
See Exhibit 1

Julie Holdsworth, Principal
Samantha Sarnowski, Principal

Lisa Dempsey, ECLC Director
Barbara Wright, Principal

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

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mr. Stabley 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
Tom Ramsdell	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	

Jerry Stabley	X	
Blanca Varela	X	

3. Awards, Recognitions, Celebrations

3.01 Dr. Gonzales recognized Kyle Strumfa and Brayden Moore, 8th grade Cactus students, as students of the month for September. Trevin Castro, Savana Zarate, and Emily Miranda were recognized as students of the month for October.

3.02 September and October Sunrise Optimist Club Students of the Month were recognized from Cholla and Cottonwood Elementary Schools by Mr. Norm Sam.

3.03 Dr. Gonzales recognized Ms. Carina Chavez, Ms. Monica Diaz, Ms. Tara Dickey, Mr. Wade Draper, Mrs. Heather Gonzalez, Mr. Andrew Hays, Ms. Rachel Honeybone, Ms. Liliana Lara, Mr. Dave Lawrence, Ms. Jessica Meagher, Ms. Karen Negrete, Ms. Suzan Nelson, Ms. Jackie O'Dell, Mrs. Tammy Orr, Mr. Evan Quintus, Ms. Serina Wilkins, Mrs. Judy Wohlleber, and Ms. Starr Zaragoza as monthly recipients of the Marigold Award.

4.01 Call to the Public

- Mr. Steve Hayes spoke and reiterated his concern about the Board giving Dr. Gonzales decision making authority when it comes to COVID-19 mitigation and voiced disapproval for the adoption of supplemental materials.
- Ms. Lorenza Martinez spoke in opposition to curriculum materials being adopted.
- Mr. Michael Cruz spoke on the supplementary curriculum review.
- Mr. Roger Purmort spoke against the supplementary materials by Actively Learn.
- Mr. Robert Castro spoke against the supplementary materials by Actively Learn.
- Mr. Joshua Smith spoke against the supplementary materials, specifically Actively Learn.
- Mr. John Hardin spoke against the supplementary materials by Actively Learn.
- Mr. Jeff Otle spoke against supplementary materials.
- Mr. Jonathan Peterson spoke against Critical Race Theory.

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

Mrs. Sisson moved that:

"The agenda items marked with an asterisk be approved and/or ratified."

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

passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Tom Ramsdell	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Blanca Varela	X	

*5.02 The minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

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

Ratification of Certified Personnel Employment:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.
Asis, Ariel	6th Language Arts	CGMS
Delcid, Alysia	Student Support Interventionist	Desert Willow
Garchitorea, Lara Isabel	8th Math	Cactus
Mascarina, Eunice Jinnah	SpEd Resource	Cottonwood
Melchor, Stephanie	School Nurse	Cactus
Redcay, Ellen	5th Grade	Ironwood
Tangal, Shaira	7th Language Arts	CGMS

Ratification of Reclassification of Certified Personnel:

Employee	New Position	Campus/Dept.
Nagore, Sydnie	Teacher	Cactus

Ratification of Certified Personnel Retirement:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.	Retire Date
Hoffner, Jamie	Teacher	Saguaro	5/25/2023

*5.04 Classified Personnel

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

Additional One Hour Per Day for Day Assistant Position, Villago Middle School: The Governing Board approved the additional one hour per day for the Day Assistant position.

Ratification of Classified Personnel Employment:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.
Alarcon, Maria	Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation
Baker, Robert	Education Assistant-MOWR	Saguaro
Boam, Elisa	Education Specialist-Inclusive Education	Cactus
Conley, Hunter	SLPA	ECLC
Garcia Munoz, Victoria	Education Assistant-Title I	Palo Verde
Hernandez, Ashley	Transportation Assistant	Transportation

Legarda Cisneros, Jennifer	Noon Assistant	Mesquite
Love, Shelby	Education Assistant-MOWR	Cottonwood
Magallon, Eddie	Grounds & Landscape Specialist	Facilities
Marquina, Luz	Transportation Assistant	Transportation
Peace, Amari	Education Specialist-Inclusive Education	ECLC
Petersen, Serena	Office Specialist	Mesquite
Rodriguez, Tracy	Education Assistant-Alternative Placement	CGMS
Sebree-Carrier, Stephanie	Office Assistant	Palo Verde
Soto, Cynthia	Administrative Assistant	Cactus
Wilkerson, Anette	Cafe Assistant	Cactus

Ratification of Classified Personnel Resignations:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.	Effective
Cazares, Karla	Custodian	Palo Verde	11/27/2021
Dee Jr., Shawn	Custodian	Facilities	11/12/2021
Gemmell, Bruce	Mechanic	Transportation	4/30/2022
Love, Shelby	Education Assistant-MOWR	Cottonwood	10/26/2021
Preciado, Paulette	Community Liaison/Student Support Asst.	CGMS	10/22/2021
Saucedo, Francisca	Education Assistant-Special Education	Cholla	10/30/2021
Silva Ramirez, Gabriela	Transportation Assistant	Transportation	10/27/2021
Torres-Mazon, Carolyn	Van Driver	Transportation	10/8/2021
Winters, Daniel	Custodian	Facilities	11/18/2021

Ratification of Reclassification of Classified Personnel:

Employee	New Position	Campus/Dept.
Acuna, Rebecca	Site Technology Liaison	Digital Learning & Strategy
Arias, Maria	Education Assistant-Title I	Mesquite
Bailey, Scott	Crossing Guard/Education Assistant	Palo Verde
Clark, Jennifer	Administrative Assistant	Saguaro
DeWolf, Jessie	Education Assistant-Crossing Guard	Desert Willow
Garcia, Gabriela	Office Specialist	CGMS
Gonzales, Jennifer	Early Education Assistant	ECLC
Joye, Robert	Bus Driver Sub	Transportation
Martinez, Shantal	Cafe Cook	Nutrition Services
Raley, Michelle	Administrative Assistant	Facilities
Rodriguez, Manuel	Site Technology Liaison	Digital Learning & Strategy

- *5.05 The student activities report for October, 2021, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *5.06 The financial report for October, 2021 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *5.07 The vehicle inventory report for October, 2021 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *5.08 The vehicle maintenance report for October, 2021 had been provided in the Board's information.

- *5.09 The weekly enrollment summaries for October 20, October 27, and November 3, 2021 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 Approval of updates and changes to the Policy Manual for Casa Grande Elementary School District #4: The Governing Board nullified current and past policies of the Casa Grande Elementary School District No. 4.

The Governing board adopted the Policy Manual developed with consulting assistance from the Arizona School Board Association containing selected retained documents from the predecessor Manual and new and modified documents.

- *5.12 The following donations were accepted:

Casa Grande Middle School
Zonta donated PPE equipment.

Cholla Elementary School
Ms. Esmeralda Ramos had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$276.16. The project was titled "Building Needed Literacy skill with Scholastic News" and will purchase a Scholastic News subscription for her classroom.

Desert Willow Elementary
Ms. Heather Wilson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$322.54. The project was titled "Crafts for Monthly Holidays" and will purchase art supplies for her students to create monthly holiday crafts.

Mrs. Amber Cordova had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$1,191.46. The project was titled "Sharktastic Exploration!" and will purchase sharks, gloves, and surgical scissors for shark dissection.

Ironwood Elementary
APS employees donated their time, services, and items to help beautify the Ironwood campus. The donation is valued at approximately \$5,000.

Palo Verde Elementary
Ms. Julianna Sanudo had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$291.46. The project was titled "Fast-Charging Responsibility" and will give her students an easier, nicer way to charge their iPads.

Mrs. Cheryl Johnston received a \$300 grant from the Arts and Humanities Commission of Casa Grande for an "Ancient Civilization Masks" project.

- *5.13 The Governing Board approved the Leadership Learning Collaborative being offered by the Department of Leadership & Engagement.

- *5.14 The Governing Board approved Dr. Maria Rascon, Ms. Debbie John and Mr. Ralph Varela as hearing officers for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 6.01 Mr. Richard Rosales presented information regarding the APS Supply My Class Teacher Awards that were awarded to teachers in the district. This year the district had 47 teachers receive a \$500 award totaling \$23,500.
- 6.02 Mrs. Draper presented the district's plan to pilot and adopt a new principal evaluation tool for administrators. She explained that feedback is how we build the capacity of staff. Our current tool is outdated and we are seeking a rubric-based tool to support growth and goal setting. The governing board gave their support to move forward with looking at a new tool for principal evaluation.
- 6.03 Information Related to the Series C Bonds Sale Plan and Financing Table had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

Megan Burke from Piper Sandler, the District's Financial Advisor, shared an update on the district's current bond and tax rates. She also reviewed the bond process.

- 7.01 The next regular meeting, will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- 8.01 Superintendent's Report
 - COVID Update: 32 positive cases in the district, 3 classrooms on quarantine and one school on mask mandates for 2 weeks. We are waiting on legal advice in relation to the recent OSHA requirements. We will follow guidance on student vaccinations.
 - AEL – Aggregate Expenditure Limit: Discussed that the major issue is that prop 301 expired and the calculations require prior year counts (which are low because of COVID), and they use unweighted student counts along with full restoration of DAA. This is funding that is already in our budget, but we can't use this unless there is a 2/3 vote in the legislature to do so.
 - Dr. Gonzales reiterated that this is a stressful year for ALL. We are short-staffed and doing things we have never had to do in the past. We are quarantining (students and staff) and this is putting a lot of pressure on teachers, staff, and leaders. The leaders (absent and present) were acknowledged and celebrated for stepping up to support our employees.

- 9.01 Mr. Mendez adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 12/14/2021

President