

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, October 8, 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:

Mrs. Varela called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call:

Present:

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

Adam Leckie, Ed.D., Superintendent
Robert Quinones, Assistant Superintendent
Van Ornelas, Director
Stacy Howell, Director
Tim Mace, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Jan Draper, Director
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Tammy Blomquist, Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

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

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mr. Stabley made a motion 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
Blanca Varela	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

3.01 Mrs. Martinez invited everyone to go through the ELA curriculum that is currently online for review. She would like the community and parents to be involved in the review.

4.01 Superintendent's Report

- District is continuing it's work on Strategic Direction.
- District leaders were asked to present at a national conference on continuous improvement.
- In order to ensure the district is making progress, one way is through data collection. A major focus is on student attendance.
- Another focus is on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at schools and working with Arizona Department of Education (ADE) through Project Momentum. We are seeing results with teachers working together.
- School safety efforts, proud of school leaders and staff working with the safety coordinator on ensuring that students and staff are safe.
- The month of October is National Principals Month.
- Each month the district recognizes another core value. The value for the month of October is integrity.
- The month of October is also Alpha Delta Kappa (ADK) month. Members Sharon Leuthauser, Barbara Sundust, Mary Peeples, and Jeannie Gomez were in attendance. ADK members provide support to current teachers. Dr. Leckie read the proclamation for ADK month.
- Artwork displayed in the Boardroom was provided by students from CGMS, Mesquite and Ironwood.

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

Casa Grande Middle School

Students of the Month: Aiko Yoeli Hernandez Lopez, Rubyann Bautista, Mia Urias, Cora Clark, Jesus Gonzalez

Employees of the Month: Cassandra Beechum, Mary Inzunza

Volunteers of the Month: Britney & Crystal Willis

Mesquite Elementary School

Students of the Month: Emma Babcock, Ridley Scott, Carter Holsey, Adriel Moreno, Etta Rojas

Employees of the Month: Rebekah Calvert, Liza Sanchez

Volunteer of the Month: Lori Hornyak

Ironwood Elementary School

Students of the Month: Adam Mata, Taylor Medina, Leo Encinas, Genevieve Ronquillo, Aciana Ochoa

Employees of the Month: Ruth Phillips, Terry Piper

Volunteer of the Month: Kim Kasper

6.01 Call to the Public

Mr. Jeff Pierce spoke against CKLA curriculum
 Mr. Robert Castro spoke against CKLA curriculum.

7.01 Mrs. Varela 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.

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	
Michael Cruz	X	

*7.02 The minutes of the September 10, 2024 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
Goodson, Jacqueline	Teaching & Learning	School Implementation Specialist	10/7/2024
Talavera, Monica	Cactus	Teacher - 8th Language Arts	9/23/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Bojorquez, Candice	CGMS	Teacher - Sped Autism	9/16/2024
Bojorquez, Mayra	Saguaro	Teacher - 1st	10/9/2024
Nuno, Andrea	Saguaro	Teacher - 4th	10/9/2024
Cameron, Amy	Palo Verde	Instructional Coach	10/9/2024
Graham, Sydney	Ironwood	Teacher - Sped Resource	10/9/2024
Cantu, Savannah	McCartney	Teacher - Kinder	10/9/2024
Calvert, Kristen	CGMS	Teacher - 6th Social Studies	10/9/2024
Villaverde, Rhonda	Villago	Teacher - 6-8 STEM	10/9/2024

RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Lopez, Andres	Cactus	Teacher, 8th Language Arts	9/12/2024
Stembridge, Ramon	Villago	Teacher, 8th Sped Resource	10/11/2024
LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Sosa Ramirez, Carlos	Desert Willow	Teacher - Sped MSI	10/1/2024

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

Recommendation for Special Education Assistant Work Hours – All special education assistant positions will move to 8.5 paid hours per day, effective November 1st. Staff may choose to remain on their current schedule until the 2025-2026 school year before transitioning to this new work schedule. Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the new schedule of 8.5 paid hours will be mandatory.

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Jackson, Larry Lee	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/18/2024
Knippel, John	Transportation	Bus Driver	10/9/2024
McClain, Knovelle	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/18/2024
Mejia, Yasmine	Mesquite	Education Assistant - Student Support	9/11/2024
Mynatt, Brookelynn	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/19/2024
Oden, Wayne	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	9/19/2024
Urias, Alonzo	Nutrition Services	Delivery Driver	10/2/2024
Weitz, Vickie Lee	Cholla	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/25/2024
Whetstone, Levi	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	10/2/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Benavidez, Carmen	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/23/2024
Brehmer, Angela	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/23/2024
Conner, Charles	Office of Supt	Add Vehicle Stipend to School Safety Coordinator	7/1/2024
Mohler, Alexis	ECLC	Early Childhood Education Lead	9/17/2027

Western, Kimberly	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education MSI	7/18/2024
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Castro, Berenis	Transportation	Bus Driver/Van Driver Non CDL	10/10/2024
Garcia, Gabriela	CGMS	Education Assistant - Special Education	10/10/2024
Gracia, Natalie	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	9/17/2024
Melchor Aguirre, Juan Carlos	Facility Services	Grounds & Landscape Specialist	9/18/2024
Munoz, Francisca	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Manager	9/16/2024
Perez Villarreal, Leyda	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	9/26/2024
Salazar, Sara	Cholla	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/9/2024
NEW POSITION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Education Assistant - Student Support	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Student Support	10/8/2024
Education Assistant - Special Education	Desert Willow	Education Assistant - Special Education	10/8/2024

- *7.05 The student activities report for September, 2023, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.06 The financial report for September, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *7.07 The vehicle inventory report for September, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for September, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- *7.09 The vouchers presented at the meeting were approved by the Governing Board.
- *7.10 The following donations were accepted:

COIL

Mr. Forrest had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$549.

Cottonwood

Ms. Nicholson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$448.

Saguaro

Ms. Nickelson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$19.
Mrs. Taylor had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$428.

Villago

Mrs. Garcia had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$504.
Mr. Bell had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$1,016.

- *7.11 Approval of Amendment to Grown Your Own Program Elementary Education (GYOP EE) and Resident In-Service Educator (RISE) Program – The Governing Board approved the increase for tuition reimbursement for the RISE student teaching course and GYOP EE student teaching course.
- *7.12 Approval of Student Activities Clubs’ Fundraising Events – The Governing Board approved the Student Activities fundraising events as presented.
- *7.13 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Sole Source Procurement – TimeClock Plus was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized TimeClock Plus as a sole source vendor and authorized a new five-year agreement for their time tracking and payroll processing software solution.
- *7.14 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.
- *7.15 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Cholla Elementary School Weatherization was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board awarded IFB #212-1124 to SD Crane Builders, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$228,025 for the weatherization of Cholla Elementary School.
- *7.16 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Cactus Middle School Roof Replacement was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board awarded IFB #213-1124 to Five Oliver, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$1,861,600 for the roofing replacement at Cactus Middle School.
- *7.17 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for SFD Flooring Projects was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the use of the 1GPA cooperative contract awarded to Continental Flooring in the amount not to exceed \$338,192.55 for the four SFD flooring projects as proposed.
- *7.18 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization of Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized the IGA between the Casa Grande

Elementary School District and the Casa Grande Union High School District for the sharing of special education services providers.

- *7.19 First Reading, Policy Updates from ASBA Policy Advisory – Most of the policy advisories were updated to align with language in statute and/or Arizona Administrative Code. Policies BAA and IGA removed language that was not statutorily required. Policy DJE and Regulation DJE included language regarding document of evidence for verifications to assist Districts with their processes. As this was a first reading, no action was required.
- *7.20 Removal of Policy Regulation GDC-R Support Staff Leaves and Absences – The policy for this regulation was removed from the Policy Manual in May 2024. Board approval is not required for regulations. This is for information only.
- *7.21 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization for Sole Source Procurement – Frontline Education was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized Frontline Education as a sole source for the integration of their asset management system with the new student fee and fine system.
- 8.01 Ms. Blomquist presented the Annual Report on the Expenditure of Budget Override and Bond Funds. The 10% M&O override generated \$4,664,003 in budget limit capacity for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Priorities for the M&O override funding include: recruit and retain highly effective teachers and staff, funding special education, competitive pay, and maintaining class sizes within District-established guidelines.

The 2016 Bond Election passed a bond in the amount of \$44.66 million: \$40 million for school construction (including equipment & furniture), facility/site improvements, safety & security and technology; \$4.66 million for school buses. As of June 20, 2024, the remaining balance in the Bond Building Account was \$549,868.88. The remaining funds are all allocated to projects.

- 9.01 Ms. Blomquist provided a brief overview of the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report (AFR). A printed copy of the revised AFR was provided to Board members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 as proposed.

Mr. Stabley 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	

9.02 ASBA Bylaw Change Proposal Consideration

Information pertaining to the ASBA Bylaw Change Proposal Consideration had been included in the Board's information prior to the meeting.

Mr. Cruz mentioned that with Pinal County being the 3rd largest county in the state and growing, that the county needs to work to fight to get additional support.

Mr. Stabley made a motion to approve the ASBA Bylaw Changes.

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	

10.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

11.01 Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 for the Purpose of Discussion or Consideration of receiving legal advice on board policies, federal and state regulations.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.

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 7:18 p.m.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the open meeting was reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

12.01 Mrs. Varela adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 11/12/2023

President