

# 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, September 12, 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  
Van Ornelas, Director  
Stacy Howell, Director  
Tim Mace, Director  
Jennifer McClintic, Director  
Dennis York, Director  
Jan Draper, Director  
Lisa Bradshaw, Director  
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Also Present:  
See Exhibit 1

Casa Grande Dispatch:  
Jodie Newell

Rebecca Romo, Principal  
Robin Rosales, Director

Melissa Davey, Principal  
Mandy Curry, Principal

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

## 2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mr. Cruz moved that the agenda be accepted and adopted, as presented.

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>
Jerry Stabley	X	
Blanca Varela	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

3.01 Mr. Cruz attended the CAC Young Americans for Freedom 9/11 Never Forget Project. He thanked Mrs. Gill for being in attendance.

4.01 Superintendent's Report

- The City of Casa Grande held a National Day of Service event September 9<sup>th</sup>. Over 400 participants assisted with CG mountain trail maintenance, cleanup and beautification projects.
- Boys soccer and volleyball playoffs are currently in play.
- Student attendance is up.
- The district held an all day safety training today.
- Educational Visioning nights are being held each Wednesday night through October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Facility Services

Tom Gibson, Employee of the Month

Cactus Middle School

Azure Sullivan, Employee of the Month

Zane Mendenhall, Employee of the Month

Daven Cardita, Student of the Month

Noor Khrawish, Student of the Month

Sadie Van Wagenen, Student of the Month

Ironwood Elementary School

Angel Moore, Employee of the Month

Meaghan Poecker, Employee of the Month

Michael Lopez, Student of the Month

Jackson Jiron, Student of the Month

Lillian Palmer, Student of the Month

Saguaro Elementary School

Julie Katingima, Employee of the Month

Elva Hernandez, Employee of the Month

Giovanni Diaz, Student of the Month

Ana Novoa, Student of the Month

Camila Bojorquez, Student of the Month

Desert Willow Elementary School

Noah Sundust, Employee of the Month  
Stacie McConnell, Employee of the Month  
Asher Kent, Student of the Month  
Hailey D'Alessandro, Student of the Month  
Julian Salazar Vazquez, Student of the Month

6.01 Call to the Public

Mr. Bruce Schutt spoke about the Moment of Silence and requested the Board consider bringing prayer into the Board meeting.

7.01 Mr. Stabley 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
Mike Cruz	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Blanca Varela	X	

\*7.02 The minutes of the July 24, 2023 Special Meeting and August 8, 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
Garza, Oracio	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - 5th Grade	9/5/2023
Lugo, Amber	Cactus	Teacher - 6th Social Studies	9/5/2023
Nelson, Desiree	Cactus	Teacher - Sped Extended Resource	8/14/2023
Nuno, Andrea	Saguaro	Teacher - 4th Grade	8/16/2023
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE

Bojorquez, Candice	CGMS	Substitute Bus Driver	8/2/2023
Goldberg, Cassandra	Learning Support	Addendum Vehicle	8/9/2023
Gray, Stacy	Teaching & Learning	Addendum Vehicle	8/9/2023
<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Baumgarten, Lori Taylor	Desert Willow	Teacher - 3rd Grade	9/21/2023
Giguere, Deidre	Mesquite	Teacher - Sped Extended Resource	8/15/2023
Harris, Sherry	Desert Willow	Teacher - Kindergarten	8/18/2023
Howley, Michael	Ironwood	Teacher - Special Education	5/23/2024
Petersheim, Suzanne	Saguaro	Teacher - 4th Grade	8/5/2023
<b>Leave of Absence</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Schimmel, Natasha	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - 5th Grade	8/14/2023
<b>New Position</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Coordinator of Continuous School Improvement	District	Coordinator of Continuous School Improvement	9/13/2023

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

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Daniels, Demaris	COIL/ECLC	Education Assistant - Inclusive Education Floater	8/31/2023
Heath, Nicole	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Manager	8/24/2023
Jayne, John	Villago	Guest Teacher	8/17/2023
Juarez, Janene	Transportation	Relief Bus Driver/Dispatcher	9/11/2023
Ledingham, James	Mesquite	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	8/17/2023
Luing, Lisa	Mesquite	Guest Teacher	8/24/2023
McClendon, Lori	Ironwood	Digital Literacy Assistant	9/7/2023

McDonough Poecker, Hailey	Villago	Education Assistant - Inclusive Education	8/24/2023
Negron, Alexa	Villago	Education Assistant - Alternative Placement	8/17/2023
Olivarez, Denie	Cottonwood	Office Specialist	8/31/2023
Ortiz, Denice	Transportation	Relief Bus Driver/Dispatcher	9/11/2023
Passey, Ashlynn	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	8/24/2023
Perez Villarreal, Leyda	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	8/31/2023
Phillips, Jennifer	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	9/14/2023
Quiroz, Fatima	COIL	Education Assistant - Day Assistant	8/17/2023
Sainz, Aleesia	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/14/2023
Tovar, Kristi	Desert Willow	Guest Teacher	9/13/2023
Villalobos, April	ECLC	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/17/2023
<b>RECLASSIFICATION</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>NEW POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Education Specialist - Inclusive	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive	9/12/2023
Decker, Sharon	COIL	Education Specialist - Early Childhood	8/21/2023
Gylling, Bonnie	CGOLA	Education Assistant - Title I	8/21/2023
Larue, Damon	Warehouse	Warehouse Distribution - Lead	8/15/2023
Lippmann, Erica	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	8/28/2023
Smith, Kathleen	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/14/2023
Johnson, Darla	Transportation	Vehicle Stipend	7/1/2023
Paniagua-Moreno, Erick	Facilities	Pesticide License (Applicator Certification)	8/3/2023
Salazar, Linda	Transportation	Transportation Assistant/Van Driver	8/21/2023
Accounting Technician - Bookkeeper	Financial Services	Accounting Technician	8/1/23
<b>RESIGNATION</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Biegacki, Connie	CGMS	Community Liaison/Student Support Interventionist	8/31/2023
Buitimea-Del Cid, Gabriela	Facility Services	Custodian	8/15/2023
Cabrera, Rachel	Transportation	Bus Driver	9/5/2023
Cox, Jamie	Desert Willow	Guest Teacher	8/28/2023
Duarte, Robert	Transportation	Bus Driver	8/30/2023

Encisco, Melissa	Cactus	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/24/2023
Gomez, Alison	COIL	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/7/2023
Jauregui, Nicolas	Saguaro	Education Assistant - Title I	9/5/2023
Negron, Alexa	Villago	Education Assistant - Alternative Placement	9/5/2023
Valdez, Valeria	Desert Willow	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/3/2023
Vasquez, Angelina	Villago	Education Assistant - Academic Intervention	8/16/2023
<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Education Assistant - Grade Level Support	McCartney Ranch	Education Assistant - Grade Level Support	9/12/2023
Education Specialist - Kinderplus	Ironwood	Education Assistant - Kinderplus	9/12/2023
Warehouse - Delivery Driver	Warehouse	Warehouse - Delivery Driver	9/12/2023
<b>Leave of Absence</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>
Angel-Young, Crystal	McCartney	Apprentice Teacher	10/9/2023

- \*7.05 The student activities report for August, 2023, had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- \*7.06 The financial report for August, 2023 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- \*7.07 The vehicle inventory report for August, 2023 had been provided in the Board's information.
- \*7.08 The vehicle maintenance report for August, 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:

District  
Mortenson Construction, Professional Firefighters of Casa Grande, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and Pinal County Federal Credit Union donated school supplies.

Cactus  
Mr. Xavier Suarez donated seven tables with power supply ports.

Mrs. Mora had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$262.  
Ms. Upson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$1,103.

#### Cholla

Mrs. Kovalik had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$772.

#### COIL

Mr. Peter Nguyen with Lucid Motors donated 2 guitar amps valued at \$200.  
Mrs. Ellis had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$333.

#### Desert Willow

Ms. Sigurdson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$555.

#### Ironwood

Ms. Jennifer Coffman donated twelve Lenovo Smart Clocks.  
Ms. Bagacay had two Donors Choose projects funded in the amount of \$420 and \$221.  
Mrs. Pruet had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$451.

#### McCartney Ranch

Mrs. Stone had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$416.

#### Palo Verde

Ms. Haro-Costales was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Extraordinary Educators License Plate Fund.  
Ms. Padilla was awarded a grant in the amount of \$531.08 from Extraordinary Educators License Plate Fund.  
Mrs. Miraldi had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$169.  
Ms. Canez had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$201.

- \*7.11 Second Reading, Policy Advisory 744-747 – The Governing Board approved Policy Advisory 744-747 as presented.
- \*7.12 Approval of Date Change for October Governing Board Meeting – The Governing Board approved changing the date for the October Board meeting to October 3, 2023.
- \*7.13 Approval of Overnight Field Trip – The Governing Board approved the Overnight Field Trip of the Wildcat Outdoor Club to Sedona, AZ as proposed.
- \*7.14 Approval of Assignment of Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Student Activities Treasurer for the 23-24 School Year – The Governing Board approved appointing the District's Budget & Finance Coordinator/Administrative Assistant as Students Activities Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer/Controller as Assistant Student Activities Treasurer.
- \*7.15 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Award IFB for Cholla Elementary School Roof Replacement was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The

Governing Board authorized the award of IFB #211-1123 for the replacement of the Cholla Elementary School roofing system to Premier Roofing and Waterproofing as recommended.

- \*7.16 A memorandum from Mr. York regarding Authorization to Purchase COIL Kitchen Equipment was provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The Governing Board authorized using the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative contract awarded to Arizona Restaurant Supply, Inc. for the purchase of the COIL kitchen equipment as recommended.
- \*7.17 Approval of FY 2024 School Facilities Board Capital Plan – The Governing Board approved the District’s FY 2024 School Facilities Board Capital Plan.
- \*7.18 Approval of Student Activities Clubs’ Fundraising Events – The Governing Board approved the Students Activities fundraising events as presented.
- 8.01 Authorization of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Achieve Pinal Experience Corps – Mr. Stabley recused himself from this agenda item.

Ms. Patti King presented an update on the Achieve Pinal Reading Program.

Public Comments:

- Mrs. Judee Jackson spoke in favor of the program
- Ms. Evelyn Casuga spoke in favor of the program.
- Mr. Bob Jackson spoke in favor of the program.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Achieve Pinal Experience Corps and AARP, 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	recused	
Blanca Varela	X	

- 9.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
- 10.01 Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A(1) for the Purpose of Discussion or Consideration of Reviewing the Superintendent’s Performance Goals for 2023-2024



Mrs. Varela 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:

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

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:17 p.m.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the open meeting was reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

11.01 Mr. Stabley adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 10/3/2023

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President