

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 10, 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:

Mr. Stabley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call:

Present:

Jerry Stabley, President Pro Tem
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
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Blanca Varela, President

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

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Dr. Leckie removed item 5.02.

Mrs. Martinez made a motion that the agenda be accepted and adopted, as presented with the removal of item 5.02.

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

3.01 Mr. Cruz recently attended the ASBA Law Conference and thanked Dr. Leckie and Assistant Superintendent Quinones for also attending. Mr. Cruz also served as the CGESD Governing Board delegate at the ASBA Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Martinez thanked everyone for being in attendance and supporting their students. She also mentioned that after the call to the public there would be a discussion on curriculum.

4.01 Superintendent's Report

- Excited to see a packed house and having students here to recognize.
- A couple of months ago the district adopted new core values. During the month of September the focus is on Excellence.
- Administration is raising the bar in creating a destination district where we compete with the best districts in the state by adopting high quality curriculum, assessing students and measuring how they are learning. When walking through classrooms, it is visible that students are excelling.
- One of the core priorities is strong family connections. There have been a number of family events at schools. All principals work hard to plan events and are proud to see the level of participation.
- Artwork displayed in the Boardroom was provided by students from Cottonwood, McCartney Ranch and Villago.

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

Villago Middle School

Students of the Month: Maiya Wilhite, Emma Galbraith, Alexa Molina, Benjamin Shamonei, Skylann Fobia

Employees of the Month: Dawn Reyna, Nurhya Rivera Lopez

Cottonwood Elementary School

Students of the Month: Ollin Coleman, Ricardo Rojas, Fox Cain, Hazel Armenta Penuelas, Aniyah Howard, Ellyanna Nunez-Zazueta

Employees of the Month: Amber Geerdes, Reyna Ramirez

Volunteer of the Month: Pauline Pickett

McCartney Ranch Elementary School

Students of the Month: Natalia Rodriguez, Gabbanelli Perez, Mia Rodriguez, Yamileth Lopez, Carter Schriener

Employees of the Month: Desiree Dean, Arianna Sanchez

Volunteer of the Month: Ashley Rocha

5.02 Recognition of Grow Your Own Participant – removed

6.01 Call to the Public

Mr. Robert Castro spoke against CKLA, section 2.
 Mr. Boots Hawks spoke against curriculum.
 Mr. Theodore Valenzuela submitted a request, but did not speak.

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

Mrs. Martinez asked to remove item 7.19.

Mr. Cruz moved that the agenda items marked with an asterisk, with the exception of item 7.19, be approved and/or ratified.

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Michael Cruz	X	

*7.02 The minutes of the August 13, 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
Corriero, Aurora	COIL	School Counselor	8/26/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			
NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Cantu, Savannah	McCartney Ranch	Teacher - Kindergarten	8/19/2024
Fernandez, Razel	Desert Willow	Teacher - Sped Extended Resource	9/9/2024
Myers, Jennifer	CGMS	Associate Teacher - Student Support Interventionist	7/16/2024
RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Matthews, Liliana	Mesquite	Teacher - Sped Extended Resource	8/15/2024

Johnson, Eric	McCartney Ranch	School Counselor	9/4/2024
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*7.04 The following classified personnel actions were approved/ratified by the Governing Board:

EMPLOYMENT			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Bautista, Kyleigh	Ironwood	Health Office Technician	8/28/2024
Brown, Sarah	Transportation	Van Driver	8/28/2024
Cardenas, Andrea	Teaching & Learning	Administrative Assistant	8/21/2024
Diaz, Alicia	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	8/21/2024
Elenes, Linda	Student Services	Compliance Specialist	8/21/2024
Espinoza-Matus, Katherine	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	8/21/2024
Florez, Cheyenne	CGMS	Registration & Data Specialist	8/21/2024
Garza, Francisco	Transportation	Bus Driver Sub	9/4/2024
Gracia, Natalie	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	9/4/2024
Jackson, Dana	District Office	Administrative Assistant - Receptionist	8/14/2024
Jones, Cori	CGMS	Office Specialist	9/4/2024
Mercado, Jericka	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/14/2024
Perez, Jasmine	Nutrition Services	Cafe Assistant	9/11/2024
Pina, Katherain	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	8/21/2024
Ruth, Sarah	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	9/11/2024
Seidenstricker, Maria	Warehouse	Warehouse & Distribution Lead	8/28/2024
Tashquinth, Sabrina	Nutrition Services	Administrative Assistant	8/21/2024
Vangilder, Gia	Human Resources	Human Resources Technician	8/28/2024
Villalobos, April	Cottonwood	Education Assistant - Special Education	8/21/2024
Villegas Nora, Ivan	Facility Services	Grounds & Landscape Specialist	8/8/2024
Weatherholt, Jennifer	Transportation	Van Driver Sub	8/28/2024
Wells, Misty	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	8/21/2024
RECLASSIFICATION			

NAME	LOCATION	NEW POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Davey, Mary	Mesquite	Associate Teacher	8/12/2024
Mercado, Jericka	Mesquite	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/14/2024
Reyes, Bertha	Nutrition Services	Cafe Cook	8/12/2024
Reyes Hernandez, Karla	McCartney Ranch	Cafe Assistant	8/12/2024
Trinidad, Brenda	Nutrition Services	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	8/12/2024
Pascual, Kathy	Financial Services	SAIS Coordinator	7/16/2024
Lara, Liliana	Cactus	Associate Teacher - ELD	7/16/24
RESIGNATION			
NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE
Alcantar, Felicia	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	8/15/2024
Byrne, Barney	Transportation	Vehicle Mechanic	8/20/2024
Castro, Ashley	Transportation	Bus Driver	8/9/2024
Doolittle, Sheila	Villago	Associate Teacher - 7th Math	7/31/2024
Durham, Atasha	Transportation	Bus Driver	8/23/2024
Kading, Kaylee	Cactus	Education Assistant - Special Education	8/8/2024
Patton, Langston Jr.	Nutrition Services	Delivery Driver	8/15/2024
Salazar, Sara	Cholla	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	9/30/2024
Smith, Autumn	Ironwood	Guest Teacher	8/12/2024
Vanfleet, Alexandra	Transportation	Bus Driver Trainee	8/20/2024
Viceri, Nicole	Palo Verde	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	8/13/2024

- *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

Ms. Holley Hansen donated peanut butter, jelly, bread and Ziploc bags to the backpack program.

Cactus

Mr. Larot had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$10.

Mr. Solis had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$326.

CGMS

Ms. Grafil had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$678.

COIL

Mr. Paul had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$979.

Mr. Paul had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$495.

Mrs. Flasher had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$11.

Mrs. Flasher had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$1,041.

Desert Willow

Ms. Sigurdson had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$977.

Ironwood

Mrs. Phillips had a Donors Choose Project funded in the amount of \$495.

Mrs. Pruett had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$456.

Saguaro

Mrs. Thomas had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$10.

Ms. Appel-Brown had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$187.

Villago

Mr. Bell had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$1,002.

Mr. Bell had a Donors Choose project funded in the amount of \$934.

*7.11 Second Reading, Policy Policy Revision GBK Staff Grievances – The Governing Board approved the revision to Policy GBK as presented.

*7.12 Second Reading of Policy on Continuous Improvement – The Governing Board approved the proposed policy on continuous improvement.

*7.13 Second Reading, Policy Revisions from Policy Advisory 792-800 – The Governing Board approved Policy Revisions from Policy Advisory 792-800 as presented.

*7.14 Revision of Regulation ECF-R (Energy Conservation) – The Governing Board approved the recommended changes to policy regulation ECF-R Energy Conservation to better align with CGESD Core Values, as proposed.

- *7.15 Approval of Student Activities Clubs’ Fundraising Events – The Governing Board approved the Students Activities fundraising events as presented.
- *7.16 Approval of Overnight Field Trip – The Governing Board approved the Overnight Field Trip of the Wildcat Outdoor Club to Chiricahua, AZ as proposed.
- *7.17 Approval of FY 2025 School Facilities Board Capital Plan – The Governing Board approved the District’s FY 2025 School Facilities Board Capital Plan.
- *7.18 Approval of Certified Staff Effectiveness Labels for SY 2023/2024 – The Governing Board accepted the Certified Staff Effectiveness Labels and evaluator list, as presented.
- 7.19 Review and Consideration of the Adoption of Supplemental Materials: Place materials on 60-day public review

Mrs. Draper presented information on the materials. The materials are supplemental, to be used less than 20% of the time.

Mrs. Martinez stated that she wants the public to know that the material will be online for review and links will be available for a 60 day review. Any questions can be addressed to the Teaching & Learning department. Social media blasts will also be put out.

Mr. Cruz commented that it’s discernible after today’s public comments people have brought up curriculum, but when the Board voted, they did not receive any negative comments from teachers or the community. He encourages the district marketing team to blast the information out to the public when it is out for review. There is no curriculum that is perfect and we’re at the mercy of the publishers. He encouraged everyone to go online and review the curriculum.

Mr. Cruz moved that the supplemental materials be placed on 60-day public review.

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Michael Cruz	X	

- *7.20 Approval of Updated Supplemental Contract – The Governing Board approved the Site Leader Stipend Agreement as proposed.

8.01 Information pertaining to the revision of the 2024-2025 budget had been included in the Board’s information. The public hearing provides the general public an opportunity to provide input with regard to the proposed revisions.

Mr. Quinones presented information regarding the revision of the 2024-2025 budget.

Mr. Cruz commented he would like to see funding for future needs for special needs without any type of bond elections and with bond election. Dr. Leckie stated the district is in a healthy financial position, if growth steadily continues.

Mr. Stabley declared that the public hearing for the proposed revision of the 2024-2025 budget hearing be opened at 7:14 p.m.

There were no questions or concerns from the public. Mr. Stabley closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

9.01 Authorization to Revise the 2024-2025 Budget

Mrs. Martinez made a motion to authorize the revision to the 2024-2025 budget as presented.

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

9.02 Approval of Gifted Scope and Sequence 2024-2029

Information pertaining to the Gifted Scope and Sequence Criteria had been included in the Board’s information prior to the meeting.

Mrs. McClintic presented information pertaining to the Gifted Scope & Sequence criteria. All 2nd graders are assessed using the CogAT test. Students who score in the 97th percentile are identified as gifted. Once a student is identified as Gifted they maintain that status throughout their educational years.

Discussion included how kinder and 1st grade students are identified as gifted, has there been any direction to staff to get parents involved, and are gifted students tested every year.

Mrs. Sisson made a motion to approve the Gifted Scope and Sequence, as presented.

Mr. Cruz seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

9.03 Approval of the Capital Master Plan

Mr. Saravanan Bala of Orcutt Winslow provided a recap of the overall process.

Discussion with Board members included the need for the replacement of the COIL campus, the function of makerspace areas, the development of the designs, providing the balance of a secure building that is also welcoming and innovative, and, the recommendation for priorities.

Mr. Cruz made a motion to approve the Phase I Report of the CGESD Master Capital Plan, as presented.

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

10.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

11.01 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 2024-2025

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

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

Board member	In Favor	Against
Blanca Varela	Absent	
Jerry Stabley	X	
Adelphia Sisson	X	
Lorenza Martinez	X	
Mike Cruz	X	

The meeting was closed to the public at 7:58 p.m.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the open meeting was reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

12.01 Mr. Stabley adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 10/8/2023

President