

# Regular Board Meeting Board Meeting Room 405 April 24, 2018 6:00 PM Minutes

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Kevin Hartigan.

Present were Board Members SuZan Pearce, Joe Rabon, and Brian Donehoo.

Absent was Board Member Pete Shearer. Staff present included Dr. Shonny Bria,
Superintendent; Mr. Matt Yost, Assistant Superintendent/Business Manager; Susan
Kerley, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mr. Derrick Tutt, IT Director; Ms. Barb Shields,
Food Service Director; Mr. Tom Rowland, Principal; Ms. Lori Rommel, Dean of
Students; Dr. Karen Lehman, Director of Exceptional Student Services; and Ms. Heidi
Hoel, third grade teacher.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by President Hartigan, seconded by Ms. SuZan Pearce, and passed 4-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

#### IV. CALL TO THE COMMUNITY (6:03 p.m.)

Ms. Heidi Hoel, third grade teacher, spoke, representing the Grand Canyon Teachers. The teachers' concerns are the lack of funding for schools and the legislature's neglect in restoring current funding to the 2007-2008 level. She explained that this neglect shows a distinct lack of investment in the future education of children. The GCUSD teachers decided to join other state teachers in order to support the effort by walking out, starting April 26th.

Mr. Hartigan asked if there was any other call to the community. There was no response.

President Hartigan made a motion to move the New Business Item A. Above Presentation/Correspondence/Discussion. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Mr. Hartigan explained to the community that no other participation from the audience would be entertained since Ms. Hoel represented the teachers in attendance. The Board then discussed how the District would handle the

April 26th walkout. Dr. Bria deferred to Mr. Thomas Rowland, Principal. Mr. Rowland explained that if indeed a large staff number would be absent on Thursday, the District would have to cancel school in order to guarantee the safety of every student. Dr. Bria explained that there would be a state vote on April 29th to determine if the walkout would continue.

The Board then discussed a possible resolution that supported an increase in education funding to the mid-range on a national educational salary scale and discussed approving a resolution to support pay increases. The Board then agreed on the following wording. It was read aloud:

Be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 encourages the cooperation of the Arizona Legislature and the Office of Governor in an effort to restore per student educational funding to the 2008 state level, that the Legislature and Governor adopt a budget that has a sequential pay increase for all school employees that will bring Arizona educators to the mid-range on a national educational salary scale, and the Legislature and Governor offer no tax incentives or decreases until the educational needs of Arizona students and educators are met.

President Hartigan made a motion to pass the resolution. Mr. Rabon seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0. It was determined that a Special Board Meeting would be scheduled for May 1, 2018, to get an update on the teacher walkout.

V. PRESENTATION / CORRESPONDENCE / DISCUSSION None

#### VI. REPORTS

Administrator Reports: Board Questions directed to:

- Principal Report Mr. Tom Rowland
- SPED Report Dr. Karen Lehman
- IT Report Mr. Derrick Tutt
- Maintenance & Operations Report Mr. Ivan Landry
- Food Services Report Ms. Barb Shields

#### VII. CONSENT AGENDA (5 minutes.)

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)

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B. Payroll Vouchers:

FY 17-18 #22 \$130,280.17 FY 17-18 # 23 \$140,528.90

C. Expense Vouchers:

FY 17-18 # 1021 \$ 40,412.33 FY 17-18 #1022 \$ 39,367.03

D. Fiduciary:

Student Activities - March 17-18

Revolving -

March 17-18

Auxiliary -

March 17-18

Food Service -

March 17-18

- E. Approval of Travel:
- Dr. Karen Lehman, NSBA Conference, April 7-9, 2018, San Antonio.
   (Retroactive approval requested due to Dr. Lehman attending in place of

- Brenda Martinez who could not travel due to medical reasons. Had Dr. Lehman not attended, fees for the conference and hotel would have been forfeited.)
- Mr. David Sheppard, 12th Grade Students Field Trips, Ecology Field Day, Human History Field Day, and Lake Powell Boat Trip to Antelope Canyon, April 2-4, 2018.
- F. Approval of Donations:
  - Anonymous donation in honor of Ms. Judy Walker, \$720,00
- G. Approval of Resignations: Mr. William Barr

### Ms. April Symes

- H. Approval of Leave of Absence: Ms. Christine Chavez from April 10, 2018, through April 9, 2019.
- I. Approval to Hire: Mr. Kristopher R. Swatski as Assistant Director of Maintenance.
- J. Approval to Hire: Mr. William A. Randes as Middle School Social Studies teacher, pending fingerprint clearance and reference check.
- K. Approval of retroactive pay increase: Mr. Ray Curley, Food Service Assistant and A+ proctor.
- L. Approval of bids for Occupational Therapy Services (OT), Physical Therapy Services (PT), Speech-Language Pathologist Services (SLP) and School Psychologist Services (PSYCH).
- M. Approval to rehire Returning Classified Employees for FY 2018-19 (contracts will not be available till Legislature approves state budget).
- N. Approval to rehire Returning Administration Employees with the exception of Dr. Shonny Bria for FY 2018-19 (contracts will not be available till Legislature approves state budget).
- O. Approval to extend contract of Ms. Susan Kerley, Assistant to the Superintendent, from May 27, 2018, until June 30, 2018.
- P. Approval to add Ms. Rosie Evans' name, which was omitted in error, to the list of Certified employees recommended and approved for rehire (2018-2019) at the March 27, 2018, meeting.
- Q Approval to hire Substitute: Ms. Tisa Lall, pending fingerprint clearance and certification.

# VIII. OLD BUSINESS (7:50 pm)

- A. Approval of 2018-2019 health insurance benefits for employees. President Hartigan made a motion to approve the health insurance benefits for employees for 2018-2019 as presented. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.
- B. Approval of second reading of Policy IKF Graduation Requirements
  President Hartigan made a motion to adopt Policy IKF, and it was seconded by
  Ms. Pearce. The motion carried 4-0.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval regarding resolution on state education funding. (Board moved this under Call to Community.)

President Hartigan called for a break at 7:24 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m.

When the meeting resumed, Dr. Bria introduced Mr. Michael Scott from the Community Church. She asked if he could report to the Board on the plan to provide meals to our

students during school closure. He drove from Flagstaff and arrived after the Call to the Community. Mr. Hartigan graciously invited him to address the Board. Mr. Scott explained that the Community Church would provide meals for up to two weeks, maybe longer if needed. Donations to help cover costs are welcomed, and checks should be made payable to Grand Canyon Community Church, or GCCC.

X. BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT (7:34 pm)

Consolidated Board Report - Ms. Brenda Martinez

## XI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (15 minutes)

Superintendent Report - Dr. Shonny Bria

The next Board Retreat is scheduled for May 20th from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thomas
 O'Connor will be working with the Board on the strategic plan at the Retreat.

# Assistant Superintendent Report - Mr. Matthew Yost

Teacherage: Utilities Providers to bill GCUSD tenants directly

 Mr. Yost reported that, during the insurance meetings with employees, he brought up the proposal of billing utilities directly, starting with APS. He received no negative input.

# XII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- There will be a Special Meeting on May 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a second item added to the Agenda. Presentation of Thomas O'Connor's strategic plan proposal and an update on the teachers' situation will be considered.
- Budget information that will lead to wrapping up the 17-18 budget and submitting it before July 15, 2018, will be presented at a special meeting on May 14, 2018.
- Culture training
- Intercession

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Hartigan made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. It was seconded by Ms. Pearce and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Matthew Yost, Secretary

Kevin Hartigan, President

Brian Donehoo, Clerk

Date

SuZan Pearce, Member

Joe Rabon, Member

Pete Shearer, Member