GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4 - PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET REVISION #1
5:55 P.M.
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER
The Presiding Officer called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - EXPENDITURE BUDGET REVISION #1
Information: A. Presentation by Levi Frye, Business Manager

- Explained Maintenance of Effort
- For IDEA grants we have to maintain $441,000.
- The only changes are the expenses and carryovers on the 2025-2026 budget the Board approved in July 2025.
- Budgeted Expenditures are higher and Budgeted Carryover has been reduced.
- We will look at the rest of the budget in December if we have Revision #2 at that time.

Discussion: B. Questions from Public

- None

Discussion: C. Questions from Board Members

- None

3. ADJOURNMENT
The Public Hearing ended at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Susan Kerley, Board Secretary

Date: ____________________

Jimelia Talasyousiea, President	Cassidy Wolf Gibson, Vice President/Clerk
Daniel Hendrix, Board Member	Ashton Bedford, Board Member
Sena Stiles, Board Member	

Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 PUBLIC HEARING
2025 Update on M & O Override Election
5:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing began at 5:50 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OVERRIDE UPDATE

Information: A. Update by Levi Frye, Business Manager

- Matt Yost: Override allows us to ask taxpayers if they're willing to approve an additional tax rate to fund full-day kindergarten, music and art and to retain high-quality staff.
- AEL - Aggregate Expenditure Limit - Legislation more than 50 years old - no longer pertinent with changes over time. AZ schools do not get the funding they need.
- Reviewed M&O Override - Last election was in 2023, next election will be in 2028.
- In some years the full amount is not collected because some taxpayers are delinquent in paying their taxes.

Information: B. Questions from Public

- None

Information: C. Questions from Board Members

- None

3. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing ended at 6:01 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Susan Kerley, Board Secretary

Date: ____________________

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Jimelia Talasyousiea, President

Cassidy Wolf Gibson, Vice President/Clerk

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Daniel Hendrix, Board Member

Ashton Bedford, Board Member

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Sena Stiles, Board Member

GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4 -
REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

Generated by Susan Kerley on Wednesday, October 8, 2025

1. OPENING ITEMS

Procedural: A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jimelia Talasyousiea at 6: 14 p.m.

Procedural: B. ROLL CALL

Ashton Bedford	Present
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Present
Daniel Hendrix	Present - Zoom (Left Meeting at 8:26 p.m.)
Sena Stiles	Present
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Present

Procedural: C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jimelia Talasyousiea led the Pledge.

Action: D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: The Board approve the Agenda as presented.

TIME: 6:16 p.m.
MOTION: Approve the Agenda as presented
BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
SECOND: Sena Stiles
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. CALL TO COMMUNITY - No Requests were received from the Public to Address the Board

3. PRESENTATIONS

Information: A. 2024-2025 Annual Financial Report - Levi Frye, Business Manager
- What is the AFR?
- District Report
- SLR - School Level Report
- Food Service AFR - Report has to show number of meals served, students served, etc.
- ESSER is finished so revenues have decreased to their normal levels.
- Impact Aid really helps with ESS expenses
- Revenues vs. Expenses
- ESSER grants coming in late increased revenue in 2024.
- Received $7.89 million in revenues in 2025
- Reconciliation of School Level Reporting AFR to Main AFR

Information: B. Maintenance of Effort with IDEA Update for Budget Revision #1 - Levi Frye, Business Manager
- Presentation given in 5:55 p.m. Public Hearing

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Reports: A. Business Office Report - Levi Frye, Business Manager
- Completed AFR and grants this month
- No questions

Reports: B. Principal's Report - Lori Rommel, Principal
- Rae Whialder, Guidance Counselor, is bringing lots of support people in for students.
- Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is up and running.
- We have all coaches for winter sports except an assistant coach for MS Girls' Basketball.
- Attendance initiative: Some attendance percentages have improved.
- Good turnout for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thanks to Delaware North, Culinary class, and Food Services for providing grab-and-go lunches for staff.

Reports: C. IT Report - Derrick Tutt, IT Director
- Working on staff computers
- We have filters on all students' computers that show when students go to inappropriate sites.
- Matt Yost: We have online classes for subjects we do not offer on-site such as languages.

Reports: D. Maintenance & Transportation Report - Ivan Landry, Maintenance & Transportation Director

- New lighting on basketball court is making good progress. It will be accessible and will be on a timer.
- Completed annual bus inspections.
- Sports games going on during fall break, and teams will be traveling to other locations.

Reports: E. ESS Report - Margaret Lyle, ESS Director

- Going through annual IEPs which are due in January.
- Attended an autism symposium this summer. Group will be coming here to train Peg, ESS teachers and aides.
- Training for ESS aides tomorrow. County ESS Director Aaron will conduct it.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes (BEDG, BEDG-R) - September 17, 2025
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of Expense Vouchers
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent), Reports: D. Approval of Fiduciary Disbursements
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): E. Approval of Donations
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): F. Approval of Authorization to Dispose of Vehicles and Textbooks
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): G. Human Resources: Approval of Aaron Kendrick as HS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach; Keira Perkins, HS Girls Head Coach; Pam Edwards, Cross-Country Coach; Adrian Alvarez, MS Girls' Basketball Head Coach; Rosamie Sereno and Mia Runge, OM Coaches grades 6-8; approval of hiring Steven Capps-Visvardis as part-time maintenance worker; Ashley Guevara as substitute teacher.
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): H. Approval of 2025-2026 Support Staff (Classified/Non-Exempt) Salary Schedule
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): I. Approval of revised 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): J. Approval of Revised Exhibit A attached to the current IGA with Coconino Community College for the provision of dual enrollment courses.
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): K. Approval of School Facilities Division Terms and Conditions for Acceptance of Monies for Project BRG-007468 - Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement
Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Item E. of Consent Agenda - Approval of Donations
TIME: 6:54 p.m.
MOTION: Motion to set aside Item E because of conflict with Board members who made donations.
BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
SECOND: Sena Stiles
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda Items as Presented with Exception of Item E
BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
SECOND: Sena Stiles
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda Item E - Donations
BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
SECOND: Sena Stiles
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Recused

Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	4-0

6. OLD BUSINESS

Action, Action (Consent): A. The Board may approve a second reading by name and number only for policies that were first read at the September 17, 2025, meeting. If approved, designee will read those policies by name and number only.
Recommended Action: The Board may adopt the policies after their second reading.

TIME: 6:56 p.m.
MOTION: Approve the second reading of policies by name and number only.
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

Susan Kerley, Board Secretary, read the policies by name and number only.

MOTION: Adopt the policies as read
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board may approve the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Reports (AFR) - District AFR, School Level AFR, and Food Service AFR - as presented at the beginning of this meeting.
Recommended Action: The Board may make a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Report (AFR), including District, School Level, and Food Service Reports.
TIME: 6:58 p.m.
MOTION: Approve the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Reports (AFR) - District AFR, School Level AFR, and Food Service AFR - as presented at the beginning of this meeting.
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Action: B. The Board may approve the 2025-2026 Budget Revision #1 as presented at the beginning of this meeting.
Recommended Action: The Board may make a motion to approve the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) with IDEA Update for 2025-2026 Budget Revision #1.

TIME: 6:59 p.m.
MOTION: Approve the MOE with IDEA Update for 2025-2026 Budget Revision #1
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

Action: C. Consideration and Direction on ASBA Bylaw Change Proposal: The Board will review and discuss a proposed bylaw amendment submitted by the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Governance Committee and will vote to give direction to its designated voting representative, Board Secretary Susan Kerley, to vote in the manner the Board has approved.
Recommended Action: The Board may make a motion to adopt the 2025 ASBA Bylaw Updates. This is a SINGLE VOTE encompassing multiple updates. The proposal requires approval by two-thirds of ASBA member boards in order to take effect. The Board will direct its designated voting representative, Susan Kerley, to vote in the manner the Board has approved.

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
SECOND: Jimelia Talasyousiea
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

Procedural: D. The Board may approve a first reading of policies by name and number only. If this is approved, a designee will read the policies by name and number only.

TIME: 7:01 p.m.
MOTION: Approve a first reading of policies by name and number only
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Sena Stiles
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

Susan Kerley, Board Secretary, read the policies by name and number only.

Discussion: E. The Board will discuss its 2025 Governing Board Self-Evaluation responses.
DISCUSSION:

- Board can respond electronically or on the paper form.
- Matt Yost reviewed the four responses received.
- Section 1 all satisfactory
- Drops to 3 responses
- Section 2 All satisfactory
- 5. 1 Satisfacory 66.7% 33.3% N - Question (1) Classroom visitation and instructional programs
- Turnover mentioned by 2 respondents; Matt Yost stated that some leaders/coaches are suffering from burnout; he is noticing that happening throughout the community.
- Community Perception: Some people have a negative view and continue mentioning that for a long time after the initial event or circumstance. Jimelia Talasyousiea: We have an open door for people to bring issues to Board Members.
- Sena Stiles: As a Board member, she hears only complaints. Before she came on the Board, she heard only positive comments.
- Matt Yost: Often conversations he gets are not positive ones; we need to improve on how we put out those good pieces.
- Jimelia Talasyousiea: We are trying to discover and help with food and housing insecurities, particularly during shutdowns to provide support systems.
- Turnover in teachers - We lost some key individuals - recruiting teachers is challenging, but we have found some talented staff members.
- (2) Weaknesses: How do we support our teachers while holding them accountable for offering quality instruction?
- Significant accomplishments: Accreditation of K-12. Community involvement and approving what teachers need to help students.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Matt Yost acted as principal and superintendent for some of the last month.
- Excited to have parent-teacher conferences tonight.
- Will be attending the Community Gathering in Tusayan
- ASBA Annual Conference December 18-19. Registration starts October 20th. Three Board Members plan to attend, possibly four.
- District Office is early voting site for election

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION - NONE

10. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
TIME: 7:45 p.m.
MOTION: Convene to Executive Session The Board may vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee, regarding the evaluation and contractual performance pay for the Superintendent, Matthew Yost.
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

11. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION
TIME: 8:25 p.m.
MOTION: Return to Regular Session
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

MOTION: Return to Regular Session
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	5-0

No motion or direction was offered by the Board.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 8:28 p.m.
MOTION: The Board may vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(3) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body regarding the District's Tusayan property.
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Daniel Hendrix	Yes (Left meeting at 8:28 p.m.)
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	4-0

The Board invited Matt Yost, Attorney Nathan Schott and Susan Kerley to attend the Executive Session. Nathan Schott joined the Executive Session by phone.

13. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION
TIME: 9:19 p.m.
MOTION: Direct Superintendent and legal counsel to continue pursuing an acceptable IGA with the Town of Tusayan.
BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	4-0

14. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Susan Kerley, Board Secretary

Date: __________________

Jimelia Talasyousiea, President	Cassidy Wolf Gibson, Vice President/Clerk
Daniel Hendrix, Board Member	Ashton Bedford, Board Member
Sena Stiles, Board Member	