



**Grand Canyon Unified School District #4
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

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Due to the pandemic, this meeting will be conducted online and telephonically

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the public that the Governing Board of the Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 will convene for a Regular Meeting. The Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

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The Governing Board reserves the right to move into Executive Session for discussion and consideration of employment, assignment, promotion, demotion, salaries, etc., and/or legal advice with its attorneys for any item listed on the agenda, in person or telephonically, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) or (A) (3).

All items on the agenda may be discussed or considered at this meeting.

1. OPENING ITEMS
A. CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 6:01 p.m.

Motion: Call to order, with Ms. SuZan Pearce as Acting President and Mr. Joe Rabon as acting Vice President and Board Clerk.

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion carries

B. ROLL CALL

*** Note on Virtual Meetings ***

In compliance with social distancing and stay-at-home recommendations issued by the Center for Disease Control and directions from Federal and State governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Board meeting was held virtually by phone/web conference.

Designation of “present” in the roll call indicates these members were identified as active members in the conference call.

The Board Meeting phone/web conference information was provided for the public in the meeting posting. As a result not all individuals who called into the meeting were identified. Only Board Members and district staff who actually reported to the Board are identified in the roll call.

Board members present:

- Mr. Kevin Hartigan was not available, noted as “NA” in vote tallies. Mr. Hartigan is on emergency assignment to Washington State to support emergency regional utility work.
- Ms. SuZan Pearce as Acting President
- Mr. Joe Rabon as acting Vice President and Board Clerk
- Mr. Pete Shearer
- Ms. Kathryn Morris

District staff members present:

- Ms. Tosca Henry, JD, Legal Counsel
- Dr. Shonny Bria, Superintendent
- Mr. Matt Yost, Principal
- Ms. Karen Lehman, SPED director
- Mr. Thomas O’Connor, Program Director, Acting Board Secretary
- Ms. Judi Beckerleg, Acting Business Manager

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 6:04 p.m.

Motion: Approval of the Agenda as presented.

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion carries

2. COMMUNICATIONS

A. CALL TO THE COMMUNITY

We value input from our community. Members of the public may speak to the Board regarding items that are not on this Agenda. To do so, a Public Participation at Board Meetings form must be completed and emailed to Board Secretary, Susan Kerley, at skerley@grandcanyonschool.org before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020, The form may be found on the School’s website at www.grandcanyonschool.org,> Governing Board>Public Participation Form. When you join the meeting by phone or computer, notify the host that you have submitted a form and wish to speak during the Call to the Community. When the President of the Board calls upon you, please limit your comments to three minutes.

Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Please remember, this is not an appropriate place to evaluate, discuss, or criticize District personnel.

The Board heard from one community member:

Ms. Allison Ridley; Address: 703 Mohave, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Ms. Ridley is one of the district teachers, and wanted to acknowledge that distance learning is progressing well. She is hoping and encouraged the Board members to have a clear timeline for reopening for in-person learning so teachers have sufficient time to plan the transition.

3. PRESENTATION/CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

A. Update on School Re-Opening – Mr. Matt Yost

Mr. Yost reported that the school is doing well in distance learning model. There were some Google Drive issues and the 100 building lost power the first week, but overall, considering this was a first time doing distance learning for both teachers and students, things went reasonably well.

Attendance:

Grade Enrolled	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/14	9/15
Pk-5	107	107	112	111	107	109
118	90.6%	90.6%	94.9%	94.1%	90.6%	92.4%
6-8	57	59	61	61	59	60
64	89%	2.2%	95.3%	95.3%	92.2%	95.3%
9-12	79	81	79	80	78	80
82	96.3%	98.8%	96.3%	97.6%	95.1%	97.6%

Mr. Yost expressed thanks for Xanterra, Red Feather, Canyon Plaza and the Kaibab Learning Center for providing space and internet services to students during distance learning.

Directions to staff:

- Survey of how people are responding to Distance learning, and preference for the future.

B. Statistical Analysis and Probability of Opening School on October 12, 2020 – Mr. Thomas O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor presented the State guidelines for opening for in-person learning and provided some background on those guidelines and their sources. He then showed current relevant data to compare against the criteria, and the sources of that data.

Ms. Adrian Alvarez was given 10 minutes to present the perspective of a committee of teachers.

Ms. Alvarez's presentation is included as an appendix. Mr. O'Connor's presentation and Board report are available in the BoardDocs section for this item.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes:(BEDG, BEDG-R)
1. August 19, 2020 – Regular Meeting
 2. August 22, 2020 – Special Meeting
 3. September 3, 2020 – Special Meeting
- B. Approval of Payroll Vouchers:
- | | | |
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| FY 20-21 | # 4 | \$ 96,554.36 |
| FY 20-22 | # 5 | \$116,675.11 |
- C. Approval of Expense Vouchers:
- | | | |
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| FY 19-20 | #3039 | \$142,237.40 |
| FY 20-21 | #4004 | \$ 55,373.96 |
| FY 20-21 | #4005 | \$ 60,369.35 |
| FY 20-21 | #4006 | \$ 27,160.86 |
| FY 20-21 | #4007 | \$ 6,308.610 |
- D. Approval of Fiduciary Disbursements:
- Student Activity – August 2020
 - Revolving – August 2020
 - Auxiliary – August 2020
 - Food Services – August 2020
- E. Human Resources:
1. Approval of termination of Ms. Heidi Hoel (resignation) effective July 15, 2020
 2. Approval to hire Ms. Angelic Ries, Payroll Specialist, September 14, 2020 to December 31, 2020
 3. Approval to hire Ms. Kristin Zanos as MS/HS art teacher for a distance teaching position, effective September 8, 2020
 4. Approval to hire Dr. Melissa Schoeffel as Dual Credit English teacher, effective September 8, 2020
- F. Approval of removal of inventory (Policy DID): Ice maker and old refrigerator from Food Services

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 6:59 p.m.

Motion: Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Joe Rabon

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion carries

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements) No action required at this time – Mr. Matt Yost

Mr. Yost asked the Board for additional time to address this item. With the opening of school the prior week, and the inevitable issues which arose, there was not sufficient time between the September 3 Board meeting and this meeting to do a thorough investigation and recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Yost also noted that this is not a critical timing activity since it does not affect any students in the first semester.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board selection of voting delegate(s) for upcoming ASBA elections – Board President

As part of the district’s commitment to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA), the Board needs to elect someone to represent the Board at ASBA votes. This can be a Board member, or it can be a task which is delegated to a member of the staff.

This delegate needs to be available on October 22, and should identify an alternate.

Directions to the Board:

- Appoint Dr. Shonny Bria, Superintendent, as the representative of the Board to ASBA.

Before moving on, Dr. Bria asked Acting Board president, Ms. SuZan Pearce if the Superintendent’s report, item 8.A, could be moved ahead of the executive session 7.A so that the majority of meeting attendees would not have to wait a possibly long period of the executive session before hearing her report.

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 7:13 p.m.

Motion: Move Agenda Item 8.A, "Superintendent's Report" ahead of item 7.A, "Executive Session."

Second: Mr. Joe Rabon

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion carries

Note Item 8.A and 7.A are transposed per the above Board motion.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Stilo

Stilo:

The existing Stilo Agreement has a great benefits for the district. One important item is the current agreement covers lost funding due to student growth should a Stilo housing development be completed. Once the high school numbers go over 100 students, the District loses approximately one million dollars in small school funding. Stilo, in their agreement, promises to make up any loss funding due to growth. The Board has discussed on three occasions that the Stilo organization create CC&R's that would be transferable if Stilo decided to sell their property before or after development. Currently, there is no written commitment to assure the District that buyers would honor the Stilo Agreement.

Mr. Pete Shearer requested that the administration and legal, Tosca Henry, work together in order to acquire CC&R's from the Stilo Corporation. In addition, items in the agreement that have not been address are: a proposed 0.4% sales tax, letters of support and lobbying for a broader legislative definition of the small school adjustment, The Board was in agreement.

Audit Report:

During the 2018-2019 Auditors' Exit Conference, completed in February, 2020, the attendees were told that the GCUSD 18-19 Audit was "the best they had completed during the entire audit season." Due to the COVID-19 quarantine, the audit has only recently been completed. The partners from Hafen, Bucker, Everett & Graff PC are currently reviewing the document and it will soon be sent for administrative review.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A) (3) for the purpose of discussion and/or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body for analysis of statutes and/or policies relevant for a superintendent's search.

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 7:33 p.m.

Motion: Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3), enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion and/or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for analysis of statutes and/or policies relevant for a superintendent's search.

Second: Mr. Joe Rabon

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Carries, Board entered Executive session at 7:33 p.m.

The Acting Board President invited Dr. Shonny Bria to enter the Executive session at 8:43 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 9:07 p.m.

Motion: Return to regular session.

Second: Mr. Joe Rabon

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion carries.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- Executive Session, similar to this session at the next regular session.
- Regular short special meetings scheduled weekly. Plan Sunday, 6:00 p.m., begin week from Sunday; Agenda written in a way to vote if needed.
- Donation agreement with Stilo update
- Tusayan property developments

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. SuZan Pearce at 9:24 p.m.

Motion: Adjourn

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan				X
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by, _____
Board Secretary

Date _____

SuZan Pearce
Acting Board President

Pete Shearer
Board Member

Joe Rabon
Acting Board Clerk/Vice President

Kathryn Morris
Board Member

Kevin Hartigan
Not Present