

**GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
MINUTES**

Call to Order

Ms. Morris moved to call the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion.

Members Present; President, Katie Morris; Member, Judi Beckerleg; Member, Kevin Hartigan; Newly Sworn in Member Brian Donehoo

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Morris moved to approve the agenda with one adjustment, moving the recognition by Mr. Melster to follow the consent agenda. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Call to the Community

Kerri Lunetta Nelson 385 Park Circle, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Nelson expressed concern regarding the longer school day. Ms. Nelson has spoken with the Principal and noted that this is a work in progress. Ms. Nelson feels the day is extremely too long for the elementary. Speaking only for her 8 year old, her day is entirely consumed by school every waking hour. Ms. Nelson says it is over whelming, it is miserable, it's crying melt downs at night, it is not enjoyable anymore and Ms. Nelson does not feel that she is learning anything more with the longer day.

Correspondence

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)
August 13th Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Vouchers (DK, DK-E-2961)
 - 1. Payroll # 4 - \$74,520.67 # 5 - \$1,377.31
6 - \$80,408.04 # 7 - \$ 1,695.67
 - 2. Expenditure # 6829 - \$5,709.97 # 6901 - \$179,757.34
6902 - \$42,571.07 # 6903 - \$9,280.27
- c. Donations
- d. Out of State Travel
- e. Certified Personnel – Deb Goepfrich-Volunteer for the Community Garden
- f. Classified Personnel

- g. Stipends – Kaitlyn Russell - Head HS Soccer Coach, Janet Ginder-Berchick - Asst HS Soccer Coach, Sharon Foster – Curriculum Coordinator K-6, Nina Bryan – 6th Grade Outdoor Education, Lori Rommel – MS Student Council, Lynne Brown – HS Student Council, Sara Newton – Freshman Sponsor, David Beery – Sophomore Sponsor, Lynne Brown – Senior Sponsor, Bently Monk – Band/Music/Theatre Competition, David Beery – Athletic Director, Patricia Sorells-Bailey – 8 extra Sped Days, Patricia Sorells-Bailey – Spcl Ed Director, Lynne Brown – CTE Coordinator, Erica Beggs – Testing Coordinator, Sara Newton – New Teacher Mentor, Kelsey Evenson – New Teacher Mentor, Patricia Sorells-Bailey – Junior Sponsor

h. The policy for 60-day Review of Textbooks

Ms. Beckerleg requested to remove from the consent agenda Requisition 6902 & 6903 for some questions.

Mr. Donehoo requested to remove from the consent agenda Requisition 6901 for a question.

Ms. Morris moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of requisitions 6901, 6902 & 6903 for discussion. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Donehoo, had a question regarding 6901 on page 15; the Zwagerman entry for remote control airplanes. Ms. Morris explained this was because there was some vandalism done at the school and the teacher's personal items were damaged.

Ms. Beckerleg asked if there was a policy about personal property. Mr. Dickerson said that it has not been covered in the past but will be address this year for teachers and is in the works to be completed.

Also on 6901 on page 7; the pizza ordered for the Hillyard Crew when doing the gym floor. Mr. Dickerson explained that Hillyard came up to demonstrate using their product in an effort to sway the district to buy their product. As here, they resurfaced the gym floor at no cost to the district, the district provided lunch in this instance.

Ms. Beckerleg asked for this item not to be recoded to M & O and recoded appropriately . Mr. Dickerson agreed this could be recoded.

Ms. Beckerleg had questions on 6902 page 2; borderLAN Security software. Mr. Reid explained that this purchase is for the filter required for the students. This software is also a spam filter and the energy metering devise.

Also on 6902 page 8; The Arizona School Alliance for Worker's; Ms. Beckerleg would like this type of information to come to the Board prior to any changes being made, explaining that there may be very valid reason for the change. The Board simply does not know what they are.

Mr. Dickerson explained some of the benefits of the change.

Ms. Beckerleg had a question on 6903 page 1; Delta Dental of Arizona. The question revolved around payments being made to offset late payment from payroll. Mr. Dickerson explained why this is happening and being done this way. He also noted that Delta Dental is no longer a pre-paid.

Ms. Morris moved to approve vouchers 6901, 6902, & 6903 as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Principal Recognition

Mr. Melster recognized and presented a certificate to Elizabeth Gdula for her efforts over the summer in completing an independent summer school program. He also presented her with a book about dogs.

Mr. Melster recognized Ms. April Peters for her efforts to assist a community member.

Old Business

Second Reading of Governing Board Policies G – L

Ms. Beckerleg inquired of the policy IKF and if it would revert back to this particular version.

Ms. Shields explained that IKF will be approved as was detailed and approved in the earlier Board Meeting.

Ms. Morris moved to approve the second reading of Governing Board Policies G – L as presented with the exception of IKF. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Second reading of ASBA Model Policies GCJ / GCK / GCO / GCO-RA

Ms. Morris moved to approve ASBA Model Policies GCJ, GCK, GCO, & GCO-RA with the inclusion of the definitions of inadequacies as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

New Business

Update on Special Education Department

Ms. Bailey provided updated numbers of students receiving services, anticipated testing a few more students. She shared that the Special Education Department is also preparing for an Audit next month and continues to transition to the web-base digital format for the state.

This was an information piece only, no action taken.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Annual Prop 301 Plan

The prop 301 plan was approved by teachers 100%

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the Prop 301 plan as presented. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval Annual Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the Annual Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Authorized Signatures on Bank Accounts

(Kevin Dickerson, Myrna Hausa, Toby Melster – All checks require 2 signatures)

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the Authorized Signatures on Bank Accounts as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Kevin Dickerson as Authorized Representative with Arizona School Alliance for Worker's Compensation Inc.

Ms. Morris moved for approval of Kevin Dickerson being the authorized representative with Arizona School Alliance for Worker's Compensation Inc. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Annual (IGA) Intergovernmental Agreement with (CAVIAT) Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry and Technology

Ms. Morris moved to the IGA with CAVIAT as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of moving parent teacher conference day from Tuesday and Wednesday to be Wednesday and Thursday, Both the Fall Conferences and Spring Conferences

There was discussion about getting this information out to parents sooner than later.

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the adjustment to the school calendar moving parent teacher conference date to Wednesday & Thursday both in the fall and Spring. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Reports

Board Member Reports

Ms. Morris, Mr. Donehoo and Ms. Beckerleg attended the ASBA Law Conference and shared some highlights of the conference.

Mr. Hartigan has been working related to the park, mid-state and the upcoming archery program.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Alexander shared that the Crisis Management plan has been changed to the Emergency Response Plan and has been updated. The School held its first fire drill this week and all went well. There were several fire fighters on sight to see the procedure. She went on and noted that you can't plan for everything but with adult common sense one can certainly have a plan.

Ms. Alexander invited Board members to attend with St. Senator Crandell October 1st.

Grand Canyon School has had 3 grade levels selected to participate in a "pilot" testing program for (PARCC) Partnership for Assessment of Readiness and Careers Consortium. This testing is all done on line and will be addition to the AIMS and any other testing.

Ms. Alexander talked of class sizes in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. She does not feel the school should wait until the next school Board meeting before taking action. Ms. Alexander requested from the Board the discretion to move ahead with interviewing for a kindergarten/1st grade, split position. The affected teachers have developed a plan for the transition.

Ms. Alexander requested that she be able to interview and bring to the Board a recommendation for the position at the September 24th special Board meeting. The position has been advertised since Ms. Alexander's arrival as an anticipated position and there is a pool of applicants from which to choose and interview from.

Housing would not be available for this position and the individual would also have to understand that the position is only for this year with no guarantee or indication that this or another position would be available the coming year.

Ms. Alexander recognizes that there are still concerns regarding the longer day for elementary. This topic is still being explored and a topic of discussion. Ms. Alexander said it is just not a simple fix because people have made arrangements and if the school day length changes, all will need ample time to make new accommodations.

Principal's Report

Report is as written.

One question on the last bullet point of the principal's report; Early release on December 19th and May 29th. This will come back to the Board at the 24th work session.

Business Manager's Report

Report is as written.

Maintenance and Transportation Report

Report is as written.

Presentation of School Violence Video, presented by Park Ranger

(Parental Note: This video contains graphic material.)

Due to the Arrival of the on duty working officer this video was shown after the Reports Ranger Morris presented the video to those present.

This was an informational piece only, no action was taken.

Consideration of items for the Next Regular Board Meeting

Work Session September 24th.

Planned work session September 24th 5pm in the MPR

- Board Evaluation
- Supt. Evaluation & Performance
- Solar Update
- School Day Length/Hours
- Updated Calendar & half days
- Safety Plan - Draft
- Teacher Recommendation

Adjournment

Ms. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara Shields, Board Secretary & Date

Katie Morris, President

Brian Donehoo, Member

Judi Beckerleg, Member

Kevin Hartigan, Member

Pete Shearer, Clerk