

**GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
MINUTES**

Call to Order

Mr. Shearer moved to call the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Members Present; Clerk, Pete Shearer; Member, Judi Beckerleg; Member, Kevin Hartigan

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Shearer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Call to the Community

Jeanne Yost 1906 Mohave, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Yost expressed concern over the class size of the Kindergarten class. Ms. Yost has a child in this class. She was told the count was at 32 children and 30 showed up. The first day was very overwhelming for the parents and her student just by the number of persons in the room and felt that this was a traumatizing first day.

A sign by the door read “Kids over Convenience”. In the discussion about the decision to keep the class size that large, she does not believe that this was a decision about kids. This was not a decision that is good for children or for the teacher in that room. Ms. Yost said she would like to know the reason for this decision if this is in fact a decision for children.

Ms. Yost shared that her older son’s large class was split into a split level. She was told by the teacher that this was done because a class of 30 could be chaos. Ms. Yost said this was a difficult message to hear this in the third grade room and knowing that it was accepted for her son in kindergarten. She stated research shows the positive effect for children is most significant in the K-3 grade levels and diminishes in the upper levels. Again she would like to know what the reasons are for the decision and if something can be done to salvage this year for her son.

Another issue is the late release time. She addressed this as a parent and also as the director of the Kiabab Learning Center (KLC). KLC has had an after school program and the late release time has eliminated the after school program. There was no outreach or communication sent other than what was received as a parent. She feels this should have been something to plan for. Ms. Yost has heard from parents that their kids are now unsupervised, parents know that school is out at 4:15 pm and they’ll be home 4:45 or 5:00, the parents are hoping for the best in trying to save money. Ms. Yost does not blame anyone for trying to save some money. The concern lies with children being unsupervised after school.

Ms. Yost shared that at the end of the day her child was exhausted. Other children she saw were exhausted. She feels this is a very long day for a 5 year old. She is also concerned about some of the

blocks of times and developmental appropriateness for the age group. She referred to whole group instruction. Other concerns were eating for the children and snack time, will this happen?

Michelle Diamond Po Box 312, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Diamond expressed a desire and requests an additional bus stop in the afternoon at Papillon. Ms. Diamond shared that 4 to 5 students could be dropped off here versus the students being dropped off elsewhere and being home alone for the 15-30 minutes.

Lori Rommel 134 Havasupai, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Rommel shared concern for the elementary and the longer school day. Ms. Rommel is a parent of a 1st grader this year. Her child has come home exhausted, hungry. Previous years a snack time was implemented through funding, she doesn't know if this might be a possibility again or not. Ms. Rommel said she remembers many years past when the school was a 4:15 release and she was teaching 2nd Grade. It was long and there were many complaints about the long day. It was changed many years ago to the earlier release time. She shared the reason for the changes was that is simply was too long for the kids. Ms. Rommel does not know why this information did not come forward in this decision being made. Ms. Rommel expressed concern with the longer day and how that additional time is being used. Ms. Rommel also applauded the KLC and their after school program and was sad to see this affected them as well. She also expressed concern regarding children being unsupervised.

Matt Yost 1906 Mohave, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Mr. Yost expressed concern over the kindergarten class it's too large. Mr. Yost has a son in kindergarten this year. Mr. Yost shared that when he dropped off a snack to the class the kids were all sitting in a small area trying to play with play-dough, arms against each other, backing into each other. They were really happy but, what Mr. Yost saw was way too little space to have any personal space. Mr. Yost asked, if you had to work in a space that was only 3 or 4 foot square the whole day, how irritable might you be? This particular day Mr. Yost's boys came home screaming at each other and trying to pick on each other because they were so exhausted. Mr. Yost shared that his oldest boy came home from school today crying, he is so tired.

Mr. Yost asks the Board to think about the young children who don't have classroom managing skills yet, don't have the social skills yet. Older students have more of these skills, he does not want to see the older students hurt either. Please think about the youngest ones, they are 5 years old. Mr. Yost feels the students should not be left alone with an aide, they should be with a qualified, certified teacher.

Alejandra Flores, 1302 Mohave, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Mr. Flores stated that she has a 2nd grader and a kindergarten student this year. She expressed concern about the class size of the kindergarten. Her student was very tired today. Ms. Flores shared that she works with Pre-school kids and they can have no more than 20 kids, it is not optional. She is concerned for her daughter's safety, health and learning. Ms. Flores asks for the Board's help in figuring this out. Ms. Flores also offers her help if that is necessary.

Correspondence

ASBA Delegate Assembly Information

Ms. Beckerleg said she would be attending the conference and would like Administration to check with Katie who will also be attending the conference to see if she will be attending as the delegate. Ms. Beckerleg feels if it is at all possible that at least one board member should attend.

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)
June 25th Special Meeting Minutes, July 9th Regular Meeting Minutes, July 30th
Special Meeting Minutes, and August 1st Special Board Meeting Minutes

b. Approval of Vouchers (DK, DK-E-2961)

1. Payroll # 1 - \$14,578.37 # 2 - \$26,268.33
3 - \$30,606.58

2. Expenditure # 6827 - \$216,801.21 # 6828 - \$16,124.01
6900 - \$7,610.63

c. Donations

1. Putz – 20.00 – Dave Trenchard Memorial
2. Thrapp – 30.00 – Dave Trenchard Memorial
3. Ledgerwood – 100.00 – Dave Trenchard Memorial
4. Khouri – 30.00 – Dave Trenchard Memorial
5. Gregg Fendley Benefits – 400.00 – Staff Lunch, Orientation

d. Out of State Travel

e. Certified Personnel

f. Classified Personnel – Patty Everts, Special Ed Aide

g. Stipends – HS Volleyball Head Coach – Joelle Biard
HS Volleyball Asst. Coach – Barb Shields

h. The policy for 60-day Review of Textbooks be waved, Requesting a 30 day
review.

1. Approval of Common Core Reading Street. (Note; The Reading Street Books
have been on display at the District Office since July 8th 2013.)

Ms. Beckerleg asked to remove from the consent agenda expenditure voucher 6827 and the classified
personnel item. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda with the two items pulled. Ms.
Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Ms. Beckerleg inquired on voucher 6827 of the ASBAIT payment and if this was prepay. Mr.
Dickerson confirmed that yes this was for prepaid items, and ASBAIT is the medical.

Ms. Beckerleg also inquired regarding the hiring of yet another Special Education Aide.
Mr. Dickerson responded first that this is a position that was originally budgeted for. The number of
positions for Special Education was based on IEP's. This position was not filled over the summer,
and so now the recommendation has come to the Board at this time.

Ms. Beckerleg spoke of a person who was moved from Special Ed Aide into a regular aide and wanted to know how many aides does the school have this year? And, how many Special Ed Aides? Also, of the Special Education aides, how many are 1 on 1?

Mr. Melster reported 5 are 1 on 1 aides. He believes this position is also a 1 on 1 position but would have to check to confirm.

Ms. Beckerleg confirmed that this would make 6. She also felt that this might be out of proportion to the population of the school. She understands that IEPs have to be met and is simply trying to confirm that this position is met legitimately

Ms. Alexander offered to bring a Special Education Report. Ms. Beckerleg express appreciation for that offer.

Mr. Shearer moved to approve the expenditure voucher 6827 and the classified personnel action as presented. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Ms. Beckerleg, Nay

Old Business

Second Reading of Governing Board Policies D – F

Mr. Shearer moved to approve the second reading of Governing Board Policies D – F as presented. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Mid-State Energy Report

Mr. Ron Stalica from Mid-State was present to present the report.

Mr. Shearer mentioned the damaged caused by a faulty valve in the winter time. His question, was this taken care of by Mid-State and did they purchase the parts to repair that?

Mr. Dickerson addressed the inquiry and said that he and Mr. Stalica have spoken on this and agree that they both have need to do more research on how this was handled. This was originally handled under a different administration. Would this be a reduction of cost of things or a check back to the district and what that percentage split would be. Both parties agree to go back and see how that situation was handled.

Mr. Shearer noted that the rates in the report were not correct and would skew the figures in the report of the savings. He requested to a more accurate report on the numbers.

Mr. Stalica agreed.

Mr. Hartigan said he was not able to make sense of the numbers either even for APS. Mr. Hartigan wanted to know what is the Board approving with this report?

Mr. Dickerson explained simply that the Board approving is accepting the presentation of the report only not the figures with in the report.

Mr. Shearer moved accepted the report with the understanding that there will be final adjustment to the figures of the actual savings. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Audit Bid

The Board was presented with a rubric for which all bids were categorized in. The recommendation from the Administration based on the rubric is Heinfield & Meech.

Ms. Beckerleg moved to accept Heinfield and Meach for audit services on a 3 year commitment. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Chief Administrative Officer Authorization

Ms. Beckerleg moved to approve the superintendent being selected as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Qualified Evaluators

Ms. Alexander recommended that Mr. Melster be approved as the qualified evaluator. Mr. Melster has been trained in Marzano, Ms. Alexander said she does have experience in this area at this time.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve Mr. Melster to be the Qualified Evaluator. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Fiscal Year Ending Cash Balance

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the Fiscal Year Ending Cash Balance as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

First Reading of Governing Board policies G – L

No Action taken on the item.

Reports

Board Member Reports

Mr. Hartigan reported that he with his family spent some time in Sequoia and Yosemite. He shared a new appreciation for the school here at the Grand Canyon and felt that the housing situation is much better here than there.

Ms. Beckerleg reported that she attending the “Meet and Greet” sponsored by the County and also was able to attend the opening day with new staff and returning staff on August 5th, 2013.

Mr. Shearer reported that Ms. Alexander did a walk through on the Park and at this time there was no further update.

Superintendent’s Report

The recommendation is to bring the I-pad in as classroom sets. This will be a transition and the school will be working with those people of extenuating circumstances. IEPs will be taken into consideration etc. Anyone who wishes a contact regarding the change will receive a contact.

Suzan Pearce 372 Sunset Dr Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Pearce expressed disappointment in the communication of the requirement to return the Ipad. The request for the Ipad to be return was just received today with the request for the item to be returned tomorrow. The parents just paid for the insurance again for the Ipad. More notice would be appreciated and not be asked to return something that insurance has been paid on.

Ms. Alexander said that the school would gladly work with parents on this.

Mr. Reid added the being in contact with the insurance company, that if the policy was cancelled early the insured party would receive a refund of the prorated amount.

Principal’s Report

Mr. Melster introduced New Staff Members. The remainder of Mr. Melster’s report is as written with attention to appreciation to the staff and school grades.

Ms. Beckerleg asked Mr. Melster to read the second to last paragraph of his report to the public since so many of them spoke to this item.

Mr. Melster read that paragraph of his report.

Business Manager’s Report

Report is as written.

Maintenance and Transportation Report

Mr. Reid said his report is as written with one addition of an example of repair work being done to school vacuum cleaners by Mr. Landry, saving the district around \$9000.00 alone on this project.

Consideration of items for the Next Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Alexander would recommend that the 4th Tuesday of the month in September and October be used for Board Work Sessions. The work sessions can be customized to the needs of the Board. September 24th at 5:00 PM will be scheduled for a work session. The October date is not determined of yet due to availability.

Solar Update

Special Education Report and Update

Update on contract the park is issuing if anything to report

Follow-up on the Lower Elementary situation

Adjournment

Ms. Beckerleg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara Shields, Board Secretary

Date

Katie Morris, President

Kevin Hartigan, Member

Pete Shearer, Clerk

Judi Beckerleg, Member