

Grand Canyon Unified School District #4
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

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1. OPENING ITEMS

Procedural: A. CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:02 p.m.

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

Procedural: B. ROLL CALL

The Presiding Officer called the roll:

Ash Bedford - Board Member

Present

Cassidy Wolf Gibson - Vice President/Clerk

Present

Daniel Hendrix - Board Member

Present - Zoom

Sena Stiles - Board Member

Present @ 6:11 p.m. on Phone from 6:02 p.m. - 6:11 p.m.

Jimelia Talasyousiea - President

Present

Procedural: C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President led the group in the pledge.

Action: D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: The Board may approve the Agenda as presented.

TIME: 6:05

MOTION: Approve the Agenda as Presented with changes: Eliminate the Executive Session (Item 9.) and Return to Regular Session (Item 10.)

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

VOTE:

Ash 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 to Address the Board were Received

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Reports: A. Business Report - Levi Frye, Business Manager

- Purchases and Capital Purchases
- July is a quieter month during which the Business Office is doing a lot of internal work.
- Thank you to Karen Alvarez for getting invoices submitted from vendors for all of last year's purchases.
- Transition into the fall

Reports: B. Principal's Report and SRO Report - Lori Rommel, Principal and Jason Morris, SRO

- Awesome group of new teachers with a lot of good energy
- Everyone returns on Monday and Tuesday and school begins on Wednesday.
- Computers and Chromebooks and schedules will be issued first thing in the morning.

Reports: C. IT Report - Derrick Tutt, IT Director

- We are at 1 gig for new school year.
- Installed some new switches, and he sees some improvement.

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

- The field is making a really good comeback.
- We still have a couple of housing units that need some updating and refurbishing.
- Cassidy: When will students be able to step onto the field? Matt Yost replied: On the first day of school.

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

- New staff members seem really positive.
- Incorporating more sensory items, dividers, bean bag chairs to help students regroup

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes (BEDG, BEDG-R) June 18 - Regular Meeting, July 9 - Public Hearing and Special Meeting

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): D. Approval of Fiduciary Disbursements

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): E. Human Resources: Approval of hiring substitute teachers for 2025-2026: Kevin Hutson, Katherine Hawkins, Aleksandra Warnat, and Kay Bordwell.

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): F. Human Resources: Approval of individuals to fill stipend positions for 2025-2026: Christine Chavez Teacher Leader/Instructional Coach Jeanne Yost Teacher Leader/Instructional Coach Janna Radarian Teacher Leader/Instructional Coach Adrian Alvarez Teacher Leader/Instructional Coach Adrian Alvarez 6th Grade Outdoor Education/Camp Colton Sponsor Janna Radarian MS Student Council Sponsor and 8th Grade Class Sponsor Forrest Radarian Canyon Outdoor Leadership Club (COLT Sponsor) Carissa Foley National Art Honor Society Sponsor Carissa Foley Yearbook Sponsor Rick McDonald Online Programs Coordinator Ashley Collet Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator/Out of the Box Club Sponsor Thomas Washington State Testing Coordinator Monica Nanacasia HS Volleyball Varsity Coach Justin Lambon MS Soccer Head Coach Eduyn Graterol, Jr., HS Soccer Head Coach

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): G. Approval of the addition of Science Club Sponsor (\$500) to the 2025-2026 Master Stipends List

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): H. Approval of 2025-2026 Payroll Schedule.

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): I. Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Education Technology Consortium for the joint acquisition, development and use of software, personnel, supplies and other items to maintain computer systems and networks and to provide for data processing services.

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): J. Approval of request for authorization to dispose of white board, file cabinets and shelves from Math Room #432 - outdated and unsafe.

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): K. Approval of Pre-K Handbook

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented

TIME: 6:20 p.m.

MOTION: Approval of Consent Agenda items as presented

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

VOTE:

Ash Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Daniel Hendrix Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jimelia Talasyousiez Yes

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

6. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board will consider and may take action on the Terms and Conditions for Acceptance of Monies from Building Renewal Grant Funds: • Project Number BRG-007403 for High School Backflow Prevention Compliance Project • Project Number BRG-007404 Elementary School Backflow Prevention Compliance Project • Project Number BRG Elementary School Fire Alarm System Project • Project Number BRG High School Fire Alarm System Project • Project Number BRG Elementary School Intercom System Project • Project Number BRG High School Intercom System Project

Recommended Action: The Board will consider and may take action on this item.

MY explained that we would like to get approval for these projects that are currently in the pipeline.

Discussion:

TIME: 6:23 p.m.

MOTION: The Board approves the Terms and Conditions for Acceptance of Monies from Building Renewal Grant Funds

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
 SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
 VOTE:
 Ash Bedford Yes
 Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes
 Daniel Hendrix Yes
 Sena Stiles Yes
 Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes
 MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Action: B. Discussion and possible action regarding the quotations received for related services for 2025-2026, including counseling and psychological evaluation services.

Recommended Action: The Board accept the quotations as presented

TIME: 6:25 p.m.

MOTION: Accept and approve the quotations as presented from Coconino County Educational Services for counseling therapy and psychological evaluation services.

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
 SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
 VOTE:
 Ash Bedford Yes
 Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes
 Daniel Hendrix Yes
 Sena Stiles Yes
 Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes
 MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Action: C. Consideration and possible action to appoint Jimelia Talasyousiea to represent GCUSD #4 as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly to be held on September 6, 2025.

Recommended Action: The Board will consider and may take action on this item.

Discussion: Matt Yost and Delegate will attend. Jimelia is going as part of the Legislative Committee so if another Board Member wants to attend as our Delegate, there is an opportunity to do so. No other Board Member will be free to attend the Legislative Assembly.

TIME: 6:27 p.m.

MOTION: Matt Yost will represent this District if he can serve in that role as well as the delegate for CAVEAT

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
 SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
 VOTE:
 Ash Bedford Yes
 Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes
 Daniel Hendrix Yes
 Sena Stiles Yes
 Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes
 MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Action: D. Governing Board to discuss and may consider action to approve in whole or in part the Draft 2026 Political Agenda of the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) and direct the District's delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board's determined position.

Recommended Action: Governing Board to discuss and may consider action to approve in whole or in part the Draft 2026 Political Agenda of the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) and direct the District's delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board's determined position.

Discussion: Board Members asked if they could adopt the whole ASBA political agenda rather than parts of it. The Board President replied in the affirmation

TIME: 6:29 p.m.

MOTION: Adopt the whole ASBA political agenda. (Matt Yost read the categories of the ASBA Political Agenda)

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea
 SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson
 VOTE:
 Ash Bedford Yes
 Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes
 Daniel Hendrix Yes
 Sena Stiles Yes
 Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes
 MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Information: E. Information Only: COGNIA Accreditation Engagement Review

Superintendent Matt Yost reviewed what "accredited" means and what remains to be done.

Procedural: F. Approval to adopt Policy DJE - Bidding/Purchasing Procedures with one reading by number and name by Presiding Officer or designee. If Board approves, the first reading will be done and the Board may adopt the policy.

Matt Yost explained that the change is increasing the limit of a purchase from \$1 million to \$2.5 million.

TIME: 6:37 p.m.

MOTION: Adopt Policy DJE - Bidding/Purchasing with one reading.

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

VOTE:

Ash Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Daniel Hendrix Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Procedural: G. Approval of first reading of policies by name and number only by Board designee.

TIME: 6:38 p.m.

MOTION: Approve first reading of policies by name and number only

BY: Jimelia

SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

VOTE:

Ash Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Daniel Hendrix Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Procedural: H. The Board will hear the first reading of Policies under consideration.

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

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- New staff members are checking into housing. Thanks to the Maintenance Department for prepping the units.
- We've had a great week of Orientation for new employees.
- We have no Athletic Director yet for next year.
- Thanks to the Town of Tusayan for providing shooting shirts and uniforms for basketball.
- Thanks to our Transportation Department for supporting Tusayan's Summer Camp by transporting participants locally and on field trips.
- Thanks to PTA for its continued support of individuals displaced by the fire at the North Rim.
- Thanks to Rosa Velazquez and Alejandra Flores for registering students and getting proof of residency.
- We are excited to have students return next Wednesday, July 30th.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - DELETED FROM AGENDA BEFORE IT WAS APPROVED (See Item 1. D. Approval of Agenda)

Action (Consent): A. 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.

TIME:

MOTION: Enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual performance pay for the Superintendent, Matthew Yost.

BY:

SECOND:

VOTE:

Ash Bedford

Cassidy Wolf Gibson

Daniel Hendrix

Sena Stiles

Jimelia Talasyousiea

MOTION PASSED:

10. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION - DELETED FROM AGENDA BEFORE IT WAS APPROVED (See Item 1.D. Approval of Agenda)

The Board will consider and may take action on the item discussed in 9.A. Executive Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Jimelia Talasyousiea adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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