

GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

Generated by Susan Kerley on Wednesday, September 17, 2025

1. OPENING ITEMS

Procedural: A. CALL TO ORDER

The Presiding Officer, Cassidy Wolf Gibson, began the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Procedural: B. ROLL CALL

Presiding Officer, Cassidy Wolf Gibson, called the roll:

Ashton Bedford	Present
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Present
Daniel Hendrix	Absent
Sena Stiles	Present
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Present via Phone - Joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Procedural: C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the pledge.

Action: D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TIME: 6:03 p.m.

MOTION: Approve the Agenda as presented

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

SECOND: Sena Stiles

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes

MOTION PASSED: 3-0

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. CALL TO COMMUNITY

No Requests from the Public to Speak were received.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Information: A. Preview of Washington D.C. 2026 Trip - Janna Radarian, Sponsor

- 34 Interested students for 2026
- She expanded on one of the projects students complete: Mock Congress
- They write legislation for the school.
- Showed some examples of past bills.
- Every student writes a bill.
- 2022 - No bills signed into law for school.
- This time of year, they start asking for Arizona School Tax Credit donations.
- Around \$10,000 is raised each year for the DC Trip.

Information B: Odyssey of the Mind - Ashley Collet, Coordinator

- She shared the OM Mission
- She started as an OM Coach and became coordinator in her second year. This will be her fourth year in OM.
- OM currently has 8 coaches with four teams.
- GCUSD and home-schooled students are welcome to participate.
- All problems are only performance-based.
- One of the biggest challenges is finding coaches each year.
- Students must maintain 70% or higher in their schoolwork to participate.
- On average, they raise \$8,000 - \$10,000 each year. This is needed to cover expenses.
- In 2023 one team, The Dudes, made it through the State Finals in Tucson to compete in the world competition in Iowa.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

- FY 2025 is officially wrapped up.
- Focused on AFR for submission in October.
- Update on M & O Override in October
- Auditors will come in January to audit 2024-2025.

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

- Matt Yost has been acting as principal while Ms. Rommel is on a river trip.

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

- Working upstairs to remove outdated equipment no longer used.
- Worked hard to minimize the number of servers we have on campus.

- Troubleshooting on issues encountered when having a number of Chromebooks working at the same time in the same classroom.

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

- Repairs are being made on the water leak in the street in front of the school.
- Part of the main line needs to be replaced. This will take several contiguous days.
- They have ten 2,000-lb. bags of mulch for the playground.

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

- New psych evaluations are being made since the psychologist has returned from being away for a month.
- We have a new occupational therapist who is amazing. Gave a presentation to ESS Aides.
- Our new teacher from the Philippines has jumped right into teacher SPED students.
- We need one more ESS teacher to complete the staff.
- Pre-K is going well with its new teacher.
- Behavior plans are being created.
- We are looking at a "squeeze" machine.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes (BEDG, BEDG-R) - August 20, 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. Human Resources: Approval of Amy Laughlin and Celia Dubin for Odyssey of the Mind Coaches, splitting the \$1,000 stipend equally between them.

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

Action (Consent): F. Human Resources: Approval of Ethan Jones, HS Boys Head Basketball Coach; Maria Hernandez, HS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach.

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

Action (Consent): G. Human Resources: Approval of Grace Lilly as substitute teacher for 2025-2026

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

Action (consent): H. Human Resources: Approval of hiring Gloria Barrett, Jordan Schlador, Sarah Billerbeck, and Isabelle Morris as substitute teachers, pending receipt of their AZ emergency substitute teacher certificates.

Action (Consent): I. Approval of Fundraising Activities for 2025-2026

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

Action (Consent): J. Approval of qualified evaluators for 2025-2026: Matt Yost, Lori Rommel, Margaret Lyle.

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

Action (Consent): K. Approval of the 2026 GCY Trip from April 10 - 13, 2026

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

TIME: 6:44 p.m.

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda Items as presented

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

SECOND: Ashton Bedford

VOTE:

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

Action A. The Board may approve a second reading by name and number only for policies that were first read at the August 20, 2025, meeting. If approved, designee will read those policies by name and number only.

TIME: 6:46 p.m.

MOTION: Approve a second reading of the policies by name and number only.

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

SECOND: Sena Stiles

VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

The policies were read by name and number only by Board Secretary Susan Kerley.

Action B: The Board may adopt those policies that had their second reading in 6.A.

TIME: 6:54 p.m.

MOTION: The Board adopts the policies after their second reading.

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

SECOND: Jimelia Talasyousiea

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

Procedural: A. The Board will approve the reading of policies by name and number only for their first (of two) readings. If approved, designee will read them by name and number. Their second reading will be scheduled for the October 8th meeting.

TIME: 6:55 p.m.

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

BY: Cassidy

SECOND:

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford

Cassidy Wolf Gibson

Daniel Hendrix

Sena Stiles

Jimelia Talasyousiea

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

The policies were read by name and number only by Susan Kerley

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- We are making a big push to move out old, non-usable assets and update the tracking of our assets.
- We had a busy weekend with sports. /the volleyball team took 5th place in Ashfork, and the soccer team took 4th place in Chino Valley. Rob Barnes, our new Athletic Director, is doing admirable work.
- Food Services had a solid report from their annual health inspection., thanks to Justin Lambon and Ashley Collet.
- We will have a Department of Public Safety transportation inspection this weekend.
- At our next meeting on October 8th, we will have the AFR (Annual Financial Report) and a Public Hearing on the Override Update. Also, a School Board Evaluation is upcoming.
- Thanks to Jason Morris for his help with a number of issues even while he's been on light duty.
- Investing with Crucial Conversations training for a number of staff members over a period of 4 weeks.
- Talked to Jen O'Neill, our NPS liaison, has been helpful with getting movement on the leak in the street out front.
- Need to get NPS approval to add housing to our two spaces on the corner of Boulder and Albright so when we get funding, we can move forward.
- Brian Donehoo is helping us work through our SFD project.
- Streamlining a directory of experts in various fields.
- Kelly came up to support our TSI
- What is the best way to use this new tool? See notes.
- We are trying to reach a balance between instruction and assessments.
- We have elementary, high school, and district COGNIA accreditation certificates.
- Summer Study in Tucson to determine our data for following school year.
- Verifying cash on hand is done regularly, and cash is deposited within 7 days.
- Attended Native American Council meetings. We adding Native American flags for several tribes to our MPR.
- A lockdown drill is being scheduled for next month.
- Attended Town of Tusayan meeting.
- Got to visit with former GCUSD Superintendent, John Best, and Tusayan Councilman Andrew Aldaz.
- Approval for Final Mile Project. NPS has assigned a project manager to that project. This will support connectivity for students and families in the Park at a reduced cost.
- Attended a CAVIAT meeting in September. October meeting will be hosted by GCUSD. Our culinary arts group will provide food for this event and will relate their experiences to Board Members.
- We have Construction Skills and Culinary Arts CTE classes.
- We will be scheduling a presentation on the Science Club/River trip.
- Handbook update coming: The main update is that after three tardies, students will remain for detention after school.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- October 8, 2025 - Regular Monthly Meeting with Annual Financial Report
- October 8, 2025 - Public Hearing - Update on 2023 M & O Override Election

10. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 7:03 p.m.

BY: Presiding Officer Cassidy Wolf Gibson

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Kerley, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Jimeilia Talasyousiea, President

Cassidy Wolf Gibson, Vice President/Clerk

Daniel Hendrix, Board Member

Ashton Bedford, Board Member

Sena Stiles, Board Member