

**GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013
MINUTES**

Members Present; Katie Morris, President; Pete Shearer, Clerk; Kevin Hartigan, Member; Judi Beckerleg, Member; Brian Donehoo, Member

Call to Order

Ms. Morris called the Board Meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Morris moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Call to the Community

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)
November 12th Regular Meeting Minute
- b. Approval of Vouchers (DK, DK-E)
 1. Payroll # 12 - \$80,505.89 # 13 - \$84,721.06
 2. Expenditure # 6908 - \$62,321.79 # 6909 - \$59,907.29
- c. Donations –Lions Club 300.00 – Girls Basketball Team
Catching the Dream – 1642.38 – Reading
Pilot Catastrophe Services Inc. 21,353.75 – Servers IT Department
- d. Out of State Travel - Basketball teams to travel to Kanab, UT & Gallup, NM
- e. Certified Personnel – Resignation of Lynne Brown.
Approval of New Hire for 3-4 combination – Kyla Palmer
Approval of New Hire for HS English – Carol Frischmann
- f. Classified Personnel
- g. Stipends
- h. The policy for 60-day Review of Textbooks

Ms. Morris requested to pull Item E of the consent agenda for discussion. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Beckerleg requested to pull voucher 6908 & 6909 and the travel request for Basketball games to St. Michaels (Gallup NM.) Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Morris moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the items pulled for discussion. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Beckerleg had a few questions regarding dates and coding on a couple items. Mr. Dickerson addressed the questions. Ms. Beckerleg asked about the number of travelers for the out of state travel for the St. Michael. Mr. Dickerson said this will be corrected.

Ms. Morris moved for approval of voucher 6908 & 6909 with the corrected coding. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the out of state travel for the St. Michaels games (NM.) with the corrected number of travelers. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried in favor of 5/0.

Mr. Hartigan apologized he would like to pull the minutes of the November 12th meeting for a correction.

Ms. Morris moved to correct the approval of the consent agenda and pull the minutes from the November 12th meeting. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hartigan directed attention to page 3 under new business, sole source vendor list. Mr. Hartigan asks that the minutes reflect that he recused himself from discussion and voting for this item. This is due to Mr. Hartigans' role in APS.

Ms. Morris moved to approve the November 12th meeting minutes with the correction made. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Morris acknowledged public comments;

Andy Pearce 372 Sunset Dr. Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Mr. Pearce concerned about a person taking over a class mid-year and being a combination class. He urges the Board to review the qualifications as this person will be taking over in a little bit more challenging situation. Again asks the Board to review the qualifications and make sure this person has the qualification, skills and experience to come in a take over the position in a fairly quick fashion. This person will have to hit the ground running so to say. He asked the Board to ask questions and make sure that we all feel comfortable with this.

Julie Stone #7 Mather Rd. Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Stone expressed similar concern she has a son in the 3-4 combination class. Ms. Stone is discouraged that the school is losing such an experienced teacher in this class. She hopes the new teacher coming in can get started right away. Ms. Stone shared that this class has been making great progress this semester and change in the middle is hard. Ms. Stone asks that the new teacher be given a mentor to help ensure the new teachers success and how things works here.

Brad Houston 1504 Mohave Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Mr. Houston statement was read by Katie Morris as he had to be in class. “He support Ms. Yost for this position and feel that she should have been hired for it.”

Ms. Morris asked Mr. Melster to describe the hiring process and explain how the decision was made.

Mr. Melster explained and shared who also was involved in the process. Areas covered included; resumes, persons on the panel and interviews, questions are asked and scored and that a Matrix is used. Finally a discussion is held for the decision making.

Mr. Melster added thinking of a previous comment made related to experienced teachers. He commented with respect, the last two years the school has hired experienced teachers and the school is in the same position of losing them mid-year. He continued not trying to be rude or mean, but experience doesn't equal someone staying and being in the classroom for full year. It also needs to be considered that every single one of you at one point in time applied for a job, and guaranteed you probably went up against someone who had experience, and someone gave you a shot.

Mr. Melster shared that regardless of who would be coming in there are things in place that will aid a new person to come in and come up to speed quickly. It will not be easy, but Mr. Melster expressed every bit of confidence in the individuals that have been chosen for both positions.

The Board had a few questions for Mr. Melster. Mr. Melster responded to the questions.

Ms. Morris moved approval of the New Hire Kyla Palmer for the 3-4 combination class. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Morris apologized and backed up for discussion and approval of the resignation of Lynne Brown.

Ms. Morris recused herself from the discussion and vote due to her relationship with Ms. Brown.

There much discussion surrounding the teacher's contracts and that they sign them but the district does not uphold them. This particularly is referring to the 1000.00 penalty for breaking the contract. Ms. Beckerleg is firm about wanting this portion enforced.

Ms. Morris recognized community comments;
Sara Newton 704 Mohave, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Newton suggested to help with the problem it would be beneficial for a teacher to know what their schedule is prior to signing their contract. This did not happen this year.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the resignation of Lynne Brown without any penalties being assessed to Ms. Brown. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0, 1 recused, 1 apposed.

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the New Hire Carol Frischmann. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Revised Budget 2013-2014

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the Revised Budget as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Grant Writer Ruben Gutierrez

Ms. Morris moved for approval of Ruben Gutierrez as a grant writer for Grand Canyon Unified School District. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Approval of a donation Jar for the Elias Family at home basketball games.

Ms. Morris moved for approval of the donation jar being present at home basketball games on behalf of the Elias family. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Items considered for the next Regular Board Meeting

- Solar
- Update on Student Academic Standing
- Tusayan Park Update
- Mid-State

Adjournment

Ms. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara Shields, Board Secretary & Date

Katie Morris, President

Brian Donehoo, Member

Judi Beckerleg, Member

Kevin Hartigan, Member

Pete Shearer, Clerk