

**GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Ms. Morris moved to call the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Call to the Community**

There was no response to the call to the community.

**Correspondence**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Discussion and Possible Action, Solar Presentation – Kelly Paduchowski, Premetheus Solar

Ms. Alexander invited Kevin to participate in the discussion during this exploratory stage and understands that when decisions and such are being made he will recuse himself due to conflict of interest. Ms. Alexander appreciates his help during this exploration time period.

Ms. Paduchowski presented information related to the potential savings for the school district. She talked of the different options for mounting the solar tiles and the estimated amount of energy each building or unit might produce. She noted, the covered parking units cost more as there is more involved in the process for installation.

Ms. Paduchowski talked of finding a company to foot the financing of the units. The price is usually based on production. She also noted the bigger the project is, usually the easier it is to find financing. With some arrangements with the financing it could work out so that the school would end up paying possibly a little more. Ms. Paduchowski needs to know if the school would still want to continue if this were the case.

Ms. Alexander said it would be hard to justify an additional expenditure of any kind with all of the other cuts to capitol and the needs of the District.

Ms. Morris commented that the school is still paying off Mid-State as well. This is a 10 year loan and is only 1.5 years old.

The next step would be a detailed analysis and part of the analysis would be if there are barrowing options. If there is no funding the project will be dead.

Ms. Paduchowski wishes to enter into an agreement with the school. She is asking for a down payment from the school in the amount of 1600 dollars to help cover the time for managing the project, finding the investors, doing the complete design. Ms. Paduchowski stated this amount would cover all of the work she has already put in and all of the future work to get the project to a point, so the Board would be able to make the decision.

Some of the concerns would be the park service and the Special Use permit, procurement through the county, and tree removal. The APS rebate is not guaranteed, however it will be applied for.

Ms. Alexander expressed concern about the tight time line and shared that she does not have the expertise to navigate the work that is going to have to take place in the in the next 6 weeks. Ms. Alexander added that there would have to be a cost savings in order for the school to move forward.

Currently there are three (3) companies looking at this project.

Another concern is this is a twenty year contract. There may be potential difficulty with the use permit for the school. The park service usually issues only 5 year use permits, the school obtained with much difficulty a 10 year permit for the financing of the Mid-State project.

Mr. Shearer was concerned about putting the units up and the condition of the current roofing. A possible additional expenditure to ensure the current roofing is sufficient or also the possibility of the need to reroof the building prior to installation. Also if the school decides that it cannot do this project at this time, would it be a possibility to look at it down the road?

Ms. Paduchowski agreed that this option could put into the contract for this to be continued at a future date.

Ms. Morris called to the question.

Ms. Morris moved to approve Premetheus to go forward with the design plan and return to the Board in October and the cost not to exceed 1600.00. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0. Mr. Hartigan recused himself from the voting.

#### Principal Update

*School Day Length* – Ms. Alexander

The recommendation is for the length of the school day to remain the same for the school year 2013-2014. Administration will continue to evaluate the schedule and data throughout the school year and will not make a change mid-year.

*Recommendation for K-1 Grade Position* – Mr. Melster

Ms. Amanda Fuhrman is being recommended for the K-1 position.

*Calendar Revisions* – Ms. Alexander

The revisions include early release days, conference days better suited to meet the needs of parents. The addition of a conference day added in the spring. Professional Days matching the number of the work days in the calendar

*Fundraisers* – Ms. Alexander

The policy stating that all fundraisers must be Board approved is viewed as very problematic because opportunities come up with concessions, car wash or other spontaneous activities, that are all

volunteer time. Administration is looking for direction; and suggests a list in August with an update mid-year or have each activity to come before the Board

Ms. Beckerleg liked the suggestion of the lists of fundraisers being presented and updated as needed.  
Discussion and Possible Approval of Revised School Calendar 2013-2014

Ms. Morris moved to approve the calendar revisions with the reminder to get this information out to parents and staff sooner than later. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Reading of Policy JJE-Student Fundraising

No action taken.

Discussion and Recommendation of the K-1 Teacher – Amanda Fuhrman

Ms. Morris moved to approve the recommendation of Amanda Fuhrman for the K-1 Grade position. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action School Day Length

This was a discussion item. The length of the school day will not be shortened this year. Options will be looked at in the spring for the coming year.

Discussion and Possible Direction-School Safety

Discussion on signage and locations of the signs, also directed Administration to verify that the ARS on signage is correct.

No Action Taken.

Discussion and Possible Action-Tusayan Park Rules

This was a discussion item. Administration will contact Legal-Council for guidance and clarification. No Action Taken.

Short Recess

Ms. Morris moved for a quick recess at 6:37 pm. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Ms. Morris moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:40 pm. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action on BAA-Board Self-Evaluation

The discussion was to remove the current rating system of S N U and go to a 1 through 5 likert scale. 1 being low and 5 being high or very good. The Board would like add and combine the Self-Evaluation to include; Standard 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 from the Advanced Ed document.

Also, that this be made available in a digital format so that when the evaluation is completed it would be typed and neat, not with notes all over the pages.

Ms. Morris moved to approve the changing of the rating scale to the likert scale and the addition of the standard 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action on CBI-Superintendent Evaluation

The discussion was to remove the current rating system of O S N U X and go to a 1 through 5 likert scale. 1 being low and 5 being high or very good.

Also, that this be made available in a digital format so that when the evaluation is completed it would be typed and neat, not with notes all over the pages.

Ms. Morris moved to approve the changing of the rating scale to the likert scale. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action-Leadership Options 2014-2015 / 2015-2016

Ms. Alexander reminded the Board of her charge to bring back to the Board Leadership options. She believes the two (2) days a week is working fine until the situation of a lot of student discipline. She also feels the school needs to have a better back up plan for when other administrators are off campus.

**Consideration of items**

- Special Board Meeting prior to regular Board Meeting at 5PM. Executive Session - Superintendent Evaluation.
- No December Board meeting due to holiday travel
- Seriousness of fighting / Culture of School

**Adjournment**

Ms. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Barbara Shields, Board Secretary & Date

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Katie Morris, President

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Brian Donehoo, Member

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Judi Beckerleg, Member

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Kevin Hartigan, Member

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Pete Shearer, Clerk