



Grand Canyon Unified School District #4

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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Due to the pandemic, this meeting will be conducted online and telephonically

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the public that the Governing Board of the Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 will convene for a Regular Meeting. The Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

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The Governing Board reserves the right to move into Executive Session for discussion and consideration of employment, assignment, promotion, demotion, salaries, etc., and/or legal advice with its attorneys for any item listed on the agenda, in person or telephonically, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) or (A) (3).

All items on the agenda may be discussed or considered at this meeting.

AGENDA

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Motion: Call to Order

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms. SuZan Pearce

At: 06:05 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion passes

B. ROLL CALL

*** Note on Virtual Meetings ***

In compliance with social distancing and stay-at-home recommendations issued by the Center for Disease Control and directions from Federal and State governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Board meeting was held virtually by phone/web conference.

Designation of “present” in the roll call indicates these members were identified as active members in the conference call.

The Board Meeting phone/web conference information was provided for the public in the meeting posting. As a result not all individuals who called into the meeting were identified. Only Board Members and district staff who actually reported to the Board are identified in the roll call.

Board members present:

- Mr. Kevin Hartigan
- Ms. SuZan Pearce
- Mr. Joe Rabon, not available, designated as “NA” in vote tallies.
- Mr. Pete Shearer
- Ms. Kathryn Morris

District staff members (because of the virtual meeting, only staff members who are presenting are noted here):

- Ms. Tosca Henry, JD, Legal Counsel
- Dr. Shonny Bria, Superintendent
- Mr. Matt Yost, Principal
- Ms. Karen Lehman, SPED Director
- Mr. Thomas O’Connor, Program Director, Acting Board Secretary
- Ms. Judi Beckerleg, Acting Business Manager

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Approval of the Agenda, with the removal of Item 4 and Item 5 from the Agenda because the Annual Financial Report is not yet ready for review.

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Discussion: The Annual Financial Report was not ready for presentation and will be presented on Thursday, October 15.

At: 06:07 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

A. CALL TO THE COMMUNITY

We value input from our community. Members of the public may speak to the Board regarding items that are not on this Agenda. To do so, a Public Participation at Board Meetings form must be completed and emailed to Board Secretary, Susan Kerley, at skerley@grandcanyonschool.org before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2020, The form may be found on the School’s website at www.grandcanyonschool.org,> Governing Board>Public Participation Form. When you join the meeting by phone or computer, notify the host that you have submitted a form and wish to speak during the Call to the Community. When the President of the Board calls upon you, please limit your comments to three minutes.

Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda.

Therefore,

pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Please remember, this is not an appropriate place to evaluate, discuss, or criticize District personnel.

No community members chose to present. There was some discussion that one or more people had wanted to speak but didn’t submit a prior request, so to ensure the public an opportunity to speak to the Board, Mr. Hartigan (Board President), opened the floor to any community on the web conference. No members of the public responded.

3. PRESENTATION/CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

A. Update on School Re-Opening including Attendance Report for September 2020– Mr. Matt Yost

- Mr. Yost described the attendance report (which can be found under this agenda item on BoardDocs).
- Mr. Yost noted that the highest attendance, 100% on several days, was at the middle school level.
- High school had the lowest attendance, approximately 95%.
- We are assembling submission documents for the Arizona Department of Education Distance Learning Plan information for grades 3, 7, 9, and 11.
- We have completed 6 weeks of Distance Learning, and following the Governor's executive order we also are completing the benchmark assessment of all students K-12. Grades K-2 are using Dibels and Edgenuity, and Grades 3-12 are using our new Beyond Textbooks benchmark system, Performance Matters.
- Edgenuity training for teachers was Monday and Tuesday of this week. Teachers have had access to the program for a week and a half. Thank you to the Board and Dr. Bria for allotting funding and support of purchasing this resource to support our students and teachers.
- We have continued to change out computers and provide headphones and computer support to our students during distance learning.
- We have been implementing a materials and packet system using the school bus breakfast and lunch routes. Materials are available on Monday at the school office, and on Tuesday, materials that were not picked up are delivered via the bus routes.
- Update: Breakfasts and lunches will be free for the duration of the school year per the Child Nutrition Program. A big thank-you to Barb and her staff for providing great breakfasts and lunches.
- Mr. Yost has personally visited a number of students to provide support and to encourage better participation within the distance learning model of instruction.

B. Statistical Analysis and Probability of Opening School on November 16, 2020 – Mr. Thomas O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor covered the highlights of the State and Coconino County COVID-19 reports from October 9, 2020. He also demonstrated a data visualization site referenced by John Hopkins University.

He also very briefly referenced a CDC research report specifically showing how mitigation strategies in the state of Arizona significantly turned the rate of infection in early July; the conclusion of the report: measures like masks, enhanced hygiene and social distancing do show significant impacts to reduce the spread of the virus.

The referenced sites include:

Arizona Department of Health Services, School, COVID-19 Data Dashboard

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-schools>

Coconino County COVID-19 Data Dashboard, with specific reference to the Grand Canyon Positive Total of 53, noting that the value as of the last official report was 47, for a one week apparent increase of 6 positive results in Grand Canyon and Tusayan areas.

<https://www.coconino.az.gov/2376/Dashboard-Data>

Stat COVID-19 tracker, referenced by John Hopkins University as a useful tool for monitoring COVID-19 cases.

<https://www.statnews.com/feature/coronavirus/covid-19-tracker/>

CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (*MMWR*) this last week referenced Arizona with a report titled: **Trends in COVID-19 Incidence After Implementation of Mitigation Measures — Arizona, January 22–August 7, 2020.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6940e3.htm>

Directions to Staff:

- Review COVID-19 status, on Saturday October 24, at the Board retreat. The next decision point should be the first week of November.

C. Update on NPS (National Park Service) Permit for GCUSD – Mr. Thomas O’Connor

Mr. O’Connor and Ms. Henry presented the changes between the current in-force Special Use Permit and the one proposed as a replacement by the Park Service.

Possible issues arising from these changes were discussed, and recommendations for negotiating points to pursue with the Park Service were discussed.

Mr. O’Connor and Ms. Henry sought direction from the Board regarding these recommendations. (A memo to the Board describing these negotiation points can be found on BoardDocs, under this agenda item.)

In addition to the negotiation points presented, the Board recommended pursuing language which affirms ownership of buildings within the park.

4. POSSIBLE CONVENING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

This item was struck in the approval of the Consent Agenda, see item 1.C above.

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion and possible action regarding delays in completion of the 2019-2020 Annual Financial Report (AFR). The Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of employment, assignment, promotion, demotion, salaries, etc., or A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for consultation with the attorney of the Governing Board for legal advice.

This item was struck in the motion approving the agenda, see item 1.C above.

5. RE-CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

This item was struck in the motion approving the agenda, , see item 1.C above.

A. The Board may take action on the items discussed in the 4.A. Executive Session.

This item was struck in the motion approving the agenda, , see item 1.C above.

6. Presentation and Approval of 2019-2020 Annual Financial Report (AFR) – Ms. Brenda Thomas-Martinez

A. Presentation of 2019-2020 AFR

This item was struck in the motion approving the agenda, see item 1.C above.

B. Approval of 2019-2020 AFR

This item was struck in the motion approving the agenda, see item 1.C above.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes:(BEDG, BEDG-R)

- 1. September 16, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- 2. September 27, 2020 – Special Meeting

B. Approval of Payroll Vouchers:

FY 20-21	# 6	\$140,573.85
FY 20-22	# 7	\$141,166.51

C. Approval of Expense Vouchers:

FY 19-20	#4008	\$ 29,647.67
FY 20-21	#4009	\$ 65,568.92
FY 20-21	#4010	\$ 64,782.13

D. Approval of Fiduciary Disbursements:

- Student Activity – September 2020
- Revolving – September 2020
- Auxiliary – September 2020
- Food Services – September 2020

- E. Approval of Donation: American Legion John Ivens Post – \$2,700.00 for Cooler for Food Services
- F. Human Resources:
 - 1. Approval to hire Food Service Worker, Ms. Cindy Owens
 - 2. Approval to hire SPED Paraprofessional, Ms. Rebecca Harris
- G. Approval of 2020-2021 PLC Stipends of \$500 for each leadership position:
 - PreK-2 – Ms. Juliana Fontenot; 3-5 – Ms. Peg Lyle; MS – Ms. Adrian Alvarez; HS – Mr. Brad Houston
- H. Approval to update E-Rate Application to increase internet bandwidth
- I. Approval of 2020-2021 IGA with Vail Unified School District for the Beyond Textbooks Program

Motion: Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented, items A through I
 By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris
 At: 06:54 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

8. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity - Add Cross-Reference ACAA
- B. Policy ACA – Sexual Harassment – Recommended Changes
- C. Policy ACAA(New) – Title IX Sexual Harassment – Approve of first reading
- D. Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities – Add Cross-Reference ACAA

Note: Dr. Bria suggested that items: **A, B, C** and **D** here be addressed as one action, involving a first reading at this meeting, and second reading and adoption at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Dr. Bria explained that these all refer to changes in Title IX, and reference each other, so they would be best approached from a first and second reading adoption process.

Motion: Approval of Items A, B, C, and D for first reading, (Policies AC, ACA, ACAA, JB), with final adoption scheduled at the November Regular Board Meeting.

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms Kathryn Morris

At: 06:56 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Stilo – Shonny Bria/Tosca Henry

Ms. Henry and Dr. Bria spent several hours with Stilo representatives today (October 14, 2020).

- Regarding CC&Rs: They obtained a better understanding:
 - Stilo is moving through the approval process with the Forest Service
 - Stilo’s interpretation is that they are moving into stage 2 of the permitting process. Once there, within 90 days, the developer is tasked with drafting CC&Rs.
 - Access is a continuing issue, delaying movement.
 - We should be able to report further information at the next Board Meeting.
- Discussed promises regarding supporting funding for small school districts.
- Discussed a letter which will be sent to us, regarding a lobbying philosophy for changing funding system for small school funding.
- Directions to the staff:
 - Include as an item for the next Board meeting.
 - Look at other similar CC&Rs re: enforceability if the property is flipped.
 - Look at new application with the forest service for easement through the school site.

B. ASBA Delegate Assembly

ASBA has a rehearsal scheduled for 5:30 PM, Thursday October 22 for all delegates. Dr. Bria will be in attendance for the event.

C. Update on Tusayan Sports Complex

Nothing from the Town of Tusayan as of yesterday (October 13). They were to have a meeting today (Wednesday, October 14). We have no information from today's meeting.

Mr. Shearer has requested that we have a meeting of the working committee with the school athletic director.

Directions to the staff: Set up a meeting to this effect.

Dr. Bria requested that Mr. Shearer remain on the working group after leaving the Board to continue providing his knowledge and experience with the property.

Mr. Shearer suggested Mr. Yost fill this role.

Mr. Shearer also suggested that the Superintendent attend.

Ms. Henry noted that there is no specific title for the working group members, so a member could be the Superintendent, but this is not required. She also added that adding additional participants could upset the balance of power in the current IGA.

Mr. Yost could attend as an observer, as a non-voting member.

Dr. Bria noted the significance of the Federal/State governments approving continuation of FREE breakfast/lunch program throughout the school year. This is a major benefit for our students.

Dr. Bria also announced that we have received confirmation of full funding in our CARES funding grant request for COVID-19 expenses, and expects the school will receive > \$200K.

11. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- Stilo follow-up (see item 10.A above)
- Policy Adoptions (see item 9.A-D above)

12. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for the purpose of discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee, and/or the Board may vote to enter Executive Session for the Superintendent evaluation.

Motion: Enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for the purpose of discussion of the Superintendent evaluation. Include in the executive session for information and council Ms. Tosca Henry, JD, Legal Counsel and Dr. Shonny Bria, Superintendent.

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

At: 07:28 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

13. RE-CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Reconvene to Regular Session

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

At: 09:26 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

A. The Board may take action on the items discussed in the 11.A. Executive Session.

No action needs to be taken on Item 13.A.

**14. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A) (3) for the purpose of discussion and/or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body for analysis of statutes and/or policies relevant for a superintendent's search.

Motion: Enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A) (3) for the purpose of discussion of the Superintendent search. Include in the executive session for information and counsel Ms. Tosca Henry, JD, Legal Counsel and Dr. Shonny Bria, Superintendent.

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms. SuZsan Pearce

At: 09:27 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

15. RE-CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Reconvene to Regular Session

By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

Second: Ms Kathryn Morris

At: 09:53 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA

Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

A. The Board may take action on the items discussed in the 13.A. Executive Session

Directions to staff:
 Dr. Bria follow the directions discussed in the executive session.

 Mr. Hartigan asked legal council if/how the Board could share some general information regarding this direction without breaking confidentiality of the Executive Session.
 Ms. Henry suggested an appropriate explanation was that: The Board is not taking legal action at this time with regard to the Superintendent Search, wishing to wait till new Board members are seated in in January.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn
 By: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 Second: Ms SuZan Pearce
 At: 09:57 PM

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			
Joe Rabon				X
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted by, _____
Board Secretary

Date _____

Kevin Hartigan
Board President

Pete Shearer
Board Member

Joe Rabon
Board Clerk/Vice President

Kathryn Morris
Board Member

SuZan Pearce
Board Member