

GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014
MINUTES

Members Present; Pete Shearer, Clerk; Kevin Hartigan, Member; Judi Beckerleg, Member; Brian Donehoo, Member; SuZan Pearce, Member

Call to Order

Mr. Shearer called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Shearer moved to adjourn into executive session at 5:00 PM. Mr. Hartigan Seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hartigan moved to reconvene the work session at 5:32 PM. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hartigan moved to adjourn back into executive session at 5:40 PM. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hartigan moved to reconvene the work session at 6:27 PM. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Shearer moved to recess from the work session. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Regular School Board Meeting

Mr. Shearer moved to call the regular session meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Organization of the Board

Nominations for Board President

Mr. Donehoo nominated Ms. Beckerleg for Board President.

Ms. Pearce nominated Mr. Shearer for Board President.

Mr. Shearer deferred the nomination due to his already full plate of responsibilities.

Ms. Beckerleg also deferred the nomination due to her ability to fulfill the duties.

Mr. Shearer nominated Mr. Hartigan for Board President. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the nomination. Mr. Hartigan accepted the nomination. The motion carried in favor of Mr. Hartigan 4/0.

Nominations for Board Clerk

Mr. Hartigan nominated Mr. Shearer for the position of the Board Clerk. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. Ms. Beckerleg also supported the nomination. Mr. Shearer accepted the nomination. The motion carried in favor of Mr. Shearer 4/0.

Designation of Official Posting Sites

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the following posting sites for the Grand Canyon School Board:

District Office – Outside Bulletin Board

Grand Canyon Village Post Office – Inside Bulletin Board

Grand Canyon Village Post Office – Outside Bulletin Board (Optional)

Tusayan General Store – Outside Bulletin Board

Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Establishing the Location, Date and Time of Regular Monthly Business Meetings

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the Location, Date and Time of the Regular Monthly Business Meetings for the Grand Canyon School Board to remain on the Second Tuesday of each month and to begin at 6:30 PM in the School Multi-Purpose Room. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Adoption of the Board Meeting Agenda Format

This item was tabled until the February regular meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer Authorization

Ms. Beckerleg moved to approve Dr. Nancy Alexander as the Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Conflict of Interest Letter

Each Board Member made aware of the letter. No Action taken.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hartigan moved for approval of the agenda the modification of moving Item 1. of the Principal's Report (Student/Staff recognition and Introductions) to follow the approval of the Agenda. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Student & Staff Recognition and Introductions

Mr. Melster recognized Justin Jarrell & Tateyonna Jeter for what they are doing in the classroom and what they are doing outside of the classroom with extra curricular activities.

Mr. Melster recognized Mr. Brad Houston and Ms. Brown for their efforts in working with students for AIMS testing. This was an 80% success ratio for the second time around of testing.

Mr. Melster recognized and introduced to the Board Carole Frischmann and Kyla Palmer both new teachers joining the school this semester.

Call to the Community

Dennis Tacey, 111 Havasupai, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Mr. Tacey wished to request the school board to consider when hiring the new Special Education Teacher that this person have some experience with Dyslexia. This will be directly beneficial to the special needs of Mr. Tacey's child.

Lori Rommel, 134 Havasupai St, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023 – Ms. Rommel spoke first to welcome Ms. Pearce to the Board and also a thank you to the Board. Ms. Rommel spoke to the Text books on display. Ms. Rommel said that she was excited about the new Anthology textbooks.

Karen Yarnell, 3 Mather St, Grand Canyon, AZ. 86023 – Ms. Yarnell spoke to school events that are held off of school property. One particular venue alcohol was available and some parents were being responsible a few were not. Ms. Yarnell does not think it appropriate for alcohol to be served at venues that host school programs.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)
December 10th Regular Meeting Minute
- b. Approval of Vouchers (DK, DK-E)
 1. Payroll # 14 - \$118,451.45 # 15 - \$89,714.88
16 - \$74,582.85
 2. Expenditure # 6910 - \$82,166.64
- c. Donations
- d. Out of State Travel - Amy McBroom, San Diego, Nat'l Art Education Convention
- e. Certified Personnel – Substitute Teachers: Geoffrey Settles, Lynne Singer
- f. Classified Personnel – Resignations Heather Bailey, Patricia Bailey, Patty Everts
- g. Stipends – MS Volleyball Coaches; Joelle Baird, Barbara Shields / Curriculum & Sr. Class Sponsor; Erica Beggs(2nd Sem.) / NHS; Brad Houston / MS Soccer coach; Nina Bryan / CTE Coordinator; Matt Yost (2nd Sem)
- h. The policy for 60-day Review of Textbooks (JJJ) – Reading Street grades 6-12
- i. Fundraisers
Ratification of Past Fundraisers List and Approval of Upcoming Fundraisers

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

Old Business

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Mid-State Energy Savings

Mr. Dickerson presented to the Board the latest numbers known in the ongoing quest to know the actual savings to the school from the large Mid-State Energy project.

Mr. Dickerson reported with the information that the school knows now, the school did receive a savings of \$16,101.76. Mid-State reported a savings of 24 thousand so there is a discrepancy on this amount. Estimating and guessing the possibility of the same percentage of discrepancy with the propane. Even with these discrepancies the total amount of savings is projected to be within the contracted realm of savings the school would receive.

Mr. Dickerson recommended to the Board to accept the report with the notation that there are some discrepancies. The Business office intends to watch this report in the future to make sure that things continue to be within the contracted realm of savings.

Ms. Beckerleg asked referencing the boiler in the 100 building. Mr. Dickerson has not seen an invoice for this. This was under warranty and Mid-State did respond quickly and did follow through.

This item was table until the February meeting.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Superintendent position

No action at this time.

Presentations

Reading Intervention Update by Genna Adams

Ms. Adams shared that she is excited and has a passion for teaching. Ms. Adams shared that Reading Street covers; awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension sometimes referred to as the fab five. Reading Street is very dense program and rigorous.

She presented some of the data and explained how the progress monitoring works. Currently they are running 56 reading interventions groups. The groups categorized and divided. These categories groups happen in the classroom in interventions, teachers need support they are working hard.

Math Intervention Update by Sharon Foster

Ms. Foster presented on Math happenings and also touched on Galileo. Galileo is a tough program to get into and understand. We are helping understand the data from Galileo to help drive instruction in the classroom.

Ms. Foster shared some examples of the data and explained how a teacher would read this information and what it is telling the teacher. She continued with examples of what a teacher might do to adjust her teaching to meet the needs of the students.

Ms. Foster would like to see the school become more proficient at taking data to drive instruction verses simply teaching the core standards. Another goal would be to have the students more involved. The students need to take their reports and chart their progress. Then the student can see, where and what they need to work on.

Galileo Testing Update by Kaitlyn Russell

Ms. Russell presented and explained that she does Galileo for grades 7-12 using it for English, Math and Science.

With Galileo, the kids get on the computers, they take their tests. Ms. Russell explained and displayed how the teacher can monitor the students even while they are taking the tests. Students and Parents have access to this information any time simply by logging in.

Board Member Current Events Report

Report on the ASBA Annual Conference (Kevin, Pete, Brian)

Mr. Hartigan commented on the Teaching to the test, and that it is successful also that ASU has been doing this for some time.

Mr. Hartigan commented that the new programs he heard about at the ASBA Conference he is now seeing and is excited for this. He also commented that the trainings at the Conference were really good and recommends that the Board continue to attend trainings when possible.

Mr. Donehoo also enjoyed the conference and attended more of the new board member classes. He said that this was good information.

Mr. Shearer commented that the only problem he had was choosing which class to attend. He wished to attend most all of the breakout sessions. Mr. Shearer left comments for the ASBA organization suggesting that classes be duplicated at some point in the day if possible. Mr. Shearer noted that they had classes geared more toward school administrators but were open to Board Members because ASBA realizes that the Board and the Administrators are a team.

Tusayan Park Update – Kevin Hartigan

Mr. Hartigan shared the progress on the Tusayan park. The basketball court is lit with a push of a button, the playground is in. He shared who and how some things came to pass. It is anticipated that the grading of the fields is the next big project.

Mr. Shearer shared that the playground equipment and fencings were donated making this a great community effort. There have not been any resources taken from the school for this project. The focus of the district is to keep the resources in the classrooms.

A big Thank you to all of the players in Tusayan and the town for their donations and help in moving this project forward.

Archery – Kevin Hartigan

Mr. Hartigan reported that training was held here last month, 6 individuals were trained. The school is set to go on this project and is waiting on game and fish at this time.

Superintendent's Report

With the approval of the resignation of the Special Education Director Ms. Alexander wanted the Board to know that the school will be having a retired special education director coming up to help with the interim and transition.

With heavy heart Ms. Alexander accepts David Reid resignation and wish him the best in this new opportunity

All vacancies have been advertised, applications are already coming in. The Administration will be looking at the structure of the departments that have vacancies and evaluating what is needed for those departments.

There were no questions

Principal's Report

Report presented as written.

Mr. Hartigan asked about the student count. Mr. Melster addressed this saying that by the 100th day count he anticipates the count to be pretty much the same as the previous year.

There were no more questions.

Business Manager's Report

Report presented as written.

Mr. Shearer recognized Mr. Dickerson regarding the school facilities board.

Mr. Dickerson shared the celebration with Mr. Dave Reid and Ms. Alexander help.

Ms. Beckerleg asked about the 2014 classroom site fund, clarification if this is the amount received.

Mr. Dickerson confirmed the amount received is correct.

There were no more questions.

Maintenance and Transportation Report

Report presented as written.

Mr. Hartigan noted and thanked Mr. Reid for the great servers put in at a great discount to the school. A thank you to Mr. Reid for his service and the tremendous help he has been to the school district.

There were no questions.

Items considered for the next Regular Board Meeting

Schedule work Session

Mid-State

Board Agenda Format

New Hires / OM Coaches

Adjournment

Mr. Hartigan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. Ms. Beckerleg second the motion.

The carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Barbara Shields, Board Secretary & Date

Kevin Hartigan, President

Pete Shearer, Clerk

Judi Beckerleg, Member

SuZan Pearce, Member

Brian Donehoo, Member