

GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
DRAFT MINUTES

Generated by Susan Kerley on Wednesday, August 20, 2025

1. OPENING ITEMS

Procedural: A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Jimelia Talasyousiea began the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Procedural: B. ROLL CALL

The Board President called the roll:

Ashton Bedford - Board Member	Present
Cassidy Wolf Gibson - Vice President/Clerk	Present
Sena Stiles - Board Member	Present
Jimelia Talasyousiea - President	Present

Procedural: C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President led in the pledge.

Action: D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

TIME: 6:13 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
Jimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	4-0

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. CALL TO COMMUNITY - No requests to speak to the Board were received.

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

- Action in Business Office picks up in September
- Karen Alvarez worked hard to get invoices in for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.
- Jonathan is trying to get things started up for the new payroll and grant year.
- Matt Yost added: We appreciate your straddling two budgets.
- Thanks for the teamwork on the SRO grant.

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

Lori Rommel:

- Bus evacuations were held today.
- School pictures were taken on Monday and Tuesday.
- Volleyball games are beginning.
- The annual Camp Colton trip was a great success.
- Matt Yost said he is excited to have the students back in school.
- We had around 50 people in the library last night at Open House.
- Jason Morris:
- School Safety Plan - Will be working with students with a second language and those with disabilities. Working with Thomas Washington.

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

- Received 17 laptops for staff and will be distributing them after he sets them up.
- Making sure we have the right bandwidths in classrooms.
- Doing some testing on reception in classrooms. We don't want students to have angst when testing.
- Matt Yost added that we may want to bring in a specialist to help with IT connectivity because with so many Chromebooks running at the same time, we are having issues.

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

- Busy time with lots of work orders.
- Matt Yost added: We appreciate the improvement of the field and working closely with Karen to get the needed supplies for the project.
- Water Utilities Department will be working on the leak in the street in front of the school this weekend.

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

- Really busy getting to know new students and working on schedules with instructional aides.
- New staff appears on Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Approval to read policies by name and number only for their first reading (of two).

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jiimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0

Susan Kerley performed the first reading of the policies by name and number only.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board members are now mandatory reporters. A 20-minute training video is available. Lori will share the link with all Board members.
- "Thank You" to the Business Office and Ashley for getting quotes for new kitchen equipment.
- Will bring information to the Board about ADE membership
- Took Crucial Conversations training that he will share with Administrators.
- CTOS
- Taking Construction Trade class to Phoenix - they can try larger pieces of construction equipment and learn more about career opportunities.
- We are updating surveys - one early in the year and one later, trying to get back to our pre-Covid standards.
- It's great to have energy that new employees bring.
- Thanks to Jason Morris, SRO, who will be fine-tuning some of our safety plans, like lockdown drills.
- Sports are in full swing. We are happy to have our new Athletic Director, Rob Barnes. We will continue our weekly participation eligibility report.
- Working to update Power School, integrating report cards and progression status.
- TY to Tusayan for donations to uniforms.
- Our thanks to Plaza Bonita for providing lunch for staff last week.
- "Thank You" to Xanterra for back to school supplies.
- Lori working with students who suffer from chronic absenteeism.
- Lori Rommel added that next Thursday is early release day.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee, regarding the evaluation and contractual performance pay for the Superintendent, Matthew Yost.

TIME: 6:48 p.m.

MOTION: Convene to Executive Session

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Sena Stiles

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jiimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0

10. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

TIME: 7:09 p.m.

MOTION: Return to Executive Session

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jiimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0

The Board may take action or offer direction on item(s) discussed In Executive Session 9.A.

MOTION: Approve Superintendent's performance pay rubric for 2025-2026.

BY: Jimelia Talasyousiea

SECOND: Sena Stiles

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford Yes

Cassidy Wolf Gibson Yes

Sena Stiles Yes

Jiimelia Talasyousiea Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0

11. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Kerley, Board Secretary

Date: _____

Jimelia Talasyousiea, President

Cassidy Wolf Gibson, Vice President/Clerk

Daniel Hendrix, Board Member

Ashton Bedford, Board Member

Sena Stiles, Board Member