

GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
MINUTES

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

Call to Order

Mr. Hartigan called the Work Session to order at 5:01 PM.

The Board was presented with several options of what the structure of the district could look like. The Board approached the organizational structure of the district with their primary focus on the Superintendent Position and what they believed to be in the best interest of the District.

The Board was presented with 7 basic possibilities of design showing variations in the Superintendent position and role.

There was much discussion regarding the superintendent position and the possibility of combining positions. Another topic was to have multiple Principals and other combinations. Many areas were considered and discussed as well the financial and sustainability implications.

The Discussion of combining the Superintendents position with special education brought the question if this would narrow the search too much and hinder the school receiving applicants.

Mr. Aylstock suggested that the Board be open to a Superintendent that may not have the Special Education background and offering a mentorship to them in the beginning.

Ms. Alexander shared that there are aspiring superintendent programs available as well so if the person has the Special Education background the mentoring could come from the other directions as well.

Ms. Alexander offered to the Board that if the School District cannot find a Special Ed/Superintendent that she would come back next year if the Board desired or the Board could find a part-time Superintendent. Ms. Alexander offered that if this be the case she will try and rearrange her schedule to allow. She could not commit every week to be here but would try to accommodate as best she could if needed.

Stability wise for the district Ms. Alexander recommends finding that person to fit the need.

Ms. Alexander introduced Mr. Aylstock and thanked him for being here to offer his services in assisting the District in searching for a Superintendent.

Mr. Aylstock presented and covered the timeline he has outlined for the Board to review.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve Mr. Aylstock with Aylstock Consulting, LLC to conduct the search for a fulltime Superintendent/Special Education Director for the coming 2014-2015 year for the quoted price of 3500.00 plus an additional maximum of 750.00 for expenditures. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

There was some discussion with regards to the charts and housing needs. Ms. Alexander shared that the District is okay with housing with option #7.

Mr. Shearer moved to approve Option #7 for the basic organizational structure. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hartigan moved to adjourn the work session at 6:29 PM. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Regular School Board Meeting

Mr. Hartigan moved to call the regular session meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the agenda with moving the Presentation and Recognitions to follow the call to the community. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Call to the Community

There was no response to the call to the community.

Presentations and Recognition

Mr. Melster recognized Emma Perkins for her success being the runner up in the School Spelling Bee and the possibility of her progression and moving on to the county level should the winner not be able to attend.

Mr. Melster recognized Brianna Burke (not present) for her success in winning the school Spelling Bee and moving on to the county level.

Mr. Melster recognized Mr. Monk for his persistence and working with students to enable the students to perform at the Coyotes games. Many compliments were received on the students and their behavior. Mr. Melster presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Monk for his efforts in coordinating and carrying out this event and the fine representation He and the students provided on behalf of the Grand Canyon School.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes: (BEDG, BEDG-R)
January 14th Special Meeting Minutes

- b. Approval of Vouchers (DK, DK-E-2961)
 - 1. Payroll # 17 - \$81,147.79 # 18 - \$76,610.70
 - 2. Expenditure # 6911 - \$76,486.95 # 6912 - \$60,687.62

- c. Donations

- d. Out of State Travel

- e. Certified Substitute Teacher – Tom Zell

- f. Classified Personnel- Crystal Johnson-PT Aide; Leon Foster-PT Sub Maint. & Custodial Andres Soriano Lopez, PT Custodial as needed / Robert Scofield – Maintenance Foreman
Resignation; Denise Gaebel

- g. Stipends – Jr. Class Sponsor 2nd Semester, Karen Brudin-Melster / HSSC 2nd Semester, Cyndi Moreno; 8 Extra Counseling Service Days, Erica Beggs; OM Coaches; Elna Perkins & Kim Beesom

- h. Textbook Adoption-60 day review (IJJ)
Reading Street grades 6-12 continues to be on display

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

Old Business

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2014-2015 School Calendar

Mr. Hartigan moved approve the school calendar for 2014-2015 as presented. Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Extra Duty Pay Schedule

Ms. Alexander explained the change in the extra duty pay schedule is simply an exchange; removing the decathlon which has not been filled and replacing or exchanging in its place the Community Service.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the change in the extra duty pay schedule as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Kaitlyn Russell for the Community Service

Ms. Kylie Donehoo presented to the board how this group came to be and what the plan is for the group, also working the National Park Service to help student have opportunities to acquire their service hours necessary for graduation.

Mr. Hartigan moved for approval of Kaitlyn Russell for the Community Service Group as presented. Ms. Pearce seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0. Mr. Donehoo abstained.

Ms. Beckerleg gave the suggestion to Ms. Donehoo, of writing down the history of how this group came to be and keeping it in a binder. Thus allowing others to know the history at a later date and being able to add history as it progresses.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Bill Makela for 25 days for Special Education

Ms. Alexander shared the quotes given to the school were 1250.00 daily plus 300.00 mileage / 1000.00 daily/ this bid was for 650.00 daily.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the 25 days for Mr. Bill Makela for Special Education. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Russ Snider for Substitute Principal

Ms. Alexander explained due to personal reasons Mr. Melster will need to be away for a while. At this same time Ms. Alexander will also be away. She provided some background to Mr. Snider, being a retired Superintendent and willing to come and help out. Mr. Snider paid a visit to the Canyon and spent some time with Toby and Kevin.

Mr. Hartigan moved for approval of Mr. Russ Snider for Substitute Principal as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Facilities Use Agreement with the Recreation Center

Mr. Dickerson explained when he came to the Grand Canyon there was no paper agreement with the Recreation center. In the effort to tidy things up, both parties have sat down and came to agreeable terms and these are pretty much what they have been all along.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the facilities use agreement with the Recreation Center as presented. Mr. Donehoo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Housing Rules and Regulations

Mr. Dickerson explained that the Housing Committee has revisited this category and has now tied it more closely to the park service rules. He shared that this has been in the works for several months and through many reviews with the committee. This is the final version. Mr. Dickerson said this will go into effective July 1, 2014 during the new school year. All tenants will sign this and it will be placed in their personnel file.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the Housing Rules and Regulations as presented. Mr. Donehoo seconded motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Wells Fargo Letter of Declaration (Annual Renewal)

Mr. Dickerson explained that this is an annual item and is required annually to be board approved.

Mr. Hartigan moved to approve the Wells Fargo Letter of Declaration as presented. Ms. Beckerleg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Board Member Current Events Report

Report on the ASBA BOLTS Training (Brian, SuZan)

Mr. Donehoo and Ms. Pearce attended the training.

Mr. Donehoo said they had to take a little test, they were looking at Board members styles and how they operate. This was broken down into 4 categories; Direct, Spirited, Considerate, and Systematic. From there they were broken down into these groups and did another exercise. Ultimately, it was realized that all the different styles are important in coming to some decisions.

Ms. Pearce shared that ASBA offered to come to schools if desired for similar exercises. It was uncertain at this time if there would be a fee involved.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Alexander recapped for the public. The Board in their work session made a motion to go out for search with Aylstock Consulting to find a fulltime Superintendent /Special Education Director. She also noted that there would be faculty, student, parent input that will start as soon as next week.

There were no questions

Principal's Report

Report presented as written.

Mr. Melster gave more detail to the topic of PARCC testing. It is anticipated that they will be coming up to test the technology infrastructure.

In reference to Archery, the equipment will be in on Friday and should be ready to go within a week.

There were no questions.

Business Manager's Report

Report presented as written.

Mr. Dickerson gave more information regarding the awning on the 400 building. Currently we are waiting the drawings to come back. From there it will be approved for compliance and then put on the fast track for completion. The most important aspect is the safety of the

structure. The anticipated completion of this project is June 30th to fit within the fiscal year for us and the School Facilities Board.

Also, Mr. Dickerson met today with mid-state and feels that there is a much clearer understanding of where the discrepancy comes from, although he is not 100 % on board with their figures he is 98 % on board. Mr. Stilica from Mid-State will be coming up to present to the Board at the April meeting on the true cost savings to the district.

Ms. Beckerleg inquired regarding IT, she is concerned about the teachers being able to communicate.

Mr. Dickerson in talking with others believes the district does need a full time IT person and explains that the district is addressing the issue. The day to day operations overall are going well, teachers are still able to communicate with each other and they are finding a lot more resolutions themselves.

There were no more questions.

Items considered for the next Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

Mr. Hartigan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Mr. Donehoo seconded 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