



Grand Canyon Unified School District #4

Wednesday, December 9, 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, December 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris, acting President

At: 6:17 PM

Motion: Call to order.

Second: Ms. SuZan Pearce

Vote Tally

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

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 was absent at the start of the meeting, joining 7:07 PM
- Ms. SuZan Pearce
- Mr. Joe Rabon
- Mr. Pete Shearer
- Ms. Kathryn Morris

District staff members present:

- Ms. Tosca Henry, JD, Legal Counsel
- Dr. Shonny Bria, Ph. D., Superintendent
- Mr. Matt Yost, Principal
- Mr. Thomas O’Connor, Program Director, Acting Board Secretary
- Ms. Brenda Thomas-Martinez, Business Manager

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by: Ms. Kathryn Morris
 At: 6:21 PM
 Motion: Approval of the Agenda modified as:
 Move agenda item 6A, new business, Approval of 2020-2021 Budget Revision #1 and place after 2., Communication and before 3. Presentation/Correspondences/Discussion.
 Reason 1. After the hearing held at 5:45pm, the presentation is fresh in our mind.
 Reason 2. Dr. Bria would like to release Brenda from the rest of the meeting.
 Second: Ms. SuZan Pearce
Vote Tally

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, December 9, 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.

Two community members addressed the Board:

Mr. Thomas Washington, 1901 Mohave Street, Grand Canyon, AZ:

Mr. Washington talked about school opening from his perspective. He would very much like to have students back in school, however with the rate of community spread currently being experienced around the country, and with expected gatherings over the holidays which will likely increase the spread, he highly recommended against opening until the rate of spread is substantially under control.

Ms. Cynthia Moreno, 1494 Ponderosa, Grand Canyon, Arizona:

Ms. Moreno shared with the Board the great success which has been achieved with sharing food for Thanksgiving for families in need. Thanksgiving meals were provided to all school families thanks to the generous contributions of several individuals, and from donations voted on by the student council.

Ms. Moreno further shared stories of the generous help provided by 3 seniors and one sophomore in the preparation and delivery of baskets

We are currently preparing breakfast baskets for the winter holidays.

Item 6.A, is addressed next as approved in the approval of the Agenda above.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2020-2021 Budget Revision #1 – Ms. Brenda Thomas-Martinez

Motion by: Ms. Katherine Morris
At: 6:30 PM
Motion: Approval of the 2020-2021 budget revision as presented by Ms. Brenda Thomas Martinez (Business Manager)
Second: Mr. Pete Shearer

Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

3. PRESENTATION/CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

A. Update on COVID-19 information– Mr. Thomas O’Connor

Mr. O’Connor shared a brief presentation on the current rate of COVID-19 spread in Coconino County and the Grand Canyon Area. The presentation included an explanation for why the Coconino County report differs from the County Schools report, and included highlights from the Governor’s December 3 news conference. (See attached presentation, Attachment A.)

B. Plans for Re-Opening Grand Canyon Schools – Mr. Matt Yost

Mr. Yost presented options for opening on February 1, at the start of the second semester, assuming COVID-19 community spread conditions allow. (See attached presentation, Attachment B.)

C. Review of Stilo Donation Agreement - EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) for consultation with the attorney of the Governing Board for legal advice and discussion of the current status of the Stilo Donation Agreement.

Motion by: Ms. Katherine Morris
 At: 7:05 PM
 Motion: Convene in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) for consultation with the attorney of the Governing Board for legal advice and discussion of the current status of the Stilo Donation Agreement.
 Second: Mr. Joe Rabon
Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

Note: Board President, Mr. Kevin Hartigan joined the open meeting briefly at 7:07, before moving to the executive session.

The Board exited executive session at 7:58, Mr. Hartigan resumed the president’s role.

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 At: 7:58 PM
 Motion: Resume regular session.
 Second: Ms. Katherine Morris
Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes:(BEDG, BEDG-R)
 November 18, 2020 – Regular Meeting
 December 1 - Special Meeting
- B. Approval of Payroll Vouchers:
 FY 20-21 # 10 \$139,371.92
 FY 20-21 # 11 \$131,548.46
- C. Approval of Expense Vouchers:
 FY 20-21 # 4015 \$ 71,509.86
 FY 20-21 # 4016 \$ 70,471.90
 FY 20-21 # 4017 \$ 23,366.39
- D. Approval of Fiduciary Disbursements:
 Student Activity – November 2020
 Revolving – November 2020
 Auxiliary – November 2020

Food Services – November 2020

- E. Approval of Check Signers for School Activity, Auxiliary, Revolving and Food Service accounts (Wells Fargo): Brenda Thomas-Martinez, Jonathan Triggs, and Thomas O’Connor
- F. Approval of Donations:
 - 2020 AZ Tax Credit - \$400 HS Math Supplies - Ms. Marjorie Woodruff
 - School District General Donation - \$50 – Ms. Marjorie Woodruff
- G. Human Resources:
 - 1. Approval of job description for social worker

Before the approval of the Consent Agenda, Superintendent Dr. Bria gave praise to Mr. Jonathan Triggs for his work on securing funding for a social worker (item G.1).

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 At: 8:00 PM
 Motion: Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Adopt Policy BCB – Second Reading - Board Member Conflict of Interest

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 At: 8:00 PM
 Motion: Adopt Policy BCB after second reading, Board Member Conflict of Interest
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

B. Adopt Policy BE – Second Reading - School Board Meetings

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 At: 8:02 PM
 Motion: Adopt Policy BE after second reading, School Board Meetings
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris
Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

C. Adopt BEDF – Voting Method

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 At: 8:10 PM
 Motion: Adopt Policy BEDF after second reading, Voting Method
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Discussion: Mr. Hartigan asked “why do we vote this way?”

Ms. Henry, (legal counsel), described prior situations with other boards in which the clerk was not able to distinguish actual votes of Board members, which gave the impression, if not reality, of a lack of transparency. The changes in the policy, if adopted, mirror actions already taken at all board meeting of this district which she has attended, so there is no material difference here.

Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2020-2021 Budget Revision #1 – Ms. Brenda Thomas-Martinez

This item was moved to before item 3.A in the approval of the Consent Agenda.

B. Approval of 2020-2021 301 Plan – Mr. Matt Yost

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

At: 8:12 PM

Motion: Approval 301 plan as presented in the public hearing.

Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	NA
Kevin Hartigan	X			
SuZan Pearce	X			

Joe Rabon	X			
Pete Shearer	X			
Kathryn Morris	X			

Motion Passes.

C. Update and approval of NPS Special Use Permit Renewal – Mr. Thomas O’Connor

Mr. Hartigan opened the floor to Mr. O’Connor on the approval of the intergovernmental agreement with the National Park Service.

As progress on this agreement has been largely between the district legal counsel, Ms. Tosca Henry and Mr. O’Connor presented the latest markup, however Mr. O’Connor deferred to Ms. Henry for questions.

Ms. Henry showed that the Park has (tentatively) agreed to language we asked for at the December 1 Special Board meeting, namely:

- Language has been added to address concerns about the Park assessing fees
- Language has been added for a mutual effort to resolve school building ownership during the 2021 calendar year. (The language does not require completion, but encourages progress.)
- The latest markup changes from a Special Use Permit to an Intergovernmental Agreement

Ms Henry described some additional needed work, including language in the prelude which needs to be changed to match paragraph 5 of the agreement, and some minor typographical errors to be fixed. (These are the proposed changes noted in the motion below.)

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan
 At: 8:24 PM
 Motion: Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Grand Canyon Unified School District #4 and the Grand Canyon National Park Service as presented to the Board on December 9, 2020, with proposed changes.
 Any changes which Ms. Henry judges as to be material in nature are to be returned to the Board for further consideration.
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris
Vote Tally

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

Motion Passes.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Delivery of Letters

Letters in the agenda reference previous directions to the staff to author letters from the School to Stilo Development Company and the town of Tusayan, requesting primary right of way to future Stilo development on their property east of the school property in Tusayan be directed north of the town rather than along the school property.

Dr. Bria reported that letters to Stilo Development Corp. and the Town of Tusayan have been delivered.

B. Upcoming Board Meeting Dates – January 9th - Board Retreat with swearing-in and election of officers

The Board is planning a retreat on January 9. New Board members will be sworn in, and departing Board members will be recognized for their outstanding service. Ms. Henry (legal counsel) will lead a workshop on Boardsmanship.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Future Board Meetings:

- January 9 and noted above
- January 13, special Board meeting focusing on plans and resources for guiding instruction in a dual, in-person and continuing distance learning (parent’s choice). This includes ensuring students are not being left behind.

Mr. Shearer suggested a future topic of discussion should be lobbying for the funding the Governor has redirected as a result of Prop 208.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Mr. Kevin Hartigan

At: 8:47 PM
 Motion: Adjourn
 Second: Ms. Kathryn Morris

Vote Tally

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

SuZan Pearce
Board Clerk/Vice President

Kathryn Morris
Board Member

Joe Rabon
Board Member