

**GRAND CANYON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #4**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**  
**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
Daniel Hendrix - Board Member	Absent
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.
- Many students require a one-on-one aide.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes (BEDG, BEDG-R) - July 23, 2025

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Payroll Vouchers

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of Expense Vouchers

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented,

Action (Consent): D. Approval of Fiduciary Disbursements

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): E. Human Resources: Approval of hiring Kristy Perritt, Abigail Booker-Alvarez, Robyn Wadsworth, Monica Dimas-Gonzalez, and Christa Glad as ESS aides and Christopher Jimenez-Vargas as our High School Assistant Soccer Coach

Action (Consent): F. Human Resources: Approval of contracting with Justin Warnat as the Culinary Arts CTE Instructor for 2025-2026. (ARS 15-789 exempts this from procurement rules.)

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent) G. Human Resources: Approval of hiring Wendy Krueger as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Action (Consent) H. Human Resources: Approval of additional stipend agreements for 2025-2026.

Action (Consent): I. Human Resources: Approval of resignation from Karen Alvarez, Accounts Specialist, effective September 4, 2025, and approval of withdrawal of resignation.

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (Consent): J. Approval of revised 2025-2026 Governing Board calendar, moving the October meeting date from October 15 to October 8 so it doesn't occur during fall break.

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

Action (consent): K. Approval of School of Rock (SOR) Shirt Sales to sell extra SOR shirts at concert on August 29, 2025, by HS Band Club.

Action (Consent): L. Approval of Odyssey of the Mind Participation fee

Recommended Action: The Board approve Consent Agenda items as presented.

TIME: 6:25 p.m.

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda items as presented

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

SECOND: Sena Stiles

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jiimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	4-0

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board may approve a second reading by name and number only for policies that were first read at the July 23, 2025, meeting. If approved, designee will read those policies by name and number only.

Recommended Action: The Board may adopt the policies after their second reading.

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

Action B: The Board may adopt those policies that had their second reading in 6.A.

TIME: 6:32 p.m.

MOTION: Approve the policies that had their second reading.

BY: Cassidy Wolf Gibson

SECOND: Sena Stiles

VOTE:

Ashton Bedford	Yes
Cassidy Wolf Gibson	Yes
Sena Stiles	Yes
Jiimelia Talasyousiea	Yes
MOTION PASSED	4-0

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

Procedural: A. The Board will approve reading of policies by name and number only for their first (of two) readings. If approved, designee will read them by name and number. Their second reading will be scheduled for the September 17th meeting.

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 Collet 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.
- 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.
- "Thank You" to Town of Tusayan for donations for athletic uniforms.
- Our thanks to Plaza Bonita for providing lunch for staff last week.
- "Thank You" to Xanterra for back to school supplies.
- Lori is working with students who suffer from chronic absenteeism.
- Lori Rommel added that next Thursday is an 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: September 17, 2025

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Jimelia Talasyousiea, President

  
Cassidy Wolf Gibson, Vice President/Clerk

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Daniel Hendrix, Board Member

  
Ashton Bedford, Board Member

  
Sena Stiles, Board Member