

CASA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

220 West Kortsen Road
Casa Grande, Arizona

The Governing Board of the Casa Grande Elementary School District
No. 4 met Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom.

1.01 Call to Order:

President Snider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call:

Present:

David Snider, President
Judee Jackson
Gilberto Mendez
Jerrold Stabley

Absent:
Rachel Hernandez

Also Present:
See Exhibit 1

JoEtta Gonzales, Ed.D., Superintendent
Tom Wohlleber, Chief Financial Officer
Andrea Baker, Director
Brenda Tijerina, Director
Jennifer McClintic, Director
Michael Cruz, Public Information Officer
Alysia Ruelas, Director
David Lawrence, Director
Joseph Leon, Director
Lisa Bradshaw, Director
Robert Quinones, Director
Jan Draper, Assistant Director
Sherrie Gill, Executive Assistant

Reporter: Suzanne Adams-Ockrassa
Casa Grande Dispatch

Robin Rosales, Principal
Celie Downey-Foye, Principal
Melissa Pieper, Principal

Rebecca Romo, Principal
Barbara Wright, Principal

1.03 President Snider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.04 A moment of silence was observed.

2.01 Agenda Adoption:

Mr. Mendez moved that:

"The agenda be accepted and adopted, as presented."

Mr. Stabley seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	absent	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Jerrold Stabley	X	

3.01 Mr. Snider called for objections from Board members, staff, and the public regarding consent agenda items.

Mr. Snider asked that item 3.06 be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Stabley moved that:

"The agenda items marked with an asterisk with the exception of 3.06, be approved and/or ratified."

Mr. Mendez seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	absent	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Jerrold Stabley	X	

*3.02 The minutes of the June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

*3.03 The minutes of the June 23, 2020 Special Meeting (Study Session) were approved by the Governing Board.

*3.04 The minutes of the June 23, 2020 Special Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

*3.05 The minutes of the July 14, 2020 Special Meeting were approved by the Governing Board.

3.06 The following certified personnel actions were ratified by the Governing Board:

Consider/Approve Compensation Paid in Prior School Years: A recent review of personnel actions found there are certain compensation amounts that were paid in prior school years which require retroactive approval by the Governing Board.

Adoption of Corrected Exempt Salary Schedule, FY 2020-21: The newly created Coordinator of Language & Literacy was inadvertently omitted from the exempt schedule approved in June. It is recommended the Board approve the revised exempt salary schedule.

Requests for Release from Certified Personnel Contracts: Hannah Ellsworth, 1st grade teacher, Saguario; Lisa Maestas, 5th grade, Desert Willow; Cassidy Meade, new hire; Nicole Mendenhall, art teacher, Cactus; Rebecca Purden, kindergarten, Saguario; Kayla Woehlecke, kindergarten, Desert Willow.

There have been several requests for termination of contract. If a certified staff member wishes to terminate the contract after it has been ratified and executed, there is a penalty of \$2,000 for liquidated damages. We have requests from several individuals this month for reasons of COVID 19. They have told us they are not interested in seeking employment elsewhere. The \$2,000 liquidated damages is not policy, but part of the contractual agreement. In the past, it has been somewhat of a common practice to waive or reduce the liquidated damages assessed if there was some sort of major health crisis the employee is facing. It does put the district in a hardship to have to scramble and find a replacement for that position the later it happens in the year. We want to offer our employees some amount of grace as we consider what they are going through.

President Snider commented that taking into consideration the pandemic and its impact on life as we know it, he would like to provide Dr. Gonzales with some guidance with the concurrence of the Board. In the event we have certified employees who come to the superintendent and ask for relief because of health concerns, specifically COVID 19, that the superintendent and her staff evaluate each request and consider whether or not they would recommend to the Board a reduction in liquidated damages from \$2,000 to say \$1,000. Each request would be handled on a case by case basis.

Request to be Released from Special Services Contract: Jamie Lyons, nurse; Liane Peters, school counselor.

Early Retirement Contracts: Ms. Laura Justham and Mrs. Mary Ann Smith have opted to continue substituting 15 days during the current school year for the group insurance premium in accordance with Governing Board Policy GCQE-Retirement of Professional Staff Members. It is recommended the Board approve the early retirement contracts for Ms. Justham and Mrs. Smith.

Authorization to Compensate late Hired Certified Personnel from SY 2019-20 for Make Up Days: It is recommended the Governing Board authorize the payment to the certified personnel hired in SY 2019-20 and who participated in new teacher induction this summer.

Authorization to Establish/Approval to Issue a Lead Counselor Stipend: The administration recommends the Board approve the issuance of a lead counselor stipend to Mrs. Judith Wohleber in the amount of \$1,400 for the current school year.

Authorization to Issue Lead Nurse Stipend: The administration recommends that Nurse Karen Garcia be named the new lead school nurse and further recommend that the Board authorize the issuance of the \$1,400 lead nurse stipend.

Authorization to Increase the Stipend Provided to the Villago Core Content Coaches: Due to the increased responsibilities this year, including the facilitation of daily department collaboration meetings, and being a capacity building coach for in-person, hybrid, and distance learning, the administration recommends increasing the stipend amount to \$7,500.

Authorization to Issue Replacement Compliance Stipends to Preschool Teachers: It is recommended the Governing Board authorize the issuance of replacement compliance stipends to the teachers (Amy Flasher, Aimee Wright, Janell Heinle, and Candace Galbraith) in the four preschool positions.

Authorization for Extra Duty, Extra Pay Stipend for Digital Coach at Villago Middle School: The administration proposes a stipend amount of \$5,000 for the new position of Digital Coach.

Rate of Compensation for Support of Special Education Teacher: Dr. Berecin-Rascon has agreed to help support a new teacher employed for the Multiple Sensory Impaired (MSI) program being housed at Evergreen School. The administration recommends the continuation of the daily rate of \$210 per day as the consultant to assist the new MSI teacher. It is anticipated Dr. Berecin-Rascon will meet with the teacher one day per week during the first quarter of this school year.

Approval of Stipend for Supervision of Intern Psychologist: It is recommended the Governing Board approve the issuance of a stipend to Ms. Mayo in the amount of \$3,975 for serving as Ms. Raccula's supervisor.

Approval of Hard-to-Fill Stipends for K-5 Teachers in CGESD Online Learning Academy: In order to increase staff interest, the administration proposes the sum of \$2,500 as a hard-to-fill stipend for the teachers in the Online Learning Academy. The administration recommends that staff receive \$500 up front and \$2,000 to be paid biweekly throughout the year.

Ratification of Certified Personnel Employment, 2020-21:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.
Carter, Shadeene	3rd Grade	Ironwood
Castillo, Bianca	Nurse	Villago
Draper, Jan	Assistant Director Teaching & Learning	Teaching & Learning
Firestone, Fawn	3rd Grade	Evergreen
Hylle, Susanne	Teacher SpEd	Saguaro
Johnson, Dimitra	Kindergarten	Mesquite
Martinez, Kelsie	7th SpEd Resource	Cactus
O'Connor, Katherine	Kindergarten	Desert Willow
Perry, Santannah	Apprentice Teacher	ECLC
Quinn, Peter	Assistant Principal	Cactus
Roxby, Jessica	8th Math	Cactus
Slaydon, Mary	Assistant Principal	Cactus
Smith, Kentrel	Physical Education	McCartney Ranch
Van de Moere, Elizabeth	7th Math	Cactus
West, Valerie	SpEd Resource	Palo Verde
Wong, Gabriel	Assistant Principal	McCartney Ranch

Ratification of Certified Personnel Resignations:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.	Effective
Ellsworth, Hannah	1st Grade	Saguaro	6/29/2020
Lyons, Jamie	Nurse	Mesquite	7/17/2020
Maestas, Lisa	5th Grade	Desert Willow	7/1/2020
Meade, Cassidy	PreSchool	ECLC	6/25/2020
Mendenhall, Nicole	Art	Cactus	8/11/2020
Peters, Liane	Counselor	Mesquite	7/22/2020
Purden, Rebecca	Kindergarten	Saguaro	6/30/2020
Woehlecke	Kindergarten	Desert Willow	7/20/2020

Ratification of Reclassification of Certified Personnel:

Employee	New Position	Campus/Dept.
Anderson, Kenneth	Middle School Coach	CGMS/CMS
Anderson, Melody	8th Science	Cactus
Bruno, Cody	7th Science	Cactus
Caron, Blaine	Elementary Literacy Coach	ME/DW
Chavez, Norma	School Psychologist	EV/PV
Cheavers, Gabriel	TOA	Palo Verde
Clifford, Theresa	8th Social Studies	Cactus
Doyle, Michael	SpEd Resource	Mesquite

Duran, Jessica	8th Math	CGMS
Ellis, Vicki	Coordinator of Assessment & Gifted	Learning Support
Galbraith, Candace	SpEd Preschool	ECLC
Groh, Jeffrey	TOA	Desert Willow
Holstein-Radin, Dylan	School Psychologist	VMS/IW
King, Maria	School Counselor	Cottonwood
Kinnard, Taylor	3rd Grade	Mesquite
Krvinchuk, Heather	District Literacy Coach	Teaching & Learning
Kroboth, Jessica	6th Math	Villago
Lafferty, Chad	8th Science	Villago
LaVoo, Tatia	SpEd Resource	Saguaro
Lewis, Peggy	SpEd Extended Resource	Mesquite
Massoud, Elvira	Coordinator of Specialized Prof. Dev.	Teaching & Learning
Mayo, Katherine	School Psychologist	Ironwood
Owens, Janelle	2nd Grade	McCartney Ranch
Pascual, Jennifer	Kindergarten	Cottonwood
Petersen, Amberly	Elementary Literacy Coach	PV/IWD
Quinones, Robert	Director Leadership & Engagement	District Office
Romo, Rebecca	Principal	Cactus
Rosales, Wanda	4th WINGS	Desert Willow
Simmons, Jamie	Teacher-Drama/Performing Arts	Cactus
Smith, Christalina	5th Grade	Desert Willow
Taylor, Sarah	SpEd Extended Resource	Cholla
Tijerina, Taryn	TOA	Cholla
Vallejo, Maria	School Psychologist	ME/CH
Volkmer, Kristina	SpEd Autism	McCartney Ranch

Mr. Mendez moved to:

"Approve the Superintendent's recommendations with regard to certified personnel."

Mr. Stabley seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	absent	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Jerrold Stabley	X	

*3.07 The following classified personnel actions were ratified by the Governing Board:

Authorization to Employ Apprentice Teachers and to Enter into Grow Your Own Agreements: The Governing Board approved the employment of Santannah Perry as an apprentice teacher, in a preschool position, and Whitney Silva in a Special Education (Resource) 8th-grade teaching position at Cactus Middle School with the issuance of Grown Your Own agreements.

Authorization to Employ an Associate Instructor in Lieu of Teacher at Casa Grande Middle School: The Governing Board authorized the employment of Ms. Branum as an Associate Instructor while she is completing her teaching program.

Ratification of Addition of Three Days to Work Schedule for Middle School Attendance Assistants: The Governing Board ratified the increase of number of work days for the attendance assistants from 209 to 212 for SY 2020-21.

Ratification of Request to Rescind Request to Retirement: The Governing Board ratified Ms. Limon's request to rescind her retirement.

Ratification of Pay for Shift Differential Effective July 1, 2020: Ms. Eva Knott and Ms. Debbie Schroeder were selected to work the third shift and be provided a \$2.00 per hour pay differential. The Board ratified the \$2.00 per hour pay differential for Ms. Knott and Ms. Schroeder effective July 6, 2020.

Classified Personnel Resignations:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.	Effective
Anderson, Veronica	Cafe Site Manager	Cactus	7/28/2020
Diaz, Anita	Custodian	Evergreen	6/30/2020
Furr, Noah	Bus Driver	Transportation	6/4/2020
Halloran, Megan	Education Assistant-Student Support	McCartney Ranch	5/20/2020
Hodges, Danny	Bus Driver	Transportation	7/8/2020
Ibarra, Randy	Noon Assistant	Mesquite	8/4/2020
Kramer, Katie	Education Assistant-MOWR	McCartney Ranch	6/30/2020
Limon, Estefania	Cafe Cook	Desert Willow	8/4/2020
Martinez, Darcelle	Sub Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	7/15/2020
Mendenhall, Zane	Custodian	Cactus	8/7/2020
Montalbo, Reina	Education Specialist-Early Childhood	ECLC	7/6/2020
Resendis Gonzales, Sergio	Maintenance Specialist	Facilities	6/3/2020
Rumsey, Deanna	Administrative Assistant	Leadership & Engagement	7/23/2020
Saucedo, Mary Helen	Noon Aide	Palo Verde	7/31/2020
Thomas, Linda	Crossing Guard	Cottonwood	6/23/2020

Toth, Phaedra	Education Assistant-Inclusive Ed.	CGMS	6/30/2020
Whaley, Mark	HVAC Mechanic	Facilities	6/30/2020
Woods, Ashley	Education Specialist-Inclusive Education	Evergreen	5/20/2020

Classified Personnel Employment:

Employee	Position	Campus/Dept.
Ackermann, Elise	Sub: Associate Instructor	Saguaro
Acosta, Yurico	Sub: Associate Instructor	Cholla
Acuna, Samantha	Education Specialist-Inclusive Education	ECLC
Avila, Anhelica	Sub Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation
Bagley, Nancy	Sub: Associate Instructor	Cottonwood
Bateson, Marne	Sub: Associate Instructor	Palo Verde
Bergantin, Myriam	Sub: Associate Instructor	Saguaro
Brown, Cynthia	Van Driver	Transportation
Cortright, Paz	Office Specialist	Cottonwood
Davey, Martha	Sub: Associate Instructor	CGMS
Decker, Sharon	Education Specialist-Early Childhood	ECLC
Draper, Wade	Skilled Maintenance Spec-Struc. Journey	Facilities
Escobedo, Graciela	Cafe Cook	CGMS
Esparza, Stacy	Sub: Associate Instructor	Palo Verde
Garcia, Carolyne	Noon Assistant	Ironwood
Guevara, Roberto	Maintenance Specialist	Facilities
Hernandez, Trinidad	Sub: Associate Instructor	Cactus
Hoff, Amanda	Education Assistant-Special Education	Villago
Houston, Denver	Education Specialist-Special Education	CGMS
Kinnard, Xan	Sub: Associate Instructor	Evergreen
Klug, Kimberly	Education Specialist-Inclusive Education	Ironwood
Lessor, Anita	Sub: Associate Instructor	Mesquite
Machado, Cassidy	Sub: Associate Instructor	Ironwood
Meagher, Jessica	Digital Literacy Assistant	Cottonwood
Mejia, Ida	Cafe Site Manager	Villago
Mercado, Rene	Education Specialist-Inclusive Education	ECLC
Meston, Cheryl	Sub: Associate Instructor	Evergreen
Myers, Jennifer	Sub: Associate Instructor	Evergreen
Nunez, Elizabeth	Transportation Assistant	Transportation
Rael, Martha	Sub: Associate Instructor	Desert Willow
Rodriguez, Susana	Cafe Assistant	Villago
Seaver, Katherine	Sub: Associate Instructor	Desert Willow
Shelley, Lasey	Sub: Associate Instructor	Cactus

Shelstad, Christina	Sub: Associate Instructor	Cottonwood
Vasquez, Angelina	Sub: Associate Instructor	Villago
Weldin, Nita	Sub: Associate Instructor	CGMS

Reclassification of Classified Personnel:

Employee	New Position	Campus/Dept.
Ackermann, Elise	Education Assistant-Special Education	Saguaro
Alvarez, Jeanine	Education Assistant-APS	Cactus
Bailey, Scott	Office Specialist	Palo Verde
Belich, Debra	Bus Driver - Special Needs	Transportation
Bernier, Nicole	Cafe Site Assistant Manager	CGMS
Boudreau, Zayda	School-to-Community Liaison	Grants
Castano, Linda	Delivery Driver (Summer extra-duty)	Warehouse
Chavarin, Irma	Cafe Site Manager	McCartney Ranch
Deatherage, Michelle	Associate Instructor	Evergreen
Derhammer, Nicole	Education Assistant-Title 1/Crossing Guard	Palo Verde
Duarte, Robert	Sub Bus Driver	Transportation
Felix, Raquel	Cafe Cook	Cholla
Hernandez, Trinidad	Attendance Assistant	Cactus
Kading, Chelsey	Office Specialist	McCartney Ranch
Lessor, Anita	Education Assistant-MOWR/ELG	Mesquite
Love, Jonathan	Associate Instructor	Villago
Mandeville, Robin	Training/Referral Coordinator	Transportation
McQuillen, Jennifer	Education Specialist - Inclusive Education	McCartney Ranch
Moore, Heather	Education Assistant-Title 1	McCartney Ranch
Morris, Colleen	Digital Literacy Assistant	McCartney Ranch
Myers, Jennifer	Education Assistant-Student Support	Evergreen
Negrete, Karen	Education Assistant-Title 1/MOWR	McCartney Ranch
Quesada, Liliana	Cafe Site Manager	Mesquite
Ramirez Gutierrez, Mercedes	Education Specialist-Inclusive Ed	Mesquite
Ramos Laboy, Laura	Cafe Cook	Mesquite
Retzlaff, Kendall	Education Assistant-Student Support	McCartney Ranch
Salazar, Aryana	Education Assistant-Speech	Saguaro
Salazar, Linda	Transportation Assistant	Transportation
Sims, Catrina	Associate Instructor	Cactus
Stone, Kimberly	Education Specialist-KinderPlus	McCartney Ranch
Taylor, Roy	Bus Driver	Transportation
Valdez-Garcia, Rosa	Education Specialist-Inclusive Ed	CGMS
Vose, Gary	Delivery Driver (Summer extra-duty)	Warehouse
Zuniga, Lorenzo	Delivery Driver (Summer extra-duty)	Warehouse

- *3.08 The financial report for June and July, 2020 had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- *3.09 The student activities report for June and July, 2020 had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting.
- *3.10 The vehicle status report for June and July 2020, had been included in the Board's information.
- *3.11 The vehicle maintenance report for June and July 2020, had been included in the Board's information.
- *3.12 The vouchers presented at the meeting, listed in Exhibit 2, were approved by the Governing Board.
- *3.13 A memorandum from Mr. Wohlleber regarding Authorization to Extend Benefits Contracts had been included in the Board's information. The EBT Board previously reviewed and approved the renewals of various District benefit programs for the 2020-21 school year. The Governing Board formally authorized the extensions of the various benefit contracts.
- *3.14 A memorandum from Mr. Wohlleber regarding Authorization of IGA with Kyrene School District had been included in the Board's information. The Governing Board authorized the IGA with Kyrene.
- *3.15 A memorandum from Mr. Wohlleber regarding Authorization for Emergency Procurement-Learn Platform had been included in the Board's information. The Governing Board formally authorized PO 210289 to Learn Platform, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$28,278.57, as an emergency procurement for their EdTech management system.
- *3.16 A memorandum from Mr. Wohlleber regarding Authorization for Emergency Procurement-Heartland School Solutions had been included in the Board's information. The Governing Board formally authorized PO 210301 to Heartland School Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$21,662.10 for their proprietary tablets that interface with the WebSMARTT POS management system as an emergency procurement.
- *3.17 Governing Board policy JQ states that student fees are used to fund certain school activities that are not financed by local, state or federal funds. Arizona Revised Statute 15-342(24) gives the Governing Board discretionary power to authorize principal's to waive all or part of student fees due to economic hardship. The Governing Board approved the waiver of student fees for the 2020-21 school year as proposed.

- *3.18 A copy of the MOU between Casa Grande Elementary School District and Read Better Be Better had been included in the Board's information. The Governing Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Read Better Be Better, as proposed.
- *3.19 A copy of revised Regulation GBGB-R-Staff Personal Security and Safety was included in the Board's information. Regulations do not require Board approval. This was for information only.
- *3.20 A copy of Revised Policy IHA-Basic Instructional Program was included in the Board's information. As this was a first reading, no action was required.
- *3.21 A copy of new Regulation JICA-RB-Student Dress was included in the Board's information. Regulations do not require Board approval. This was for information only.
- *3.22 A copy of revised Policy KB-Parent Involvement in Education was included in the Board's information. As this was a first reading, no action was required.
- *3.23 A copy of new Regulation KI-RB-Visitors to Schools was included in the Board's information. Regulations do not require Board approval. This was for information only.
- *3.24 Information regarding the Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council and AZ Educational Management Council was included in the Board's information. By joining the organization, the District will have access to knowledge, research, professional development, and political connection to help enhance student achievement in the District. The Governing Board approved the IGA with the GPEMC and AZEMC as proposed.
- *3.25 A memorandum from Mr. Leon regarding Authorization to Change Entities/Persons Who can Conduct Business on Behalf of the District with Financial Institutions was included in the Board's information. The Governing Board authorized the changes in entities/persons who can conduct business on behalf of the District with financial institutions as recommended.

4. Items for Action/Discussion

4.01 The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the following donations:

Teaching & Learning received the following donations for new teacher induction:

Casa Grande Alliance	100 custom t-shirts
Western Bank	65- Magnetic note pads
McDonalds	65- food coupons
Walton Orthodontics	65 - Pencil pouches filled with candy and misc items, \$5 gift card to Eegees
Mi Amigo Ricardos	60 - \$10 Gift certificates

Baja Fresh Chandler	65 Free bean and cheese burrito cards
Mindies Burger King	65 Free whopper cards
Garcia Family (Mina Lorona)	60 pirate face masks
Liberty Tax	\$50 off Income Tax Prep
DR Horton	5 chocolate filled tumblers, 9 chocolate filled paint cans, 7 coozies, 10 nametag sleeves, 54 key chain USB, 46 sticky pads, 60 pens, 39 squeeze stress houses
United Methodists Church of Casa Grande	65 Magnet Business cards & 69 pens with stylus
Goodruby Christian Bookstore	65 pens and business cards
Yang & Dorsley Dentistry	65 mini clipboards with toothbrush, toothpaste, \$50 gift certificate towards treatment
Casa Grande Chamber	65 city maps and directories
Quemetco Metals	1 gallon bottle of glue, 72 glue sticks, 72 pencils, 120 pens, 36 eraser toppers, 6 student glue bottles, 5 jpacks of white board markers, 10 reams white paper, 1 ream white cardstock, 1 ream multicolored paper
Wal Mart	\$50 Gift Card
Capital R. Contruction	\$250.00
Al & Rileys	\$500

Meagan Petrie, Physical Education & Yoga Teacher at CGMS, applied for and was awarded an NFL Fuel Up to Play 60 Flag Football Kit valued at \$410.

Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Librarian at CGMS/Saguaro, applied for and was awarded two grants from the Larry Fitzgerald Foundation for the support of books and reading. Each grant was in the amount of \$5,000, one for Saguaro and one for CGMS.

Palo Verde received \$12,000 through the A for Arizona grant that was requested for their Leader in Me project titled “My Possibilities are Limitless”.

Foothills Bank donated two rolling carts to Cholla, each valued at \$139.99.

Mrs. Jackson moved that:

“The donations be accepted, as read.”

Mr. Mendez seconded the motion. Board members voted as follows and the motion passed:

Board member	In Favor	Against
Rachel Hernandez	absent	
Judee Jackson	X	
Gilberto Mendez	X	
David Snider	X	
Jerrold Stabley	X	

- 4.02 A copy of the 2020 Pandemic Response Plan was included in the Board's information.

Throughout the period of school closure and summer, over 120 individuals worked on the plan: A Safe and Healthy Return to Learning. This is a living/changing document, changes will be made along the way.

Mr. Quinones spoke about key elements of the plan and how very early on, the district talked about distance learning and insuring we had provisions in place. Student/staff devices were ordered and training for learning platforms was developed.

Board members commented on the amazing work of everyone involved, and that it is a very comprehensive document.

- 4.03 A copy of the Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) approval letter had been included in the Board's information.

Ms. Baker's department with the help of other individuals, put a lot of work into the application and the district is excited for the AOI approval. As of the date of this Board meeting, 523 students are enrolled. The district has decided to not go with the AOI for this school year and will extend distance learning instead. No nutrition services are provided for AOI students and we want kids to be able to eat. The district will be able to use the AOI in subsequent years.

This is a provisional approval. The state will be able to observe the distance learning plan which would approve the AOI for 3-5 years.

The Board expressed congratulations and thanks to everyone who worked on the project.

- 4.04 Dr. Gonzales wanted to acknowledge the school nutrition team for preparing and delivering meals each week. With proactive planning by Ms. Ruelas and her team, they kept food distribution going through the hottest July on record. The district is thankful of how hard she and her staff have been working.

Ms. Ruelas presented to the Board the workings of Nutrition Services since schools were closed in March to the end of July. A total of 249,031 meals were served to the Casa Grande community from March 17-July 31. August 1-11, 22,000 meals were served. August 17th the National School Lunch Program begins. Meals will be distributed from each school site and three off-site locations.

- 5.01 The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

6.01 Call for Audience Questions Pertaining to Agenda Items and Items of Interest

There were no requests from the public.

7.01 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gonzales highlighted the district's partnership with the City of Casa Grande to get students low cost for high speed internet, and all the help the district received getting Chromebooks out of custody. The district has also partnered with Casa Grande Union High School who graciously loaned devices until we receive all our shipments. Getting hold of computers to be able to provide for everyone has been a challenge, but we are working through it.

Dr. Gonzales made a visit to schools during device distribution and was impressed with the safety procedures being executed.

Mr. Stabley stated that all the amazing efforts of the district reflect the quality of everyone on staff and of the leader of the organization.

Dr. Gonzales acknowledged our amazing partnerships with AARP and City of Casa Grande.

Mr. Snider adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 09/8/2020

President