

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 12, 2016**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Board President Pat Rocha. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at approximately 7:16 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Pat Rocha, Board President, Mrs. Loretta Rose, and Mrs. Linetta Borrelli. Mrs. Crickett Brinkman and Mr. Ernie Longoria.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report.

**REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA**

Mr. Morones amended the agenda with the following changes: In Communication From the Public-comments will be heard right before Reports and Presentations on items not on the agenda. In Reports and Presentations moving Item J. Jon Isom Measure P Update Presentation to the end of agenda; remove Action Item F. Confidential/Management Salary Schedule-addition of the Master's Stipend from the agenda; and in Action Item C. Madera County Superintendent of Schools Agreement under Fiscal Impact remove the word "plus" and replace with "Inclusive".

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Sherri Marsigli stated that she was concerned that CRSIG has dropped all the Booster Clubs' insurance coverage. The amount of money that they have to pay now is between \$1600-\$1800 dollars. That could be at least three scholarships given to students. Ag. Boosters work hard all year to raise money and it all goes back to the kids and the community. She is asking the if the Board would consider as a future agenda item to reimburse or split the cost of the insurance. Also if the Board would consider shopping for a company that would cover Boosters Clubs. Charlie Alamo read a letter from the teachers addressing the matter of fairness and equity. Some teachers volunteered to attend a PLC Conference during the summer because they were under the impression that this was the only time they could attend. They were surprised when the District opened more training conferences during the school and more teachers were given time off from their teaching duties to attend. They are asking the Board to authorize a per diem payment or provision of additional sick days to those teachers who went on their own time.

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Employee Recognition – Mr. Morones recognized Mary Hermreck for her 24 years of service to GUSD. Mary was unable to attend the meeting. He also wanted to publicly acknowledge Mary Theresa Contreras for being a 2016 Employee of the Year Nominee. The next person he wanted to acknowledge was Yaneli Ledezma for being a 2016 Teacher of the Year Nominee in Merced County. He presented both with a certificate and flowers.

B. We Are Gustine Video – This presentation was moved to the end of all Board Reports.

C. Student Report – Adriana was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her written report to be included in the Board Packet.

D. Staff Reports –Dr. John Petrone, high school principal, mentioned that he will going to the FFA National Convention for the second time in his career. It's going to be extremely special because a previous student, Tony Lopes, who is a Star Farmer of the Year Finalist. First quarter has ended. Homecoming activities went well.

Mr. Adam Cano said the Breast Cancer Awareness Football Game is this Friday against Ripon Christian. Red Ribbon Week is October 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. Senior Night is on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> for Cheer, Band and Football. Then Orestimba week will be the first week in November.

Ms. Terry Souza stated that Sierra Chamber Opera performed at RES. They also hosted a community flu clinic. They will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 24<sup>th</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup> with some activities planned. Their Fall Carnival will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Peter Duenas, assistant principal, mentioned that teachers at are working on PLC. They will be having their annual Halloween Parade on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at GES.

Transportation Director Cheryl Pometta has been working hard training the substitute driver. They are waiting for his fingerprints to clear.

Maintenance Director Russel Hazan mentioned that he has been busy working on sports preparations on Thursdays and Fridays. He is actually started working on winter stuff like trimming trees and cleaning gutters.

E. Board Reports – Mrs. Linetta Borrelli attended the Homecoming Game. It was an exciting game. She said that the lawn looks so nice.

Mrs. Crickett Brinkman attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Saputo Legacy Grant. She took the construction tour at GHS which was nice to see the progression. She went to the MCSBA Conference and said that it's always informative. She also attended the City and School Meeting. She believes that it's really important to have a good relationship and to have the same interests and do what is best for the kids. She was a judge at the Homecoming Parade.

Mr. Ernie Longoria also attended the Homecoming Football Game and Parade. He is looking forward to the grand opening of the locker room.

Mrs. Loretta Rose said that she also attended the Saputo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She mentioned that Saputo personnel looked really proud seeing their name. She also attended the Hard Hat Tour, the MCOE Excellence in Education Event and the Fall Conference. She enjoyed participating Homecoming Parade and Game. She made a donation to the Ronald McDonald

House on behalf of the GUSD which would support families who couldn't afford to pay. She will be attending a meeting with Merced County School Board Association. Grants will be coming out soon and they will be making more changes. She will keep everyone informed on this. She advised everyone not to put their names on them.

Mrs. Pat Rocha also attended the Merced School Board's Association Conference which she found to be very informative and worth going to. She also attended the MCOE Excellence in Education Event and got to see a former student of hers receive an award. She congratulated both nominees. She also attended the Saputo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and said it was really nice to see the Saputo employees look very happy. She said we can't thank them enough for contributing to our school. She mentioned that Homecoming was very well done and the parade was really fun to be in. She also participated in the Hard Hat Tour.

B. We Are Gustine Video – Sarah Lopes explained how this video came about. She played the "We Are Gustine Video" for the Board Members to see.

F. Accounts Payable, Hugo Luna – Mr. Luna gave his presentation on how the district handles accounts payable. He read sections of EC 17605 and BP 3314. Mr. Luna asked if they would allow him to follow these policies and send payments as needed instead of holding the checks until after the Board Meeting avoiding finance charges and taking advantage of available discounts. This will not only will save the District money but will also develop a better reputation with the community. Since this is information only the Board will take action at the next Board Meeting.

G. Financial Report – Mrs. Aguilar presented the monthly financial report for September which reflected an ending cash balance of \$5,336,061.

H. Attendance Report – Mrs. Aguilar provided the GUSD Attendance Summary percentages for Month 1 for each site. All sites were above 95%.

I. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones has been able to visit all the school site and classrooms last month. He attended the Saputo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the high school. He thanked Adam Cano for organizing that event. It was a great event along with the great two score boards that were donated to the site. He once again congratulated the two employees who were nominated for their accomplishments. Measure P update is going very well at the high school. They had our two Hard Hat Tours with the Board and the Bond Oversight Committee Members. It went very well. In the upcoming weeks they will be posting pictures on the District Website so the community could see the progress that has been taking place at the different sites, especially at the high school right now. He also attended the MCOE Conference with some of the Board Members. The focus was school safety. He learned a lot and will be taking those messages back to the school sites. He has had multiple meetings with Jon Isom, Financial Advisor to Measure P, who attended the meeting to give a presentation to the Board about exploring possibility of expediting our Bond Proceeds Series B.

J. Jon Isom – Measure P Update Presentation- This presentation was moved to the end of Reports and Presentations instead of at the end of the agenda since Jon arrived in time. Jon Isom explained that it would be beneficial to expedite the selling of the Series B Bonds because the District’s assessed value is higher than was projected and interest rates are incredibly low. This saves costs by having three issuances instead of four or five. Taxpayers are going to save in the overall interest costs because instead of the program going to go out to year 2048 the program will go to year 2044 or maybe even shorter. The District will also be saving money because they will no longer need the BAN, Bond Anticipation Note. If the District would like to proceed and keep the projects going the next steps would be to present them with the resolution and legal documents to approve at a subsequent or future Board Meeting. Jon Isom will be clarifying the tax rate with Merced County.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda with corrections to the September 14, 2016 Minutes to include the absent Board Member count after each action item, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

### **INFORMATION**

A. Board Policy 9240/Discussion – Possibly adding additional language to this Board Policy regarding School Board Members attending conferences. It may be put in as action item in the future.

B. P1 Year 3 End-of-Year Evidence of Progress – Kim Medeiros provided detailed information on all the changes and progress that the District has made compared to last year.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rose indicated that warrant PV 170214 would be voted on separately. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the warrants, removing PV 170214 (payable to Loretta Rose), seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the warrant PV 170214, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0-1, with Mrs. Rose abstaining.

B. Performing Arts “Play Anywhere” Performances by Playhouse Merced – Mrs. Kim Medeiros explained that this program goes right along with our LCAP. It’s one of the goals on our LCAP- Student Enrichment. It’s a two-week program with a full theater experience. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve Performing Arts “Play Anywhere” Performances by Playhouse Merced, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Madera County Superintendent of Schools Agreement – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the amended Madera County Superintendent of Schools Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator Job Description – Mr. Morones explained that there is currently a teacher who is on special assignment who is doing this work and beyond. He is asking the Board to approve this job description and hopefully with the approval he will appoint this person to this position. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator Job Description, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. Resolution 2016-17-03, Funding Applications for State Allocation Board – Mr. Morones, explained that with this Resolution the District is in the process of positioning itself to receive state matching funds. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to waive the reading of the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-17-03, Funding Applications for State Allocation Board, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. Purchase of Accelerated Reader Program – This program continues to help GMS students improve overall reading ability and comprehension. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Purchase of Accelerated Reader Program, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. Permission to use the Alternative Bid Procedure for Communications and Safety Systems – The District is looking for approval to begin the process of seeking Requests for Proposal (RFP) for Communications and Safety Systems at two of the schools, GES and GMS. Mrs. Longoria made a motion to approve Permission to use the Alternative Bid Procedure for Communications and Safety Systems, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

A. Regular Board Meeting, November 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

#### **APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Crickett Brinkman, Clerk