



Congratulations to Coach Leslie Wood and the 2010 Liberty High School Softball Team for your recognition as a Team of the Year Nominee at the Fresno Grizzlies Hot Stove Dinner held on February 3, 2011.



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Mission: The mission of Golden Valley Unified School District is to provide our students the means to achieve to their highest potential within a caring, secure environment.

**GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 REGULAR MEETING
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Liberty High School · 12220 Road 36, Madera CA
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

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MINUTES

4:30 PM

A. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Toole at 4:35 p.m.
2. ATTENDANCE

	ARRIVE	LEAVE	ABSENT
Mark Toole, President	X _____	_____	_____
Mike Kelly, Clerk	X _____	_____	_____
Mona Diaz, Trustee	X _____	_____	_____
Brian Freeman, Trustee	_____	_____	X _____
Kathleen Crumpton, Trustee	X _____	_____	_____
Sarah Koligian, Superintendent	X _____	_____	_____
Andy Alvarado, Asst. Superintendent	_____	_____	X _____
Jim Monreal, Chief Business Official	X _____	_____	_____

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

C. CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to the Liberty High School conference room for closed session to discuss the following:

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
2. Certificated Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
3. Classified Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
 - A. Appointments: 2 (RMS Softball Coach and EDEP Paraprofessional)

** All times are approximate and subject to change.*

4. Conference with Legal Counsel: Potential Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case)
5. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code: §54957.6).
Agency designated representatives: Superintendent Sarah Koligian, Employee Organizations: CSEA & GVTA

6:00 PM

OPEN SESSION

- D. The Board **RECONVENED** from Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. and reported the following action taken:

Appointed: Ms. Brenda Bradford, EDEP Paraprofessional

Appointed: Mr. Jamie Duke, RMS Softball Coach

- E. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

- F. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the agenda. (*Kelly/Diaz*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

- G. **SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESSES [Koligian]**

- **Brandon Silva and Bonnie Paul, CIF Spirit of the Sport Nominees**

The Board and Superintendent recognized LHS student, Brandon Silva for his CIF Spirit of Sport nomination, Bonnie Paul was not present.

- **Liberty High School Cheer Squad, First Place Clovis Cheer Showcase**

The Board and Superintendent recognized Cheer Advisor, Teri Malmstrom and the LHS Cheer Squad for their First Place win at the Clovis Cheer Showcase.

- **Webster Elementary Destination Imagination Team**

The Webster Destination Imagination Team was unable to attend the Board Meeting and will be recognized at a future meeting.

- **Educational Options Graduate and Cadet, Justin Parmelee**

Justin Parmelee was unable to attend the Board Meeting and will be recognized at a future meeting.

- H. **PRESENTATIONS**

- **Webster Elementary Site Report (6:20 pm)**

Mr. Piedra provided the Webster Site Report which focused on attendance rates, goals for classroom achievement and upcoming events.

Scott Vivid stated he was supportive of all Golden Valley staff and suggested the Board add updates throughout the school year to help track student progress.

- **Liberty High School Student Report (6:35 pm)**

Jasdave Maan provided the student report noting the Powder Puff game, talent show tryouts, and the successful Pennies with Patients fundraiser.

- **Valley Crime Stoppers Presentation (6:40 pm)**

Mr. Brad Stevens and Mr. Paul Bauer provided an overview of the Valley Crime Stoppers program and offered to meet with the school site administrators. The Board stated they were in favor of District staff moving forward with setting up the Valley Crime Stoppers program at the secondary school sites.

- I. **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS (6:55 pm)**

The Board, staff and community took a moment of silence in support of the Golden Valley staff members who have lost loved ones in the past few weeks.

Superintendent Koligian reminded the Board of the Special Budget Workshop on 2/28/11 and Charter Workshop on 3/7/11. She also provided the updated financial plan from the Central Valley Charter Academy.

- J. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (7:05 pm)**

There were no public comments.

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K. **CONSENT AGENDA (7:08 pm)**

ALL CONSENT AGENDA items are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following the approval of the Consent Agenda. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent agenda items. Each item on the consent calendar approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

1. APPROVAL, Minutes from Regular Board Meeting 2/7/11. [Koligian]
2. APPROVAL, Overnight conference request, California Association of Directors of Activities Conference, March 2-5, 2011, San Diego, Ca. [Alvarado]
3. APPROVAL, Overnight conference request, Far West Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Clinical Symposium, April 15-17, 2011, Las Vegas, NV. [Alvarado]
4. APPROVAL, Overnight conference request, National Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Clinical Symposium, June 18-22, 2011, New Orleans, LA. [Alvarado]
5. APPROVAL, Overnight fieldtrip request, LHS Track Team, Narbonne Gaucho Relays Track and Field Invitational, March 11-12, 2011, Harbor City, Ca. [Alvarado]
6. APPROVAL, Overnight fieldtrip request, LHS Cadet Corps, Yosemite High School, March 11-12, 2011, Oakhurst, Ca. [Alvarado]
7. APPROVAL, Fundraiser requests for the LHS Boys Tennis Team: Pizza Factory coupon card sales, Feb. 24-March 10, 2011 and striping the adult soccer fields through the adult soccer season. [Alvarado]
8. APPROVAL, Fundraiser request for Sierra View Elementary, Great American Opportunities sales, March 28-April 15, 2011. [Alvarado]
9. APPROVAL, Flexibility Language per Budget Trailer Bill (SBX3 4 and ABX4 2). [Monreal]
10. APPROVAL, Filing the Notice of Completion for the Liberty High School Science Building and Liberty High School Multi Use Stadium Project with Lease/Leaseback Developer, Harris Construction Company, Inc. [Monreal]

The Board moved to approve the consent agenda after removing items # K2, K3 and K4 for discussion. (*Crumpton/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Board asked if overnight conference requests could be placed on the action agenda instead of the consent agenda. Superintendent Koligian noted that before overnight conference requests come to the Board for approval, they have been reviewed at the site level with their administrators.

2. APPROVAL, Overnight conference request, California Association of Directors of Activities Conference, March 2-5, 2011, San Diego, Ca. [Alvarado]

The Board asked if staff should be attending overnight conferences during these difficult financial times when there aren't enough supplies in the classroom. The Board also asked if staff could fill out a form reporting to the Board what information was gathered from the conference.

Mr. Alvarado stated half of this conference was being funded by Jostens and the other half was being paid by the student body account at the high school, clarifying no district general fund money was being used. He also encouraged parents and the Board to approach the site principals if there are not enough supplies for the classroom as the schools do have supply budgets.

The Board asked staff to follow up with the school sites to ensure they have enough money for classroom supplies. The Board also encouraged staff to attend a Board Meeting to share what information was learned from their conferences.

The Board moved to approve the Overnight conference request, California Association of Directors of Activities Conference, March 2-5, 2011, San Diego, Ca. (*Freeman/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. APPROVAL, Overnight conference request, Far West Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Clinical Symposium, April 15-17, 2011, Las Vegas, NV. [Alvarado]

Superintendent Koligian provided an overview of how funds are divided between the ROP programs at the school site and only ROP programs can use ROP funding. She stated the Fresno ROP Program also approves the site ROP budget allocations.

Mr. Alvarado stated the site administrators are the fiscal managers of their respective sites and work within the budgets provided to them. When a conference has been approved at the site level,

it is understood that it is within their budget and then is forwarded to the District Office for final approval to ensure it is in alignment with categorical parameters.

The Board and District staff discussed what the ROP can be used for, the locations of this conference in the past and the required units for Mr. Cuevas' certification as the Athletic Trainer at Liberty High School.

Sean Tovsrud requested information on what Title II funds could be used for? The Board asked District staff to follow up with this request.

Cindy Landes suggested adding the funding source to the Board agenda for conferences so staff and the community could see that they are not general funded.

Superintendent Koligian encouraged the Board to contact her if there were any questions about agenda items in advance to help clarify any information.

Stacey Anselmo asked if there were other avenues to get the required certification and stated if staff paid for their own certification, it would free up these funds for other student needs in the ROP classrooms.

The Board did note that the conference was signed off and approved by Fresno ROP and the class also has an ASB account to help offset any additional needs.

The Board moved to approve the Overnight conference request, Far West Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Clinical Symposium, April 15-17, 2011, Las Vegas, NV. *(Kelly/Diaz)* Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Mrs. Crumpton was the Nay vote)

The Board asked District staff to provide a presentation on ROP programs and funding.

4. APPROVAL, Overnight conference request, National Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Clinical Symposium, June 18-22, 2011, New Orleans, LA. [Alvarado]

The Board moved to approve the Overnight conference request, National Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Clinical Symposium, June 18-22, 2011, New Orleans, LA. *(Kelly/Diaz)* Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Mrs. Crumpton was the nay vote)

L. ACTION ITEMS (8:36 pm)

1. APPROVAL, Gift(s) to the Golden Valley Unified School District.

- Library book donation to the Golden Valley Unified School District from the Ranchos Kiwanis.
- Library book donation to Sierra View Elementary from the Sierra View Parent Club.
- Monetary gift to the General LHS ASB and LHS Wrestling ASB from the Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign.
- Monetary gift to the Sierra View ASB from PG&E Campaign for the Community.
- Community member monetary gift to the Sierra View ASB account.

The Board moved to approve the gifts to the District as presented. *(Diaz/Crumpton)*
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

M. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Receive information and update on facilities. (8:38 pm)

Mr. Monreal provided the Facilities update for the Sierra View Modernization Project noting the District had received CDE approval but was still waiting for DSA approval. Mr. Monreal then stated the proposal for the LHS Ag Farm was included with the Facilities Update information.

The Board, District staff and community discussed the vision of the project along with the other requests for the LHS campus to include solar energy and the Water Demonstration Project. The Board requested District staff agendize a Facilities Public Hearing for these items at the next Regular Board Meeting. The Board requested a copy of the site master plan map be brought forward at the same time so it could be reviewed for all requested projects.

The Board and District staff stated they were in favor of supporting the Ag Program but maintenance costs for this project also needs to be considered.

Mr. Porter spoke about the vision of the project and the commitments from local farmers who are willing to help support the project.

The Board stated they would provide a 15 minute Public Hearing and requested a large drawing of the LHS site.

2. Receive request to approve the Second Interim Budget Report for the 2010/2011 school year. [Monreal] (9:25 pm)

Mr. Monreal stated Golden Valley was successful on getting a small school waiver for Children's Hospital of Central California which will provide additional funding for that program. He thanked District staff and Geri Kendall-Cox from the Madera County Office of Education for their hard work in making this happen.

Steven Lewis asked if the deficit for next year included any carry over from the current year. Mr. Monreal stated that it did.

3. Receive request to approve Resolution #2010-13 In the Matter of the Decision to Release Temporary Employee(s). [Koligian] (9:33 pm)

Superintendent Koligian stated this initial notification is for employees that are funded on a temporary basis or are categorically funded. She further noted the layoff notices would not be final until May 15, 2011.

4. Receive request to approve Resolution #2010-10 In the Manner of the Elimination and Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services for the 2011/2012 School Year. [Koligian] (9:36 pm)

Superintendent Koligian stated the district is planning for the worst case scenario as presented by Mr. Monreal during the budget update. The positions listed on this resolution would require staffing classes at maximum capacity which would equal the potential reduction of 4 FTE at the elementary level. Three Alternative Education teachers and two Reading Specialist teachers are also included on the list to help cast a wide net and provide time for District staff to review each program and ensure programs are running as efficient as possible.

The Board and District staff discussed the encroachment of the Reading Labs on the General Fund and how the budget has been communicated with both staff and the community over the last three years. They also discussed options for reducing programs at the high school and middle school.

Sean Tovsrud questioned funding for the Educational Options Programs and asked for clarification on the competency requirements. Mr. Alvarado provided an overview of when the standards were originally adopted and how they work.

The Board moved to extend the meeting 30 minutes. *(Crumpton/Freeman)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Board requested past information on the competency standards and Mr. Alvarado stated he can meet with the Board members to go over this information.

Cindy Landes spoke to the timelines of noticing staff and asked if administrators follow a 45 day notice. Cindy also noted that teachers deserve a break from layoffs and increased class sizes especially when there is so much pressure on testing from both the district and the state.

5. Receive request to approve Resolution #2010-11 Criteria for Determining Order of Seniority for Those Employees with the Same Date of District Paid Service. [Koligian] (10:20 pm)

Superintendent Koligian provided the background for this resolution. Sean Tovsrud asked if there was a current seniority list that could be reviewed. Mr. Alvarado stated staff is encouraged to make an appointment with Human Resources to review the list.

6. Receive request to approve Resolution #2010-12 Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2011/2012 Tax Reserve Anticipation Note and Participation in the California Cash reserve Program. [Monreal] (10:25 pm)

Mr. Monreal stated this resolution has been approved annually over the last few years and provides districts a resource to help with cash flow throughout the school year.

7. Receive information on utilizing volunteer crossing guards. [Koligian] (10:27 pm)

The Board briefly reviewed the information provided on utilizing volunteer crossing guards. This item will return to the Board at a future meeting.

The following items were not discussed and will be placed on a future agenda.

**8. Receive request to approve a 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Representative. [Koligian]
Action on March 14th**

**9. Receive request to approve the Agreement between California State University, Fresno; Kremen School of Education and Human Development and Golden Valley Unified School District. [Alvarado]
Action on March 14th**

10. Receive request to approve new/revised Board Policies:

- Review Board Bylaw and Exhibit 9271 Code of Ethics. [Koligian]

N. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/CONCERNS

The purpose of this agenda item is to alert the public of future District business.

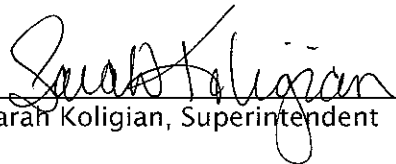
O. ADVANCE PLANNING

1. Review and update Board 12-month calendar.

- 2/28/2011 Special Board Budget Workshop (5:00 p.m. District Office)
- 3/7/2011 Special Board Charter School Workshop (5:00 p.m. District Office)
- 3/10/2011 Board site visit to Educational Options (8:00am)
- 3/14/2011 Regular Board Meeting
- 3/21/11 Employee Recognition Event (3:30 p.m. - LHS Theater)
- 3/22/2011 Board site visit to Webster Elementary (8:00 a.m.)
- 3/25/2011 Rachel's Challenge student assembly and community event

ADJOURNMENT

The Board moved to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. (Kelly/Crumpton) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0



Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

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