



The Board and Superintendent recognized the Fourth Grade Webster Destination Imagination Team on March 14, 2011.

DI Team pictured: Lindsay Noble, Wyatt Roth, Reston Reynolds, Adam Pranger, Brianna Burgess and Coach Shellie Roth.

Vision: Golden Valley Unified School District is committed to creating and maintaining an innovative learning community based in excellence.



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
 MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011

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MINUTES

4:00 PM

A. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Toole at 4:05 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)

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3. Classified Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
Q. Resignation: 1
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. Public Employee Informal Evaluation
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

6:00 PM

OPEN SESSION

D. RECONVENED from Closed Session at 6:20 p.m. and reported the Board ratified a resignation.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

G. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Board congratulated the Ranchos Middle School students for their success at the Academic Pentathlon on March 19, 2011.

Superintendent Koligian stated the Rachel's Challenge Assembly held for both the students and community on March 25, 2011 was a success. She also noted the Measure S Bond Oversight Committee is looking for three members to sit on the committee.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Jesus Castillo stated Valley Teen Ranch would like to add an ROP Automotive Class for the 2011/2012 school year. Superintendent Koligian thanked Mr. Castillo and suggested he meet with District staff to discuss this proposal.

Miss. Loretta Sholler from Madera High School provided a proposal to the Board on implementing a gymnastics program within the District through Verduzco's Elite Gymnastics. She spoke to her personal experience and also noted current LHS students who participate in gymnastics. She stated the cost to the District would be approximately \$17,000.00 which does not include transportation but does include the cost of coaches and uniforms for both the middle school and high school.

I. ACTION ITEMS

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

- Gift to the LHS Wrestling, Tennis, Library and General ASB from the PG & E Corporation.
- Gift to the LHS Wrestling and General ASB from the Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign.
- Gift to the RMS General ASB from the PG & E Corporation.
- Gift to the GVUSD Special Education Department from the Kiwanis Club of the Ranchos.
- Gift to Mrs. Wolley's class from the California Trucking Association Poster Contest.

The Board and Superintendent recognized Mrs. Wolley's Class who won the California Trucking Poster Contest. Ms. Stacie Dain of Diaz Trucking spoke on behalf of the Truckers Association and provided the background to the contest and presented a two year calendar highlighting the students work noting the \$400.00 gift to Mrs. Wolley's class. Mrs. Wolley said they would like to purchase a Wii with educational games for their classroom. Stacey Dain also noted there were scholarships available for seniors. The Board moved to approve the gifts to the District. (*Freeman/Crumpton*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

2. ADOPT Resolution # 2010-17 Denying the Charter Petition for Central Valley Academy and adopting the Findings of Fact.

The Board stated Resolution #2010-17 is being considered for adoption. The Board further noted the petitioner was not present at the meeting but provided a letter to go into the public record.

Superintendent Koligian provided a brief overview of the petition findings.

The Board commented that accepting or not accepting the charter was not a reflection of the program itself or the people involved.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution #2010-17 Denying the Charter Petition for Central Valley Academy and Adopting the Findings of Fact. *(Kelly/Diaz)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

3. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING for Future Facilities Planning and Possible Action on Ag Farm.

Mr. Monreal thanked Dr. Brown and Mr. Terry Bradley for attending the meeting. Mr. Monreal then provided a brief overview of facilities to date. Mr. Monreal noted new information regarding the restrooms at Sierra View which will need to be addressed with an additional cost during the Sierra View Modernization Project.

Dr. Rick Brown provided the results of the feasibility analysis regarding solar energy along with the costs and anticipated savings over time under both a Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) and a Tax-exempt Lease Purchase (TELP). Dr. Brown further spoke to the PG&E Rebate process and benefits. The Board discussed the space which would be required to provide solar and maintenance issues.

Candy Glover thanked District staff for providing Rachel's Challenge to the schools and asked if there were grants available to help pay the cost of solar.

Mr. Monreal stated the bids for the Sierra View Modernization project will be out on March 31, 2011.

The Board moved to open the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. *(Freeman/Diaz)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

John Porter stated the growth of the Ag Program would help bring in students which would generate money for the District.

Don Farnesi, Madera County Ag Booster President, stated they would like to see a facility at Liberty High and noted the donations made to the high school by the Ag Boosters in the past. He stated the Madera Ag Boosters are concerned about the level of support for this program by the District noting the delays and issues they encountered in Madera. He further noted the District should meet with Bob Naden who was an integral part of the facility built at Madera South High School.

The Board stated Mr. Farnesi brought up a good point on maintaining facilities but noted they were in favor of the project but would not be able to offer any financial support. The Board asked Mr. Monreal to look into ways of helping with the project without incurring costs to the District.

Mr. Diaz thanked the Board for their visit to the area in question on Tuesday noting an Ag facility is needed. He stated he would like to partner with local businesses and choose low maintenance crops for the farm portion.

Kandace Osborn stated she was an FFA student in high school and it is an amazing program that can help build leadership qualities and other skills in students. She noted the Atwater program started very small and has grown over time

Candy Glover commented on researching other Ag programs and noted the students would provide most of the upkeep of the facility.

Anne Katuin former LHS graduate thanked the Board for considering the project.

Jim Frazier commented that he was unsure if there was enough community involvement for beginning a facility and expressed concern over the potential financial impact to the district. He noted he was in favor of the Ag facility and his concerns were financial.

The Board stated the District cannot offer financial support in any way at this time but noted they were in favor of the project and are willing to provide the land.

Doug Reitz noted the importance of ensuring there is a long term plan for any facilities for future growth.

Brad McDonald noted the Ag community helped pass the Measure S Bond and perhaps future funds from the next bond sales could be prioritized to assist with the project.

The Board moved to close the Public Hearing at 8:42 p.m. (*Freeman/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Board moved to approve the designation of 10 acres to the Ag Farm. (*Kelly/Diaz*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

4. APPROVAL, Change Order, LHS Stadium and Science Wing project.

Mr. Monreal noted the change order creates a savings to the project which will fall to the balance of the bond funds.

The Board moved to approve the change order for the LHS Stadium and Science Wing project. (*Diaz/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

5. APPROVAL, Overnight Conference request for the LHS Athletic Director for the 43rd California State Athletic Director's Association (CSADA) Conference, May 5-8, 2011, Palm Springs, Ca., paid through the ASB Athletic Account.

Mr. Alvarado noted this conference has been approved and paid for through the ASB Athletics Club. The Board asked how the substitute would be paid. Mr. Mazzone noted a bus would be required for first period only for two days and would probably be covered in house.

The Board moved to approve the overnight conference request, LHS Athletic Director, 43rd California State Athletic Director's Association Conference, May 5-8, 2011. (*Diaz/Kelly*) Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Crumpton was the nay vote)

6. ADOPT, Resolution #2010-15 PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan and Agreement to Contract for Services.

The Board reviewed the level of interest from certificated staff along with the timeline to implement the PARS plan. The Board further discussed the financial impact to include retirees, replacement of staff and the annual fee required.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution #2010-15 PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan and Agreement to Contract for Services. (*Kelly*) The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board moved to table this item to the Special Board Meeting on April 5, 2011 (*Diaz/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 and requested additional information to include:

- The ratio needed to break even and not have a negative financial impact to the District.
- The actual costs of teachers who would be retiring along with the financial impact to the District instead of utilizing average figures.

7. APPROVAL, Board Bylaw 9271 Code of Ethics (for Governance Teams)

Superintendent Koligian presented the changes made to the Board Bylaw.

The Board moved to approve Board Bylaw 9271 Code of Ethics for Governance Teams. (*Diaz/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

1. Receive budget update for the 2010/2011 school year.

Mr. Monreal noted the District received the last installment of the one time ARRA funds in the amount of approximately \$102,000.00. He stated the receipt of these funds have help offset the amount Golden Valley needs to reduce for the 2011/2012 school year from \$550,000.00 to \$450,000.00.

2. Receive request to approve the School Accountability Report Cards for Liberty High School, Ranchos Middle School, Webster Elementary, Sierra View Elementary and Educational Options.

Mr. Alvarado thanked District staff for their help preparing information for the SARC Reports. This item will return to the Board for action on April 11, 2011.

3. Receive request to approve the contract with Hazard Management Services for the Sierra View Modernization Project.

Mr. Monreal presented he contract with Hazard Management Services for asbestos/lead abatement during the Sierra View Modernization Project. This item will return to the Board for action on April 11, 2011.

4. Receive request to approve revised Board Policies:

1240 Volunteer Assistance - The Board and District staff discussed the difference between job shadowing, volunteering or replacing employees. Sylvia Diaz noted the union encourages job shadowing of CSEA employees. Sylvia Diaz requested clarification on whether the District requires fingerprinting and background checks for parents and volunteers to drive vans and personal vehicles.

▪ **1321 Solicitation of Funds From and By Students**

The Board reviewed the policy as presented and agreed that fundraisers can be approved at the school site level but requested they be added to the District calendar as information to the Board.

The Board moved to extend the meeting 5 minutes. (Diaz) The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. (Freeman/Crumpton) Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 (Diaz was the nay vote) Abstain: 1 (Kelly was the abstaining vote)

▪ **3290 Gifts, Grants and Bequests**

The Board reviewed the policy as presented noting the District should not approve any gift or donation that they cannot maintain or that will create an expenditure to the District.

These policies will return to the Board for action on April 11, 2011.

K. CONSENT AGENDA

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.

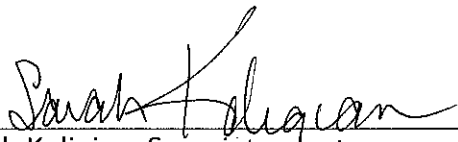
1. APPROVAL, Minutes from Regular Board Meeting 3/14/11 and Special Board Meetings 3/7/11, 3/10/11 and 3/22/11. [Koligian]
2. APPROVAL, LHS Fundraiser, ASB Girls Basketball car wash, April 9, May 21 and June 11, 2011. [Alvarado]
3. APPROVAL, LHS Fundraiser, ASB Drama Club, program advertising sales, March 29-April 15, 2011. [Alvarado]

The Board moved to approve the consent agenda. (Freeman/Crumpton) Ayes: 5

1. Review and update Board 12-month calendar.
 - 4/5/2011 Board site visit to Sierra View Elementary
 - 4/11/2011 Regular Board Meeting
 - 4/25/11 Special Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The Board moved to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. (*Kelly/Diaz*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0



Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

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