

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 14, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 14, 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 7:04 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. Regarding Student Discipline Case #2016/17-03, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

B. The School Board voted unanimously to approve the assigning of a student teacher to GHS Agriculture Department, Brian Snyder, for the 2017 Spring Semester.

REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA

Mr. Morones amended the agenda with the following change: In section IX. ACTION – Item B. Resolution #2016-17-05 – Authorizing and verifying signatures for orders drawn on funds of the Gustine Unified School District – Change summary page to read two signatures needed on the warrant register not three signatures.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

1. Swearing in of Newly-Elected Board Member - Superintendent Bill Morones administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board Member Kevin Cordeiro, and to re-elected Board Members Pat Rocha and Loretta Rose who were all elected on November 8, 2016 to serve as Trustees until 2020.

2. Election of Officers:

A. Board President – Mrs. Borrelli nominated Mrs. Crickett Brinkman as Board President, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. The Board unanimously elected Mrs. Brinkman to serve as Board President for 2017 in a vote of 5-0.

B. Board Clerk – Mrs. Rocha nominated Mrs. Loretta Rose as Board Clerk, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. The Board unanimously elected Mrs. Rose to serve as Board Clerk for 2017 in a vote of 5-0.

3. Appointment of the Superintendent as Secretary to the Board of Education – Newly elected Board President, Mrs. Brinkman, appointed Superintendent Bill Morones to serve as Secretary to the Board. Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

4. Establish Calendar of Regular Meeting Dates for 2017 – Bill Morones stated that the Board Meetings will remain on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month but suggested starting the meetings ½ an hour earlier on a trial basis. Closed Session would then start at 5:30 p.m. and Open Session would start at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2017, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Report – Adriana Toste presented her report of activities at Gustine High School.

B. Staff Reports – GMS Principal, Mr. Bunch said there was lots going on. He mentioned that the night before they had their Winter Music Performance. It was the first time since he has been principal that they had two bands and a choir perform. There were also two students who performed solos. They all performed really well. GMS hosted the Basketball Tournament last week. The JV Girls' finished in third place and the Varsity Girl's finished in fourth place. Dr. John Petrone, GHS Principal, wanted to publicly acknowledge Alexis Angulo's amazing feat for getting a four-year scholarship to Dartmouth College. He also mentioned that Club Med spent some time at the convalescent home playing Bingo with some of the residents. In the next day or two the GHS Choir will also be going to the convalescent home to sing with the residents. Girls' Soccer won 4-2 over Los Banos.

Director of Special Ed, Siobhan Hanna, stated that GUSD is going to be a part of the Superintendents' Presentation. They are featuring the Special Education Departments of the Westside. They will be creating a video of the program and were actually filming at the high school and the elementary school.

Kim Medeiros, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, mentioned that they have been implementing the E-Rate Program that was approved a couple months ago and it's going very well. A lot of students grades K-11 have already been tested.

Director of Maintenance, Russell Hazan, stated that they have finished pruning all the trees in the district. He is getting ready to switch over the temporary locker rooms in anticipation of the new locker room opening after winter break.

Transportation Director, Mrs. Pometta, mentioned that one of the busses had caught fire. The bus driver, Mario, did an excellent job in evacuating the students. She isn't sure what the damage is on the bus. She is waiting for the mechanics to do an estimate.

RES Principal, Ms. Souza stated that RES will be having their Christmas Concert on Friday morning.

Mrs. Filippini, GES Principal, mentioned that they had their lock down drill last week and she is

very proud of her staff and students for doing a great job. They had everybody accounted for within 10 minutes. They will have their Winter Program on Thursday morning.

C. Attendance Report – Lizett Aguilar presented her GUSD Attendance Summary for Month 3 and Month 4. At the end of Month 4 it reflected a total average attendance district-wide of 95.65%.

D. Board Reports – Mrs. Borrelli wanted to congratulate Kevin Cordeiro, the newly elected Board Member.

Mrs. Rocha also welcomed Kevin to the Board. She looks forward to working with him. She also wanted to thank everyone for the support while being president for two years. She thoroughly enjoyed what she did and was more than happy to serve the whole two years. She congratulated Mrs. Brinkman for becoming the new Board President. Mrs. Rocha also congratulated Mr. Mel Oliveira, newly elected Mayor of Gustine.

Mr. Cordeiro thanked everyone for supporting him and he is ready to get to work.

Mrs. Rose welcomed Mr. Cordeiro. She thanked everyone for electing her Board Clerk. She attended the CSBA Conference in San Francisco. It was a great learning process.

Mrs. Brinkman thanked everyone for electing her Board President. She also welcomed Kevin. She also attended the CSBA Conference, saying it was very informative.

E. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones thanked the entire Board for attending the CSBA Conference. He wanted to give a Measure P update, stating that the Bond Oversight Committee Meeting met last month and it went very well. The District Website has been updated with pictures of the project. Mr. Petrone and himself met earlier today and walked the locker rooms and both are very pleased with the progress. It's coming along much better than anticipated. Right now they are putting the finishing touches on the tiles, installing the lockers in the locker rooms and team rooms. He said that they will be having a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on either 9th, 12th, or the 18th of January. Right now they are looking at the 18th so it allows the contractors extra time to put the finishing touches. It will be from 4-6 p.m. and they will be sending out invitations to the entire community. They will be providing, via their architect, an update to the Master Plan that will take place at the January or February Board Meeting. With the passing of Bond 51, it really enables them to move forward with Phase II and then eventually Phase III. At the next Board Meeting he will be presenting a slide show of before and after pictures of the locker room. He visited GES and participated in the Candy Cane Walk which he enjoyed. Mr. Morones also attended the Winter Music Performance at GMS and wanted to commend Mr. Mitchell for doing great work. He has done tremendous progress with the students. You can see the difference between last year to this year. Lastly he wanted to refresh the Board's memory about CRISG, the District's insurance provider, who sent a letter out to all booster clubs letting them know that effective July 1, 2016 they will no longer provide insurance to them per government code. There are seven booster clubs in the District who are now required to purchase their own insurance. A couple Board Meetings ago Mrs. Marsigli came to ask the Board to consider the District providing coverage for the booster clubs. Mr. Morones stated that Mrs. Marsigli thinks it's unfair for booster clubs to provide insurance for their groups because

they have limited amount of money and feels that the parents donate hours and hours of their valuable time to our schools and students. She was hoping that the Board will reconsider some type of funding for the booster clubs. If not covering the entire cost perhaps maybe splitting the cost. Mr. Morones stated that it is against the law for their insurance broker to provide insurance but it is not against the law for the District to provide insurance. In doing some research the average coverage is right around \$800.00 depending on what the clubs want in their coverage. Mrs. Rocha stated that she personally feels that the booster clubs are a really big part of the students and they benefit from it. She suggested that maybe the District pay half the costs with a cap. Mrs. Brinkman suggested being fair and giving all the booster clubs the same amount. Mrs. Rocha stated that the District should support them in some way but should have a cap. Since the booster clubs have different insurance needs the Board wants to see specifics of how much premiums cost for each booster club at the next Board Meeting before making a decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

INFORMATION

A. Board Policy 9240 Board Development Update – Mr. Morones stated that the policy has been drafted to read like some Board Members have requested and that it will be an action item in January's Board Meeting.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Resolution #2016-17-05 – Authorizing and verifying signatures for orders drawn on funds of the Gustine Unified School District – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to wave the reading of Resolution #2016-17-05, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-17-05, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Motioned carried, 5-0.

C. College Readiness Block Grant: Fund Use Plan – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve College Readiness Block Grant: Fund Use Plan as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. GHS Requisition to Cengage Learning - Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve GHS Requisition to Cengage Learning as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. GHS Requisition to Solution Tree – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve GHS Requisition to Solution Tree as presented, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. First Interim Report - – CBO Lizett Aguilar presented the First Interim Report which includes the District’s financial and operational revenues, expenditures and all necessary disclosures as of October 31, 2016. The 2016-17 First Interim Ending Fund Balance is \$3,015,609. Mrs. Aguilar reported that the District is able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and based on current forecasts, for the two subsequent fiscal years, 2017-18 and 2018-19. Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve First Interim Report as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. Site Rekey for Gustine Middle School – Mr. Morones reminded the Board about GMS keys being stolen. On a positive note, the insurance company will cover the cost to rekey the campus plus any security costs. The Board will be approving the District paying the rekeying of the school. The District will get reimbursed once the claim goes through. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve Site Rekey for Gustine Middle School as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried 5-0.

ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Regular Board Meeting, January 11, 2017, with Closed Session starting at 5:30 p.m. and Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m.

B. Quarterly Meetings with City of Gustine - Mr. Morones mentioned that the District has quarterly meeting with the City of Gustine and is looking for a current Board Member to take Mr. Longoria’s place. Mr. Mrs. Rocha showed interest. The rest of the Board Members were ok with it.

C. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Mr. Morones reminded everyone about the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on January 18th from 4-6 p.m.

D. Master Plan Update – Will have a Master Plan Update at the February Board Meeting.

E. Mrs. Rose wanted to remind the Board about the CTA Dinner on January 30th at 5:30 p.m. in Merced.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rocha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Loretta Rose, Clerk