

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 11, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Pat Rocha. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Regarding Expulsion Case No. 2015/16-07, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel to suspend the expulsion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Employee Recognition – Superintendent Morones presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Louis Estacio, Maintenance/Custodian at Romero Elementary School, for all of his efforts at RES. Louis built a garden on the school grounds for students, he volunteers for extra activities and does many other things around the campus to help students and staff.

Mr. Morones also presented a Silver Apple to Florence Oliveira upon her retirement after 25 of service in the Food Service Department at GUSD.

B. Student Report – Meg Abdallah presented her report of activities at Gustine High School.

C. Board Reports – Mr. Longoria said he attended the Special Board Meeting on April 18th; he attended the MCSBA dinner in Winton on April 27th; he attended the softball game on Monday and was just informed that both the boys and girls teams have made it into the playoffs. He thanked GUSTO for taking care of our college-bound students by awarding over \$50,000 in scholarships.

Mrs. Rose attended both days of the GHS Every Fifteen Minutes Program; she attended the GHS Drama production; she went to the AALRR Conference at Shell Beach with Mrs. Rocha and Mr. Morones which was very informative. She helped put together the MCSBA dinner in Winton; she participated in the Parent Volunteer Meeting (a Subcommittee of the Board) and attended the GUSTO Scholarship awards night.

Mrs. Brinkman said Kristy Killough did a great job coordinating the Every Fifteen Minutes Program at GHS. She attended the MCSBA dinner and extended congratulations to all GUSTO scholarship recipients.

Mrs. Borrelli attended the MCSBA dinner in Winton. She said she did the makeup for the Every Fifteen Minutes program at the high school and was very impressed with the students involved in the program.

Mrs. Rocha also attended the Every Fifteen Minutes program and was very impressed with the main speaker this year – she made quite an impression on everybody and it was certainly a shock to see how it ended (the speaker was an actual prison inmate incarcerated for her involvement in a DUI accident.) Mrs. Rocha said she attended the Shell Beach Conference sponsored by the District's law firm. She also attended the MCSBA dinner as well as the GUSTO awards. She attended the GHS Drama Club presentation of "And Then There Were None," which she thoroughly enjoyed.

D. Staff Reports – Mr. Bunch said GMS is getting ready for the end of the year activities. Sixth Grade Camp was successful and GMS also had a great showing at the Merced County Fair by students who participated, especially Aubrey Hazan who did very well with her market animal. Eighth graders are heading to Great America on May 16th.

Mr. Parks at Gustine Elementary School said he hopes everyone can come to GES for Kite Day on Friday, May 13th. He particularly wanted to thank Transportation Director Cheryl Pometta and her staff for making sure buses are available for upcoming field trips which are important for students. Mr. Parks advised that GES has 65 students who will be redesignated this year and on May 31st starting at 1:30 p.m. in the GES cafeteria those students will be recognized for their achievements. He thanked Cathy Filippini for all of her efforts in making this possible for so many students.

Dr. Petrone said GHS has two students who have been accepted into the Armstrong Scholars Program through Nature Bridge in Yosemite. They will be participating in a back country trip in Yosemite National Park where they will work on leadership skills as well as academic components. Dr. Petrone also advised that GHS has five students who are finalists for the ARC (Adventure Risk Challenge) which is a 40-day course in Yosemite – only twelve students are selected from the entire Central Valley.

Mrs. Filippini said the RES Open House/Science Fair is May 12th and the 20th anniversary of the Romero Games is coming up on May 20th. Mr. Mike McKilligan will be participating (he is a former Principal at RES). Mrs. Filippini said she wanted to publicly thank "Mr. Louis" who is much more than their custodian/maintenance person at Romero. "He's our gardner, he's our you-name-it, Louis does it. He also volunteered to go on a field trip if we don't have enough chaperones. Thank you, Mr. Louis."

Mrs. Pometta said her department is struggling to get everything done – getting students to and from school, athletic events, and field trips. She thanked her staff for their hard work.

Mr. Cano offered congratulations to baseball and softball teams for making the playoffs. He thanked teachers and students for participating in the Valley Children's Hospital fundraising effort. Mr. Cano also advised that GHS has received a check from Saputo for upgrading the gym scoreboards and will be scheduling a ribbon-cutting ceremony when the project is completed. He publicly acknowledged and thanked Sara Lopes for her work on this project. Mr. Cano said that June 1st is Pioneer High School graduation and 21 students are graduating this year. He thanked Manuel Bettencourt and Mrs. Hellner for all their hard work with PHS students. He said the GHS sponsored Color Run will be held July 2nd and will kick off the 4th of July activities. GHS is sponsoring the event with the West Side Health Care Task Force partnering with the City of Gustine to promote health and wellness throughout the Westside. Mr. Cano mentioned the Adidas Three Strike Grant and said it has no ties to a Native American logo. It is a promotion for schools to save money and he hoped the Board would make the decision to go forward with it so GHS can save money on uniforms and spirit wear.

Mr. Duenas at GES said that Summer School will run from June 6th to June 30th at GES, GMS and GHS. He thanked Kim Medeiros for bringing the SWEET Program back for students at summer school. Mr. Duenas supervised at 6th grade camp and said it was a great experience for students.

E. Financial Report – Lizett Aguilar provided the monthly financial report which reflects an actual ending cash balance for March 2016 of \$4,479,304.

F. Attendance Summary – Lizett Aguilar provided in the Board packet the GUSD Attendance Summary and Comparison which reflects that Romero Elementary School had the highest attendance rate for month 9 of the reporting period.

G. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones complimented the staff at GHS for the great job putting together the Every Fifteen Minutes Program. He said that statistics show that it's now "every 36 minutes" that someone is killed or injured as a result of a drunk driving incident, so he feels the program is making an impact. He attended the AALRR Conference at Shell Beach with Board members Pat Rocha and Loretta Rose and said the programs were very relevant to what GUSD is doing now. He said the District recently conducted a Professional Development day with all teachers and administrators. The program is "The Art and Science of Teaching," with the focus on building and maintaining effective relationships with teachers, administrators and students. Mr. Morones said GUSD will continue to create a comprehensive model for all of our sites and teachers. On April 26th Mr. Morones, along with site Principals and their secretaries, attended the ACSA dinner honoring Administrative Professionals at the Merced Country Club which was a great event. He attended the MCSBA dinner in Winton. He also attended the May Day Fair for the first time and said the students did an amazing job showing their livestock. Mr. Morones, along with District staff, participated in a job fair and he said we've been able to recruit some outstanding teachers. He attended the GUSTO Scholarship awards and was very impressed that students received over \$50,000 in scholarships donated by individuals and businesses in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

One noted change is that Consent Agenda Item A-2, Christine Bobbitt is a retirement, not a resignation. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. Mr. Morones acknowledged the hiring of our new Principal for Romero Elementary School, Terry Souza, (effective July 1, 2016) and welcomed her to the District.

INFORMATION

A. Measure P Update – Mitch McAllister provided an update on the status of Measure P Projects.

B. Michele Jones and Donna Torres from RES gave a presentation on the Reading Intervention Program at Romero.

C. LCAP Report – Kim Medeiros provided an update and presented information to the Board on the LCAP.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rocha said that a separate vote would be taken on PV 160777 for Mrs. Rose. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the warrants, excluding PV 160777, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0. Mrs. Borrelli made a motion to approve PV 160777 (to Mrs. Rose), seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 abstention (Mrs. Rose).

B. FFA Overnight Trip Request – Dairy Judging Team to Western National Holstein Show in Richmond, Utah -- May 17, 18, 19, 2016 – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the FFA Dairy Judging Team's trip to Utah, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. GRTA/GUSD Tentative Agreement – Mr. Morones presented the GRTA/GUSD Tentative Agreement for Board approval. He said the Tentative Agreement is for the 2015/16 and 2016/2017 school years and reflects a five percent salary increase for 2015/16 retroactive to January 1, 2016 and a five percent salary increase on July 1, 2016 for the 2016/17 school year. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the GRTA/GUSD Tentative Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Disclosure Statement of Proposed Agreement with GRTA/Public Hearing – Mrs. Rocha opened the Public Hearing at 9:17 p.m. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:18 p.m.

E. C.T. Brayton & Sons, General Engineering and Building Contractors – Acceptance of C.T. Brayton as Contractor for Bond Construction Projects – Mr. Morones advised that there has been no formal documentation found indicating that the Board formally approved C.T. Brayton & Sons as the contractor for Measure P construction projects. Former Superintendent Ron Estes has assured Mr. Morones that C.T. Brayton & Sons was selected during the Special Board meeting on June 10, 2015, following interviews of all contractor applicants. Maintenance Director Russell Hazan confirmed that was his recollection as well. After further discussion, Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the acceptance of C.T. Brayton & Sons, General Engineering and Building Contractors, as the District Contractor for Bond Construction Projects, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Mrs. Rose opposed).

F. C.T. Brayton & Sons Proposal for GHS Stadium Repairs – Mr. Morones indicated that safety concerns at the GHS stadium (brought to the Board’s attention by a visiting guest following last year’s graduation ceremony) resulted in the need for this repair project. The work will be completed in the next two weeks. Mrs. Rose said she would like to have had this issue brought to the Board prior to the start of the project. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the payment of \$82,698 to C.T. Brayton & Sons, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. CIF School Representatives to Leagues – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the annual CIF School Representatives to Leagues, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. Amendment to the GHS Senior Contract for 2016 – Dr. Petrone advised that the Senior Class at GHS is requesting that they be allowed to personalize their graduation caps again this year. He said that protocols have already been established by GHS administration from the previous year. Mrs. Rocha requested that any requests to amend the GHS Senior Contract be brought to the Board on a yearly basis. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the request to amend the GHS Senior Contract to allow seniors to decorate their graduation caps, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Board Panel for Parent Appeals – Report of Meetings and Recommendations – Mr. Morones said according to current Board policy, when a parent volunteer has been denied through the fingerprint process, they have the opportunity to appeal confidentially through a committee of Board members (Mrs. Borrelli and Mrs. Rose). A meeting was recently held with a parent; the Committee recommendation is to deny the request based on the nature of the offense (a felony conviction). Mr. Morones indicated that there is some ambiguity in the Board policy so it will be brought back to the Board for review at a future Board meeting.

J. Superintendent Secretary Job Description – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the updated Superintendent’s Secretary Job Description as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

K. Bus Purchase – Mrs. Pometta indicated that following the timeline for the District’s bus replacement schedule, it is time to order next year’s replacement bus for delivery at the beginning of the next school year. We are able to piggyback (Public Contract Code 20118) from the Bus West proposal that was awarded and extended by Hemet Unified School District from bid number 2014/15-22814 on May 19, 2015. The award expires on June 30, 2016 with a renewable term. Purchase price for the Thomas 84-passenger bus is \$154,802.58. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the bus purchase, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

L. Summer 2016 Maintenance Projects – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the summer 2016 maintenance projects as presented by Russell Hazan, with the understanding that this is a partial list. Mrs. Borrelli seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Regular Board Meeting, June 8, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

B. Special Board Meeting Budget Adoption, June 22, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:12 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:42 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Longoria made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Crickett Brinkman, Clerk
