

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. 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 7:07 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 Student Discipline Case #2015/16-03, the Board upheld the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

Regarding Student Discipline Case #2015/16-04, the Board upheld the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

Mrs. Rocha reported that the Board voted 5-0 to terminate the employment of GUSD Classified employee #307, effective immediately.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION

1. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

a. Mr. Morones asked for nominations for the position of Board President for 2016. Mrs. Rocha nominated Mr. Ernie Longoria who declined due to work constraints and personal obligations. Mrs. Borrelli nominated Mrs. Pat Rocha to serve as Board President. Mr. Morones asked if there were any other nominations. Since there were no others, he called for a vote. Mrs. Rocha was unanimously elected Board President for 2016.

b. Board President Pat Rocha asked for nominations for the position of Board Clerk. Mrs. Borrelli nominated Mrs. Crickett Brinkman to serve as Board Clerk, seconded by Mr. Longoria. The Board unanimously elected Mrs. Brinkman as Board Clerk for 2016.

c. The Board unanimously appointed Superintendent Bill Morones to serve as Board Secretary for 2016.

d. Calendar of Regular Meetings for 2016 – The Board unanimously accepted the 2016 Board meeting calendar as presented.

d. Calendar, cont'd

Mr. Morones stated that the Board currently has one standing committee which serves to meet with the City Council on a quarterly basis. Mrs. Brinkman and Mr. Longoria expressed an interest in serving on the committee for 2016. Mrs. Rocha advised that she would relinquish her position on the Board/City Council Committee. The Board unanimously appointed Mrs. Brinkman and Mr. Longoria to serve on the Committee for 2016.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Excellence in Education Award Winners – Andrea Elizalde, Romero Elementary School teacher and Theresa Leon, RES Community Liaison/Attendance Clerk received recognition for being named GUSD Employees of the Year for 2014. They were both recognized at an award ceremony hosted by MCOE in October 2015.

B. West Side Health Care Task Force Poster & Essay Contest Winner – Stanislaus County Supervisor Jim DeMartini presented a \$50 gift card to Lucero Guzman, 1st grade, Gustine Elementary student, whose poster was a winner in the contest.

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

D. Board Reports – Mr. Longoria began by congratulating the GHS football and soccer teams for their outstanding season. He said he attended the Stockton championship game. He participated in the CSBA Conference with the other Board members and Superintendent Morones. Mrs. Rose said she is also very proud of the FFA teachers for receiving their grant. She attended the CSBA Conference and the GUSD Sports Banquet. She reminded site Principals that the mini-grant applications will be available on line very soon. Mrs. Borrelli said she enjoyed attending the CSBA Conference in San Diego. Mrs. Brinkman attended the CSBA Conference as well. She is very excited about the grant awarded to the GHS FFA program. She attended the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Program and said that some members of the GHS football team were present for the tree lighting. They spoke during the ceremony and said, “....it wasn't what we brought home, it's what we came home to, with all of the support and love from family and the community” (referring to their championship season). Mrs. Brinkman appreciated their comments and felt it was a great tribute to the team, the coaches and teachers. Mrs. Rocha said she attended the CSBA Conference in San Diego and felt that all Board members came home with great information, especially after attending the break-out sessions. She congratulated the FFA teachers for receiving the wonderful grant which will be put to good use for our students.

E. Staff Reports – Professional Learning Community – GUSD teachers provided an overview of the PLC Conference they attended in Salt Lake City and thanked the Board for approving their attendance at this tremendous learning experience.

(Staff Reports, cont'd)

Cheryl Pometta, Transportation Director, said that she is continuing her driver training class and will hopefully have the behind-the-wheel portion completed by February.

RES Principal Lisa Filippini said they are preparing for their Breakfast with Santa to be held on December 19th at RES, with the winter program being held the night before on December 18th.

Dr. Petrone at GHS congratulated their athletic teams for their outstanding year. He said the FFA grant is wonderful news, and he wanted to express thanks to Wells Fargo for contributing \$13,000 toward the Yosemite Science trip.

GMS Principal Dr. Bunch said GMS would be hosting the girls' basketball tournament at the GHS gym and he thanked the high school administration and staff for helping make that happen. He said the boys' tournament will be held there as well in January. He said the Candy Cane Dance Fundraiser will be held, with students from OLM included. The middle school band concert will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 6:0 p.m.

Maintenance Director Russell Hazan said they are getting ready for projects to be completed over the Christmas break which include repairing sidewalks, carpet, clearing storm drains.

GES Principal Ismael Munoz said that he already has eleven teachers signed up to attend the PLC Conference in July 2016. He said GES is bringing back the winter program school-wide which will take place on Thursday, December 17th at 8:30 a.m. They had their first movie night last Friday and he is excited to be able to offer these activities for parents and the community.

F. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones thanked the Board for providing our teachers and administrators with the opportunity to attend the PLC Conference in Salt Lake City. He said that since the last Board meeting, we have held a Board Study Session regarding AB 30 facilitated by Scott Holbrook, attorney for the District. After a substantial amount of research, Mr. Holbrook provided the following information: The District is a political subdivision of the State of California – a school district is a public entity. In saying that, we don't have a First Amendment right. As a school entity and a school district under the State of California, we cannot challenge a State measure on the ballot. We waive that right.” In the meantime, I received direction from the Board to explore other avenues. Mr. Morones said that he has directed the Superintendent Designee (Dr. John Petrone) to convene a Mascot Committee to represent different stakeholders, staff members, alumni, and community members. In addition to that, he's going to solicit input through surveys on the District web site from the student body, staff and alumni. It is our goal to have two or three potential new mascot names brought to the Board in February so the Board can make a decision and select a mascot from those choices.

Mr. Morones said he attended the fall sports banquet and congratulated all staff, coaches and athletes on a stellar fall season – Gustine is very proud of all of them.

Mr. Morones indicated that he was fortunate to attend the CSBA Conference in San Diego with all of the Board members in attendance, which shows the great teamwork of the Board right now. He congratulated Matt Baffunno and the GHS Ag Department for receiving a \$285,000 grant for the high school Ag program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0 (with Mrs. Borrelli abstaining).

INFORMATION

A. LCAP Report – Kim Medeiros – Mrs. Medeiros provided an update on LCAP Goals 3, 4 and 5.

B. Mealtime Contract for Parents – Lizett Aguilar provided information about the Mealtime Contract for Parents which would help streamline the lunch application process.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rocha indicated that warrant PV 160482 and PV 160481 would be voted on separately. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the warrants, pulling items PV 160481 and PV 160482, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve PV 160482, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0-1 (with Mrs. Borrelli abstaining). Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve PV 160481, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0-1 (with Mrs. Rose abstaining).

B. Central Region Agricultural Education Pathway Grant – GHS Ag Instructor Matt Baffunno advised that the GHS Ag Department will be receiving a grant of approximately \$285,000 through the Central Region Agricultural Education Career Pathway Consortium. He said the high school was fortunate to receive this funding which will be used to purchase new supplies, equipment and vehicles for the GHS Ag Program. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve receipt of the grant, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Job Description – Special Education Director – Mr. Morones presented the job description for the new full-time position of GUSD Director of Special Education. He said the full-time position has been created to replace the part-time position of Teacher on Assignment for Special Education and that this will help streamline and improve the program. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the job description for a new Special Education Director, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. 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, 2015. 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, 2016-17 and 2017-18. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the First Interim Report as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. Call for Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the CSBA Delegate Assembly nominations, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. 2016 Yosemite Nature Bridge Trip – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the GHS 2016 Yosemite Nature Bridge Trip, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0. (Following the motion was the suggestion that GHS teacher Kerry Monahan receive a \$250 per day stipend for this teaching assignment which occurs during the summer – to be considered at the next meeting.)

ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Regular Board Meeting, January 13, 2016 (including item for Kerry Monahan stipend for Nature Bridge)

B. Measure P Phase I Presentation

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Longoria made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Crickett Brinkman, Clerk