

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 14, 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 7:02 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

GES Parent Laura Lopez addressed the Board regarding her concern for the safety of children at Gustine Elementary School as long as Mr. Munoz was back on campus following the attack on him. She presented to the Board a petition signed by 96 community members expressing the same sentiment of concern for the children's safety. In addition, she said people are not happy with the closed campus. Mrs. Lopez said she likes to be able to come on campus at any time to check on the wellbeing of her children and does not feel she should have to call ahead of time.

GHS Teacher and parent Wassim Absood addressed the Board on the same issue and said he wanted to thank the District for doing a good job of keeping his children safe as they attend Gustine Elementary School.

Michelle Gomes, parent of a GES student, said she feels there is still a safety concern at GES and that in all the years she has lived here, nothing like this (attack on Mr. Munoz) has ever happened. And until we find out exactly what happened, we should keep the safety of our children a priority issue.

Michele Jones, RES teacher, said that doesn't feel that parents should come on campus during the school day. Parents peeking in classroom windows is very disruptive to the teaching process and she feels the closed campus is very helpful and going through the office is important for security. She believes that Mr. Munoz is doing a great job as Principal at Gustine Elementary.

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Student Report -- GHS Student Representative Simranjit Kaur gave her report to the Board on activities at Gustine High School.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Rose acknowledged all of the donations and made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0.

## **INFORMATION**

A. College and Career Report for GHS – Melissa Estacio, College and Career Counselor at Gustine High School, presented information about what services she provides to GHS students. Those include new opportunities for students to interact with Armed Forces representatives, academic and crisis/personal counseling, parent conferences, college preparation options and planning, career exploration, financial aid information and application assistance. Mrs. Estacio provided an overview of the myriad of services available in the Career Center at GHS.

B. General Obligation Bond Analysis – Dr. Estes provided information on the District General Obligation Bond Program and noted that state guidelines will require the bonds to be sold in four series, spread out over eight years which doesn't offer all the cash up front. Therefore, he said the District would look into borrowing against future bond sales so projects don't have to be pushed so far into the future potentially adding to the cost.

C. GMS Field Renovation – Dr. Estes provided drawings and potential options for future renovation work on the Gustine Middle School Fields.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. Audit Report – A representative from Christy White and Associates, the District's auditors, presented the 2013/14 audit report. The District received an unmodified award which is the best that can be given, and an overall positive certification. Mrs. Borrelli made a motion to approve the Audit Report, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0.

C. Variable Term Waiver Request, Gretchen Jo (SLP) and Heather Brooks (PIP) – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0.

D. Request for Fireworks Display at GHS Graduation – Simran Kaur presented information to the Board regarding the GHS Senior Class plan to have fireworks following the June 5, 2015, graduation ceremony. The Class plans to raise enough money to pay for the fireworks display but requested Board approval for the show. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the request for fireworks for the GHS senior class graduation (with no District funds), seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0.

E. GMS Math Intervention Program Purchase – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the purchase of the Math Intervention Program, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 4-0.

F. Audiodynamix Traveler Sound System Purchase for GMS – Principal Michael Bunch presented information regarding the self-contained portable sound system that they would like to purchase. The GMS parents club has donated \$3,000 to offset the cost of the system (\$5,962.60). Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the purchase of the Audiodynamix Traveler Sound System, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0.

G. GRTA Sunshine Proposal to GUSD for 2014-15 School Year – Mrs. Rocha opened the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m. regarding the GRTA initial sunshine proposals for the 2014/15 school year contract negotiations. There being no discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:51 p.m.

H. AB 30 School Logo Position – Dr. Estes gave the Board information on the current legislation proposed to eliminate the “Redskin” logo from schools in California (AB 30-Alejo). Mrs. Rocha said that the District should oppose the legislation and contact our state representatives to see if they will be of assistance. Dr. Estes said he and Mr. Petrone would prepare a letter to be sent to the legislators opposing the bill. Mrs. Rose made a motion that the Board should oppose AB 30, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0.

I. FFA Trip to Scotland – Dr. Estes said he recommends that the District act as the “bank” for collection of funds and donations for the four students and two chaperones who will be attending the International FFA Competition in Scotland in June of 2015. FFA has collected donations amounting to \$6,850 thus far but is short of the total needed. The Board requested clarification regarding the actual amount that is needed for the trip and asked that Mr. Sanches come back to the Board for that purpose. Mrs. Rocha suggested that the Board would like to provide some funding but that the action item be moved to a future Board agenda. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion that the Board act as the “bank” for the FFA trip to Scotland and that the actual amount to be donated be moved to the agenda on the January 25, 2015 Special Board Meeting. Mrs. Rose seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

J. Certification of 2014 Election – Dr. Estes presented the Board with the Certification of the Registrar of Voters to the Results of the Canvass of the November 4, 2014 Gubernatorial General Election and said the action verifies that the vote count was correct and accurate and all election results are official. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Certification of the 2014 Election, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 4-0.

K. Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws and Forms – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws and Forms, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0.

L. Bus Engine Repair – Transportation Director Cheryl Pometta explained that a new engine was needed for Bus #01-6 at a cost of \$26,843.41. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the purchase of a new engine, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 4-0.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Board Reports – Board members reported on their activities and the events they attended throughout the month.
- B. Staff Reports – Site Principals provided information about their respective sites and highlighted upcoming events and student activities/awards.
- D. Superintendent Report – Dr. Estes presented his summary of activities and meetings completed on behalf of the District.

### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. Special Board Meeting, Architect Interviews, January 21, 2015, 4:00 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, February 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
- C. Financial Workshop and Board Protocol Binder Study Session, February 24, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
- D. Jr. High and High School Graduation Requirements, February 11<sup>th</sup> agenda
- E. Opportunity Class for Non-Graduates of GMS, February 11<sup>th</sup> agenda

### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:56 p.m.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10: 05 p.m.

### **APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Lettie Borrelli, Clerk

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