

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 14, 2018**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. 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 Crickett Brinkman. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at approximately 7:04 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Crickett Brinkman, Board President, Mrs. Loretta Rose, Ms. Pat Rocha, Mr. Richard Smith and Mr. Kevin Cordeiro.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Brinkman reported that the Board took action to issue a notice of non-reelect to probationary classified employee #1076 pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21(b), effective March 14, 2018, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was as follows: 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstained.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried, 5-0.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. 4H Presentation – Regina Chavez – Angel Toledo, vice president of Forebay 4H and Ashely Corona, president of Forebay 4H spoke about their Emerald Star Project. They also thanked the Romero Staff for letting them use the campus and the Gustine High School Varsity Coaches for their soccer event.

B. GHS Yosemite Trip – Mrs. Monahan – Mrs. Monahan and Brian Miske thanked the Board for approving the Yosemite trip. The students learned a lot and enjoyed themselves.

C. Student Report - Aubrie Hazan, GHS Student Representative, gave her report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine High School.

D. Board Reports – Mr. Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed Mr. Ballenger.

Ms. Rocha welcomed Mr. Ballenger to the Board and the District. She congratulated FFA for all of their accomplishments. She attended the CSBA Legislative Day in Sacramento. She didn't

get to meet with the legislators, though. The topics were Full & Fair Funding, Pension Costs, School Facilities and CSBA Sponsored Bills.

Mrs. Rose stated that the MCSBA mini grants have closed and they will meet on March 19 to select the winners and will announce them at the MCSBA Spring Dinner on March 26. She also attended the CSBA Legislative Day in Sacramento. Schools need to be funded more safety issues.

Mr. Cordeiro welcomed Mr. Ballenger. He looks forward to working with him.

Mrs. Brinkman also welcomed Mr. Ballenger. She attended the Winter Sports Banquet at GHS and the UC Davis Field Day. Regarding safety, she knows they have a lot of work, but they are putting safety first. She thinks it's really important to keep parents and teachers, everybody at different sights communicated. She wants it to come from the District first not the newspaper. We need to work on getting procedures down so we react in a very strong manner to make sure everyone is safe. There are things that need to be fixed and they aren't waiting for the Bond.

E. Superintendent Report – Today marks two weeks that he has been at Gustine Unified and he is extremely happy and impressed with everything he has seen. He has visited all the school sites. There are great people in this district, great educators, great leaders, and great support staff. He is extremely impressed with what he has been able to see so far. He has met with great community members. He has a meeting scheduled with the Gustine Police Department to address safety issues. He also had the opportunity to sell newspapers for Kids Day. He attended the CSBA Legislative Day. It was very informational. Lastly, he read an email from Mr. Dennis Brazil.

F. Attendance Report – Mr. Hugo Luna provided the GUSD Attendance Summary percentages for Month 6 for each site. RES had the highest percentile for month 6 at 96.42%.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **INFORMATION**

A. Dual Language Program Presentation – Maria Torres Perez, president of Central Valley Dual Language Consortium, presented the benefits of having the Dual Language Program in our district. Many parents attended to show their support for this program.

B. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Update – Mr. Ballenger has met with Mr. Dunford to discuss some of the issues going on with the insurance. Mr. Dunford explained that the fireworks company would bring \$5 million coverage and the city would bring another \$5 million coverage for a total of \$10 million coverage. It would cost the city and additional \$16,000 to get the full \$20 million in coverage that the district insurance broker is requiring. Mr. Cordeiro suggested to setting off the fireworks from the soccer field but Mr. Dunford said they can't because that is private property. Mr. Dunford also mentioned that they have thought of the airport but they wouldn't have parking

space. Mrs. Rose suggested they shoot the fireworks from the Borrelli property instead of the baseball field, but Mr. Borrelli instantly shook his head saying no. Mrs. Brinkman asked if the insurance's concern was because the fireworks are on district property maybe you take them off the district property while using the stadium for the public. Mrs. Rose asked Mr. Ballenger to check if there are any other avenues with the district insurance company. Lizett did ask the insurance company and they said that if anything happens the district isn't covered at all. Ms. Rocha asked Mr. Dunford if he has contacted Lloyds of London. He replied that he hadn't. Mrs. Rose asked about putting up a certificated bond and use the city as collateral just in case something happens. Mr. Dunford said no because it would only cover \$10 million. Mr. Cordeiro clarified that the city is needing an additional \$10 million or for the board to agree to accept the current coverage they have. Mr. Dunford replied that the city getting an addition \$10 million would be cost prohibiting for them. Mr. Cordeiro mentioned that it took them over \$2 million to remodel the high school locker room; they will not be able to build the high school for \$10 million. He as a board member does not want that burden on his back. Ms. Rocha agrees with Mr. Cordeiro as far as the insurance and the liability but feels the city and the fire department will do everything in their power to make sure everything is as sage as can be. She would like to see every avenue is searched. Mr. Dunford needs a reply by April 1. Mr. Ballenger asked Mr. Dunford for a copy of the firework contract.

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Romero Elementary staff, parents and students addressed their concerns with safety issues that have not been fixed yet.

Ms. Jane Steckling, GUSTO Minutes Clerk, said they are in critical need to recruit new members. They have about five meetings per year lasting from 1 hour to 1 ½ hours.

Mr. Robert Borba asked what is the policy for informing parents about a lockdown. They were informed of the Romero lockdown through social media. Also, he really hopes that the board members are taking the Dual Language Program very seriously.

Mr. Jose Moran welcomed Mr. Ballenger. He also thanked the board for allowing the DLA Presentation. There is a lot more information about this program we need to find out. He was one of those parents who traveled to Livingston for his kids to participate in this program.

Mrs. Brinkman has designated Mr. Ballenger to schedule a Board Workshop for the DLA. Regarding safety issues, she stated that she wanted the public to hear about it from the district and not social media.

Mr. Andrew Bloom also welcomed Mr. Ballenger. Regarding the fireworks, he thinks it's horribly unfair the position the city is putting the district in. He is aware of some details as his wife is on the committee. It seems that the city should be doing more to problem solve and paying more and giving more. They carry a certain policy but the district shouldn't have to foot the bill. It is a part of the community and he doesn't want to see it end but the district shouldn't have to go at it alone. He also thinks that the agreement between the city and district should be looked at a little closer. It's a joint agreement and they need to cover the costs. He just doesn't

want them to put the blame on the district nor the district to be looked at as the bad guy because of the district's insurance company. It's a city-funded event so they should step up and do something not just say it's because of the insurance policy.

Mrs. Rose knows that there isn't anyone who wants to see this go away. They also have to make sure the district is allowed to help by giving the city money, because of public funds. There is a lot more behind it and they need to look into it. The district has never said they don't want it. It's been the insurance company trying to protect the schools properties.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

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

#### **B. Board Policy Updates December 2016 (Second Reading)**

1. Mrs. Rose made a motion waive the reading of the Board Policy Updates December 2016, seconded by Ms. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

2. Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve the Board Policy Updates December 2016, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Cafeteria Warmers for GHS & GMS with No Kid Hungry Grant Funds – Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve the purchase of Cafeteria Warmers for GHS & GMS with No Kid Hungry Grant Funds, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. GES Requisition to AVID Summer Institute – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve GES Requisition to AVID Summer Institute, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. GES Requisition to Ceres World Travel – Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve GES Requisition to Ceres World Travel, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. Board Policy Updates March 2017 (First Reading) – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to waive the reading of the Board Policy Updates March 2017, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. GHS AVID Magic Mountain Trip – Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve the GHS AVID Magic Mountain Trip, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. 2017-2018 Second Interim – Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Second Interim, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. 2016-17 Audit Findings & Recommendations Certification of Corrective Action Regarding the School Accountability Report Card – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve 2016-17 Audit Findings & Recommendations Certification of Corrective Action regarding the School Accountability Report Card, seconded by Ms. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

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J. Title IV, Part A Plan – Ms. Rocha made a motion to approve the Title IV, Part A Plan, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

**ADVANCED PLANNING**

A. MCSBA Spring Dinner – March 26, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

B. Regular Board Meeting – April 11, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

C. 2018 Shell Beach Conference – April 25-27, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Rocha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Kevin Cordeiro, Clerk