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Mission: The mission of Golden Valley Unified School District is to provide our students the means to achieve to their highest potential within a caring, secure environment.

**GOLDEN VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
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Liberty High School · 12220 Road 36, Madera CA
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

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MINUTES

4:30 PM

A. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Toole at 4:35 p.m.
2. ATTENDANCE

	ARRIVE	LEAVE	ABSENT
Mark Toole, President	X _____	_____	_____
Mike Kelly, Clerk	X _____	_____	_____
Mona Diaz, Trustee	4:40 p.m.	_____	_____
Brian Freeman, Trustee	X _____	_____	_____
Kathleen Crumpton, Trustee	X _____	_____	_____
Sarah Koligian, Superintendent	X _____	_____	_____
Andy Alvarado, Asst. Superintendent	X _____	_____	_____
Jim Monreal, Chief Business Official	X _____	_____	_____

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Ms. Shellie Roth stated she understood the difficult decision the board has of making budget reductions but noted she was not in support of the Board suggested 8% reduction across the board for all staff without furlough days. Ms. Roth commented that furlough days would be difficult but at least staff would get to spend time with their family along with their reduction. She noted the way the Board has proposed the reduction, staff would be working the same amount of time for less money. Ms. Roth also provided a breakdown on how certificated and administrative salaries are ranked with like districts.

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The Board stated the idea of a percentage reduction across the board would be with the hope of not losing any more staff due to layoffs. The Board further stated the two negotiations teams still need to negotiate how the reductions will look and work together.

Ms. Emily Muccianti echoed Ms. Roth's comments noting that if state is funding 175 days then the idea of furlough days seems to be an easier option than a straight reduction across the Board. She noted she appreciated the Board wanting to make reductions equitable if everyone was equitable to begin with and suggested the Board look at all angles through this process. She then stated she appreciated the Board and Administration looking at other budget reductions that will stay away from staff and the classroom.

C. CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to the Liberty High School conference room for closed session to discuss the following:

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
2. Certificated Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
R. Non Re-election of Certificated Employee: 1
3. Classified Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
4. Conference with Legal Counsel: Potential Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case)
5. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code: §54957.6).
Agency designated representatives: Superintendent Sarah Koligian, Employee Organizations: CSEA & GVTA

6:00 PM

OPEN SESSION

- D.** The Board **RECONVENED** from Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. and reported the following action taken:
Resignation: LHS Chemistry Physics Teacher. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 2 (Freeman/Crumpton abstained)
- E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
The Board moved to approve the agenda after removing Action Items K6 and K8. *(Kelly/Crumpton)*
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- G. SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESSES [Koligian]**
- Liberty High School Student, Axia Vang, 2011/2012 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship recipient – Axia Vang was not available to attend the meeting.
 - Liberty High School Academic Decathlon Team – The Board and Superintendent recognized the LHS Academic Decathlon Team for their 3rd place overall win at the Academic Decathlon on Feb. 5, 2011.
 - Webster Elementary Destination Imagination Team – The Board and Superintendent recognized the Webster Destination Imagination Team for their achievements on March 14, 2011.
 - Educational Options Graduate and Cadet, Justin Parmelee – Justin Parmelee was not available to attend the meeting.
- H. PRESENTATIONS**
- **Ranchos Middle School Site Report** – Mr. Hatch provided the site report which included updates on attendance rates, API scores, and events to include Open House on March 16, 2011.
 - **Liberty High School Student Report** – Jasdave Maan updated the Board on current activities at Liberty High School. The Board asked Jasdave about safety in the parking lot at the high school. Mr. Maan stated students can lose their parking privileges if they violate rules. Principal Kuljeet Mann informed the Board that Jasdave was accepted to Xavier University in the Caribbean for medical school.

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I. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Board congratulated Jasdave Maan on his acceptance to medical school.

A request was made for Board participation to review the Central Valley Charter Academy Petition as a subcommittee with District Staff. Superintendent Koligian stated she would email dates to the Board for participation.

Superintendent Koligian invited the Board to attend the Academic Pentathlon on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Ranchos Middle School. She also invited the Board and community to attend the Staff Recognition Ceremony on 3/21/11 and the Foundation Stars Event on 3/26/11. She then announced the Rachel's Challenge Student Assembly and Community Event being held on March 25, 2011 at Liberty High School in the gym.

J. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joan Forester stated she felt GVUSD did not need an Assistant Superintendent for a district with fewer than 2000 students, she noted this opinion had nothing to do with people or personalities.

Kristi Fisher introduced members from the Ranchos Kiwanis and thanked them for their on going support to Special Education. The Ranchos Kiwanis presented a check to the District for \$800.00 from their annual Garden Tour Fundraiser. The Board and Superintendent thanked the Ranchos Kiwanis for their continued support of all programs in the District.

Chelan Shepherd stated this was a difficult time for the whole community and reminded the Board that budget cuts are not just numbers but people. She then asked the Board to consider reductions as far away from the classroom as possible.

The Board stated the decisions to make reductions were difficult and everything is being looked at from the top down. They further stated they appreciated public comments on the subject and that the Board is listening to the community.

John Porter asked how many teachers were being pink slipped that were also being recognized on March 21, 2011. He then asked if the donation process could be simplified to the community.

Rebecca Harp-Sligh noted everyone was concerned about the potential reductions for 2011/2012 but fearful about further reductions for 2012/2013. She encouraged the Board to look at bigger reduction items that may be uncomfortable decisions, noting the schools and students will suffer with continual reductions in the classroom.

The Board asked if District staff could send a copy of the meeting to Sacramento so the legislators can see the difficult position school districts are in.

K. ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL, Gift(s) to the Golden Valley Unified School District.

- Ballpark field soil mix gift to the LHS JV softball field from a community member.
- Monetary gift to the LHS library from a community member.
- Library book gift to the school sites from the Ranchos Kiwanis.
- Monetary gift from a community member to the Future Business Leaders of America Club at Liberty High School.

The Board moved to approve the gifts to the District. (*Freeman/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Board asked if contributions could be site approved then ratified by the Board to help expedite the process. Superintendent Koligian noted there is a process for contributions especially ones that involve site work/projects.

2. APPROVAL, Second Interim Budget Report for the 2010/2011 school year:

Mr. Monreal provided an overview of the changes to the budget since the First Interim Reporting in December 2010. He stated the current budget gap for 2011/2012 has been reduced to \$550,000.00 due to the increased funding for Children's Hospital of Central California School which is on a one year waiver and needs to be approved each year.

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Mr. Monreal stated the Madera County Office of Education is recommending school districts plan for the worst case scenario of the tax initiatives not passing.

Tonya Rosa asked if the 8% suggested reduction was for teachers only or would it be across the board? The Board stated they were including everyone. Ms. Rosa also asked if the benefits mentioned were health benefits or things like cell phones etc. Mr. Monreal stated the benefits include health and welfare, retirement packages and other costs such as state unemployment costs. He further noted the transportation department uses two-way radios and administrators receive cell phones and pay a nominal monthly fee if the District provided cell phone is also used personally.

Mr. Monreal stated the second Interim Budget presented does not have specific reductions included, just the dollar amount that needs to be reduced. He then spoke to the differences between a qualified and negative certification for the budget if reductions are not made.

Emily Muccianti asked at what point would the district have to file a negative status and what the reductions look like for 2013/2014?

District staff stated reductions have not been finalized for 2011/2012.

The Board moved to approve the Second Interim Budget as presented. *(Kelly/Diaz)*
Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Crompton was the nay vote because she does not support some of the reductions included in the budget).

3. ADOPT, Resolution #2010-13 In the Matter of the Decision to Release Temporary Employee(s).

Superintendent Koligian stated in order to meet the March 15, 2011 statutory deadline, this resolution was being presented for approval.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution #2010-13 In the Matter of the Decision to Release Temporary Employee(s). *(Kelly/Freeman)* Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Crompton was the nay vote because reductions have affected the teachers and classified staff for the last couple of years and feels it is time to make cuts at the top).

4. ADOPT, Resolution #2010-10 In the Matter of the Elimination and Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services for the 2011/2012 School Year.

Superintendent Koligian stated in order to meet the March 15, 2011 statutory deadline, this resolution was being presented for approval. She further noted there was a reduction of two Alternative Education teachers on the list due to the additional funding for the hospital program.

Tonya Rosa asked if the reduction of 4 teachers include the 2 temporary positions at the elementary sites. Superintendent Koligian stated the temporary positions at the elementary level were included in the resolution for temporary staff.

The Board and District staff discussed the staffing at the Educational Options site and the funding received by the annual waiver for the Children's Hospital of Central California program along with information regarding mandatory expelled student funding.

The Board and District staff discussed the Tier III Flexible funds and which programs are being funded.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution #2010-10 In the Matter of the Elimination and Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services for the 2011/2012 School Year. *(Kelly/Diaz)*

Further communication after the motion:

Discussion of the difference between the March 15th and May 15th deadline dates.

Denice Lane asked if the Board is waiting for negotiations only or are there other plans for reductions such as a four day work week. Theresa Nixon also asked about merging the two school sites.

The Board stated merging school sites would not close the budget gap and would tear the community apart. The also noted that reductions are being reviewed at the Management level outside of negotiations.

Cindy Landes stated a 4 day work week would need a lot of planning and should be researched by District staff now in order to go into affect 2012/2013.

Teri Malmstrom thanked the Board for stating they did not like the list of teachers on the resolution but asked what the alternatives were and handed out a packet of information on a 4 day work week.

Rebecca Sligh stated she hoped that during research of other district's by the Board, they were also taking into consideration Golden Valley's specific goals. She noted the staff was proud of the district and some of the changes could change the District, such as increases to class sizes.

The Board then took the vote on the stated motion. Ayes: 3 Nays: 2
(Crumpton/Freeman were the nay votes noting the resolution passed by a 3/2 vote but would be supported by the Board as a whole)

The Board then asked District staff to review all budget reduction ideas brought forward for cost savings.

5. ADOPT, Resolution #2010-11 Criteria for Determining Order of Seniority for Those Employees with the Same Date of District Paid Service.

The Board asked Teri Malmstrom if GVTA supported the criteria as presented. Teri stated the unit was in support of the criteria.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution #2010-11 Criteria for Determining Order of Seniority for Those Employees with the Same Date of District Paid Service. (*Freeman/Diaz*) Ayes: 4 Nays: 1
(Crumpton was the nay vote)

6. APPROVAL, Resolution # 2010-16 Concerning the Non-Reelect of Probationary Employees for the 2011/2012 School Year.

This item was removed from the agenda for action.

7. APPROVAL, 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Representative.

The Board moved to nominate Barbara Bigelow to the 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly.
(*Crumpton/Kelly*) Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Diaz was the abstaining vote)

8. APPROVAL, Overnight Conference request for the LHS Athletic Director for the 43rd California State Athletic Director's Association (CSADA) Conference, May 5-8, 2011, Palm Springs, Ca., paid through the ASB Athletic Account. [Alvarado]

This item was removed from the agenda for action and will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Receive information and update on facilities.

Mr. Clay Davis of Taylor Teter Partnership discussed site plan options for potential future projects. The Board asked District staff to contact representatives from the Ag program to provide their vision of the potential Ag Farm for the Facility Public Hearing on March 28, 2011.

The Board scheduled a site visit to the area in question for the proposed Ag Farm on March 22, 2011.

2. Receive request to approve Resolution #2010-15 PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan and Agreement to Contract for Services. [Monreal]

Mr. Monreal provided the information on the proposed PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan. This item will return to the Board for action on March 28, 2011.

3. Receive request to approve Board Bylaw 9271 Code of Ethics (for Governance Teams)

Superintendent Koligian reviewed Board Bylaw 9271 Code of Ethics with the Board. The Board suggested moving Financial Viability to the top of the priorities.

The Board also stated they felt they were ethical and did not feel the need to re-approve this bylaw but did note they liked the information provided in the CSBA Structures Handout. Superintendent Koligian noted the Code of Ethics was to help bring forward a unified team, establishing protocols which help direct teams to a common goal.

M. CONSENT AGENDA

ALL CONSENT AGENDA items are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Board member or citizen so requests, in which event, the item(s) will be considered following the approval of the Consent Agenda. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent agenda items. Each item on the consent calendar approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

1. APPROVAL, Minutes from Regular Board Meeting 2/23/11 and Special Board Meeting 2/28/11. [Koligian]
2. APPROVAL, Accounts Payable, Warrant List Report for the month of February. [Monreal]
3. APPROVAL, Accounts Receivable Report for the month of February. [Monreal]
4. APPROVAL, Payroll Report for the month of February. [Monreal]
5. APPROVAL, ASB Fundraiser request for the LHS Football Team, sports physicals, June 7, 2011. [Alvarado]
6. APPROVAL, ASB Fundraiser request for the LHS Football Team, Lift-a-Thon, April 20 - May 11, 2011. [Alvarado]
7. APPROVAL, Fundraiser for the LHS Class of 2012 ASB and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) ASB, Classic Half Marathon, May 22, 2011. [Alvarado]
8. APPROVAL, Fundraiser for the LHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) ASB, lemonade sales, August 2011. [Alvarado]
9. APPROVAL, Fundraiser for the LHS Drama Club, ticket and concession sales, April 27-30, 2011. [Alvarado]
10. APPROVAL, Fundraiser for the LHS Class of 2014, LHS lanyard sales, March 15-May 15, 2011. [Alvarado]
11. APPROVAL, Fundraiser for Webster Elementary School for the Scholastic Book Fair, April 11-15, 2011. [Alvarado]
12. APPROVAL, Overnight trip request for LHS FFA 83rd State Conference, April 16-19, 2011, Fresno, CA, paid through the ASB FFA Account and the Ag Incentive Grant. [Alvarado]
13. APPROVAL, Overnight trip request for the LHS Varsity Baseball Team against Marina High School, March 26-27, 2011, Pacific Grove, CA. [Alvarado]
14. ADOPT, Resolution #2010-12 Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2011/2012 Tax Reserve Anticipation Note and Participation in the California Cash reserve Program. [Monreal]
15. APPROVAL, Agreement between California State University, Fresno; Kremen School of Education and Human Development and Golden Valley Unified School District. [Alvarado]

The Board asked if fundraisers could be approved at the site level. The Board and District staff discussed current Board Policy stating this policy can be reviewed for revisions. The Board asked to see the policy on donations/gifts as well.

The Board moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes. *(Kelly/Crumpton)* Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Diaz was the nay vote)

The Board moved to approve the consent agenda after removing items #12, #13 # 14 and #15 for discussion. *(Kelly/Freeman)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

12. APPROVAL, Overnight trip request for LHS FFA 83rd State Conference, April 16-19, 2011, Fresno, CA, paid through the ASB FFA Account and the Ag Incentive Grant.

The Board asked why students were spending the night at an event being held in Fresno. District staff noted the activities go late in the evening and restart early in the morning.

The Board moved to approve the Overnight trip request for LHS FFA 83rd State Conference, April 16-19, 2011, Fresno, CA, paid through the ASB FFA Account and the Ag Incentive Grant.

(Kelly/Diaz) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

13. APPROVAL, Overnight trip request for the LHS Varsity Baseball Team against Marina High School, March 26-27, 2011, Pacific Grove, CA.

The Board asked if this game was part of a tournament. Mr. Alvarado stated it was not part of a tournament but was a single game paid through the LHS Baseball Booster Club.

The Board moved to approve the Overnight trip request for the LHS Varsity Baseball Team against Marina High School, March 26-27, 2011, Pacific Grove, CA. (Kelly/Crumpton) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

14. ADOPT, Resolution #2010-12 Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2011/2012 Tax Reserve Anticipation Note and Participation in the California Cash reserve Program.

The Board asked for the amount being borrowed. Mr. Monreal stated the amount of the TRANS would not exceed \$5 million dollars and Piper Jaffray would determine the amount Golden Valley would qualify for.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution #2010-12 Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 and the Issuance and Sale of a 2011/2012 Tax Reserve Anticipation Note and Participation in the California Cash reserve Program. (Kelly/Crumpton) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

15. APPROVAL, Agreement between California State University, Fresno; Kremen School of Education and Human Development and Golden Valley Unified School District.

The Board asked what the agreement was for. Mr. Alvarado stated the Agreement was for student teachers from CSU Fresno.

The Board moved to approve the Agreement between California State University, Fresno; Kremen School of Education and Human Development and Golden Valley Unified School District.

(Kelly/Crumpton) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

N. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/CONCERNS

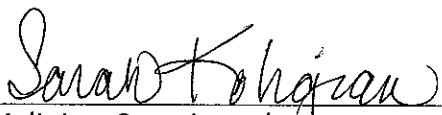
O. ADVANCE PLANNING

1. Review and update Board 12-month calendar.

- 3/21/11 Employee Recognition Event (3:30 p.m. - LHS Theater)
- 3/22/2011 Board site visit to Webster Elementary (8:00 a.m.) - Postponed - moved to the LHS west field visit.
- 3/25/2011 Rachel's Challenge student assembly and community event (6:30 p.m. LHS Gym)
- 3/28/2011 Regular Board Meeting
- 4/5/2011 Board site visit to Sierra View Elementary
- 4/11/2011 Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The Board moved to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. (Crumpton/Kelly) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0



Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

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