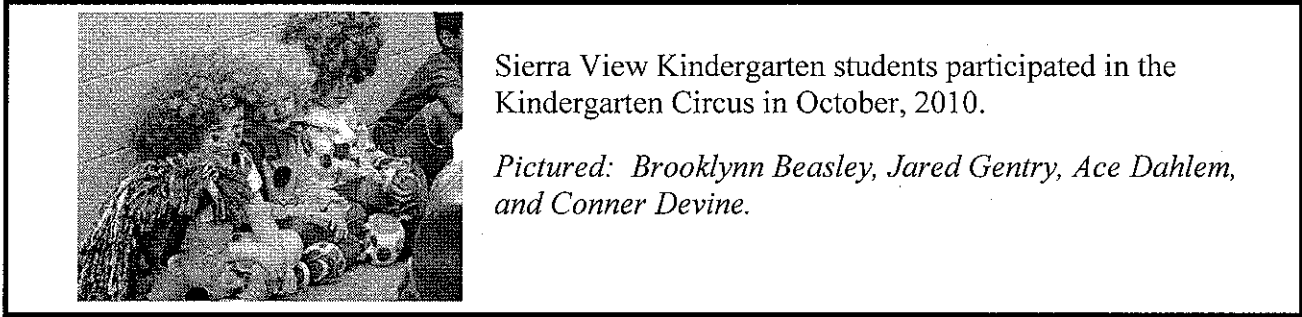


*Golden Valley USD Strategic Plan Goals:  
Instruction and Assessment • Communication • Safety • Facilities • Finances*



Sierra View Kindergarten students participated in the Kindergarten Circus in October, 2010.

*Pictured: Brooklynn Beasley, Jared Gentry, Ace Dahlem, and Conner Devine.*

*Vision: Golden Valley Unified School District is committed to creating and maintaining an innovative learning community based in excellence.*



*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  
SPECIAL MEETING  
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Liberty High School · 12220 Road 36, Madera CA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

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## MINUTES

**5:00 PM**

**A. OPEN SESSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Toole at 5:05 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the agenda. *(Diaz/Kelly)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

*\* All times are approximate and subject to change.*

**D. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

The Board welcomed the staff and community to the Budget Workshop.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. The Board and Superintendent participated in a workshop regarding budget planning for the 2011/2012 budget.**

Superintendent Koligian welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the District's Strategic Plan Goals. Mr. Monreal then reviewed two budget scenarios; Option A if the Governor's Budget initiatives pass and an Option B if the Governor's Budget Initiatives do not pass.

The Management Team provided information regarding their sites or departments noting what is mandated and what is supplemental and whether or not the program is general funded or categorically funded.

President Toole opened up the Workshop for questions from the community.

**Questions and comments from the community included:**

What are the bumping rights for teachers being noticed? The staff member was encouraged to contact the District office to gather this information.

Does the encroachment number provided for the Reading Labs (\$49,000) reflect projections for the whole year or just to date? Mr. Monreal noted the encroachment projections are for the whole year.

Please clarify and separate the encroachment numbers for Lincoln Community Day School and Valley Teen Ranch. Have you considered starting the school year later to reduce energy costs?

Superintendent Koligian stated the District recently received a small school waiver for Children's Hospital of Central California which will provide additional funding. She also noted the District has experienced energy savings through Peak Day Pricing Program last year. Mr. Monreal provided background information on percentage reductions to programs over the last two years and the intent of state with Tier II Flexing.

The Board discussed the E-Rate program along with other funds that are generated by the percentage of free and reduced lunch counts. The Board encouraged staff to continue to negotiate all contracts with vendors to ensure the District is receiving the best deal.

The Board stated contact had been made with several other districts to review salaries for their Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Business Official. The Board felt reviewing other districts of similar size and considering reductions or reorganization to top administrators was important. The Board also discussed the timeline for noticing both certificated and classified employees and stated they would add this as an information item to the Special Board Charter School Workshop on March 7, 2011 to ensure all positions have been reviewed for reductions. The Board also requested information on the encroachments for Liberty High.

Kim Cowger suggested updating the report from last year showing the budgets for all school sites and departments.

Candy Hall stated all areas of the District budget needed to be reviewed for reductions to include a percentage reduction across the board and furloughs days to be reinstated when the budget improves. She stated community members need to be listened to and hard choices need to be made.

Emily Muccianti stated the District also needs to research what can be done to increase revenue such as writing and applying for grants.

Superintendent Koligian stated she has met with grant writers but many grants are funded based on free and reduced lunch numbers. She also noted she has written grants for the Webster Computer Lab and the Sierra View Playground.

Katherine Cuttone asked how summer school impacted the budget? Mr. Monreal stated summer school is General Funded.

The Board asked when flex funding was set to expire? Mr. Monreal stated currently it is projected to expire in 2013/2014.

Superintendent Koligian stated a lot of comments are coming forward that reductions have not been taken across the Board. The Management Team has taken the first step in reductions over the last two years with a freeze in their salary schedule then a reduction of three furlough days along with the reduction of two District level management positions last year. Currently the Management Team is prepared to take up to 8 furlough days for the 2011/2012 school year.

Other questions that were asked during the Workshop were:

How much money would 8 furlough days district wide save? \$420,000.00

What would be the financial and liability impact to GVUSD from a charter school?

How much savings would there be to combine the two elementary schools?

How much savings would there be to house the middle school students at the high school or back to the elementary schools?

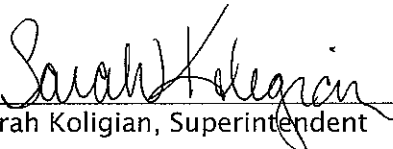
Cindy Landes stated she felt it is important to include top administrators to the list of reductions because that is an item being discussed amongst staff and the community. She further stated she did not want to lose these people but that it would send a positive message that they are being included in the reductions.

Candi Glover commented on the impact of furlough days to the teaching staff.

The Board stated they felt everyone's job could be saved if they were cuts across the board.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. (*Freeman/Kelly*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

  
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Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

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