

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 15, 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 7:04 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**

The Board will adjourn to closed session following the regular meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, with additional warrants, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Student Report – Simran was delayed and presented her report to the Board following the Athletic Budget presentation.

B. High School Athletic Budget--Adam Cano, Assistant Principal, Gustine High School – Mr. Cano presented information to the Board regarding the GHS Athletic Budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**INFORMATION**

A. Solar Company/Savings Ability – Postponed to a future meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

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B. Decoration of Graduation Caps at GHS – GHS Seniors Michayla Toste and Simran Kaur requested permission that the Senior class be able to decorate and personalize the top of their graduation caps. A contract will be signed by each student limiting what can be written or drawn on the caps. The request is only for the 2014/15 graduating class. Mrs. Borrelli made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Mrs. Brinkman and Mrs. Rose were opposed. Motion carried, 3-2.

C. 2013-14 Audit Findings Corrective Action Certification – Lizett Aguilar advised that the District has responded to each finding by instituting new procedures for handling the ASB and Cafeteria deposits. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the 2013-14 Audit Findings Corrective Action Certification, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. GMS Graduation Requirements, Board Policy 6146.5 – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the first reading of the changes to the GMS Graduation Requirements, Board Policy 6146.5, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. AR 1240, Volunteer Assistance Board Policy, Second Reading – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the second reading of AR 1240, Volunteer Assistance Board Policy, which states that, “Effective April 15, 2015, any volunteer (in any capacity) who has contact with students must be fingerprinted, with the exception of school functions or events. With respect to fingerprinting, no convictions of any type by the volunteer are allowed.” Mrs. Brinkman seconded the motion. In further discussion, RES Principal Lisa Filippini suggested that the new policy become effective for school year 2015/16. In a new motion, Mr. Longoria made a motion that the Board Policy be approved and will be in place for the 2015/16 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. Technology Purchase for District Office – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the purchase of new computers and related equipment at the District Office at a cost of \$5,784.63, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. New Bus Purchase – Transportation Director Cheryl Pometta presented two estimates related to the purchase of a new bus and said the order should be submitted soon in order for the bus to be received by the start of the new school year. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the District’s purchase of a new bus from Bus West at a cost of \$164,735.08 over the next five years, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. GHS FFA Request for Out-of-State Travel – The GHS FFA Dairy Judging Team will be traveling to Utah on May 12, 13, 14, 2015 for the Western National Dairy Judging Contest, requiring Board approval. GHS officials indicate that all appropriate paperwork and permission slips have been completed and approved. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the FFA request for out of state travel, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Board Policy 5141.33/AR5141.33, Head Lice, First Reading – Dr. Estes advised that although the District is not required to make a change in the Head Lice policy, the Pediatrics and Nursing Association recommendations indicate that it should be revised to discontinue the “No Nits” part of the policy. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the First Reading of Board Policy 5141.33/AR 5141.33, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Mrs. Rocha was opposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

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J. GHS Band Overnight Trip to Disneyland – Band Director George Smith requested Board approval for an overnight trip to participate in Disney Performing Arts at Disneyland on May 5, 6 and 7, 2015. He indicated that all appropriate paperwork and permission slips have been completed and approved by GHS administration. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the GHS Band Overnight Trip request, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

A. Board Reports – Board members reported on their activities and the events they attended throughout the month. Mrs. Brinkman said she attended the band concert and Sober Grad breakfast. She attended the Romero Car Show and is looking forward to the upcoming MCSBA dinner. Mrs. Rose participated in the GHS Portfolio Day and went to the MCSBA monthly meeting in Merced where the mini-grants were discussed; the fall conference will be held in Monterey. She attended the GMS Open House and enjoyed the band concert and the science contest. She also participated in Love Romero Day. Mrs. Rose advised that she met with Assemblyman Adam Gray to discuss the Redskins legislation. She is coordinating the MCSBA Spring dinner which Gustine is hosting at Gustine Middle School in April. She also mentioned that she delivered eleven pounds of pull tabs to Madera Children's Hospital donated on behalf of GUSD. Mrs. Borrelli commended the people involved in the process of amending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation requirements and said she has been hoping for that change for a long time. Mr. Longoria went to Love Romero Day and jogged around the track. He went to the soccer game at Orestimba and also the GHS Stock Show. Mrs. Rocha said she attended Love Romero Day and enjoyed seeing so many people there. She participated in the tree planting at GES – the Newman-Gustine Garden Club donated a tree for the school and the first grade class helped plant and water the new tree. She went to the Sober Grad breakfast and also some of the GHS tennis matches.

B. Staff Reports – Site Principals provided information about their respective sites and highlighted upcoming events and student activities/awards.

C. Financial Report – Chief Business Officer Lizett Aguilar provided an overview of the monthly financial report for March 2015, reflecting an actual ending balance of \$2,757,249.

D. Superintendent Report – Dr. Estes said he and the administrators have been finishing up the planning for summer school which is being funded this year through LCAP. He said we anticipate having at least as many students as last year, but there is going to be an enrichment program this year called SWEET (a science, engineering and math program). The entire curriculum is put together with support from Merced County Office of Education. It will be offered to students in grades 5-8. The District will also be offering tutoring through Huntington Learning Center.

### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

A. Regular Board Meeting, May 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

B. Set Date for Contractor Interviews

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**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:50 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Regarding Expulsion Case #2014/15-13, Mr. Longoria made a motion to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year and the first semester of the 2015-16 school year. However, for the first semester of the 2015-16 school year, the expulsion will be suspended provided the following requirements are maintained:

1. Regular school attendance (95% at least)
  2. Maintain a 2.0 GPA
  3. Free from any suspendable violations of Ed Code 48900 and 48915
  4. Participate in the District Approved Counseling Program as directed by the site administrator in charge
  5. Participate in the High School Anti-Bullying program as directed by the site administrator.
- Mrs. Rose seconded the motion, motion carried, 4-1 (Mrs. Brinkman was opposed).

**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**

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Linetta Borrelli, Clerk

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