

Golden Valley USD Strategic Plan Goals:  
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The Liberty High School Leadership class helps prepare for the Rachel's Challenge Assembly held on March 25, 2011.

Pictured: Mrs. Hall, Gaby Lomeli, Kaitlyn Mendez, Ashley Menser, Corie Hamilton, Kathryn Collins, Darienne Schmall, Jessi Wallace, Amanda Penner, Courtney Moses, and Mrs. Burress

*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  
 REGULAR MEETING  
[www.gvUSD.k12.ca.us](http://www.gvUSD.k12.ca.us)  
 Liberty High School · 12220 Road 36, Madera CA  
 MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011**

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**MINUTES**

**4:30 PM**

**A. OPEN SESSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Toole at 4:30 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	5:00 p.m.	_____	_____
Jim Monreal, Chief Business Official	X _____	_____	_____

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**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)

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3. Classified Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)  
**Q. Resignation**
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code: §54957.6).  
Agency designated representatives: Superintendent Sarah Koligian, Employee Organizations: CSEA & GVTA
5. Public Employee Informal Evaluation  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

6:00 PM

**OPEN SESSION**

**D.** The Board **RECONVENED** from Closed Session and reported the ratification of a custodial resignation.

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

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**G. SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESSES [Koligian]**

- The Board recognized the 2011 Golden Valley Star Employees:
  - Nicola Lambert, Paraprofessional, Liberty High School – STAR Instructional Employee
  - Gail Allen, District Technology Technician – STAR Operational Employee
  - Frank Panian, Math Department, Liberty High School – STAR Secondary Teacher
  - Chelan Shepherd, Second Grade, Sierra View Elementary – STAR Elementary Teacher
  - Felipe Piedra, Principal, Webster/Sierra View Elementary – STAR Administrator
- The Board recognized LHS Student, Axia Vang for the 2011/2012 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship, Axia was not able to attend the Board Meeting.
- The Board recognized LHS Student, Ariel Sawall, for receiving Best in Show during the Youth Art Month at Circle Gallery.
- The Board recognized LHS Student, Rene Mondeau for receiving the Congressional Nomination to the Air Force Academy.
- The Board recognized the LHS ROP Students for their achievements at the Sierra Division Championship on March 31, 2011.

**H. PRESENTATIONS**

▪ **Liberty High School Site Report [Mann]**

Mrs. Mann provided the LHS site report which included updates on site goals, counseling support, anti-bullying strategies, attendance incentives and upcoming events.

▪ **Liberty High School Student Report [Maan]**

Jasdave Maan provided up overview of student events including the week long activities before Spring Break and the LHS prom being held at Bass Lake.

▪ **Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Presentation [Alvarado]**

Mr. Alvarado introduced Ms. Valeria Vuicich and Mr. Gary Kirby from the Fresno ROP Program. Ms. Vuicich and Mr. Kirby provided an overview of the ROP program to include course alignment and the roles of both the Fresno County Office of Education and the school district. They also provided information on the history of ROP courses offered within Golden Valley including enrollment.

**I. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

The Board requested feedback information from staff who have attended conferences and information regarding fees that are changed at district school sites. They also requested information on the District's Customer Service Policy.

The Board congratulated the 2011 Star Employees and spoke in favor of moving to electronic agendas to help save money on paper copies.

**J. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Teresa Nixon thanked the Board for approving the PARS retirement option for teachers and District staff's thorough research of the process.

Doug Reitz congratulated the LHS ACE Mentoring Team and coach Stephane McShane on their accomplishments during the competition on April 11, 2011.

Sean Tosvud asked the Board to review the deficit of the continuation program and the connection of the deficit to shortening the school day in that program for the 2010/2011 school year.

**K. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL, 2011 GVUSD Marketing Campaign. [Koligian]**

Superintendent Koligian stated she was recommending moving forward with a modified marketing campaign from Mid-April to August of 2011 noting that only the billboard signs would be installed and no radio spots or newspaper ads would be utilized. She stated there would be little or no cost to re-post the billboard signs.

The Board questioned moving forward with a campaign if there is a chance that students may end up on a waiting list. The Board requested District staff review class numbers again before aggressively marketing students.

Warren Parr asked which avenue of marketing worked the best for the district in years past and suggested looking into social media avenues as well.

Sean Tovsky noted that school web sites are also a place parents look before choosing schools. He spoke to his family researching school district websites before making the decision for his children. He stated many school sites showcase pictures and student work.

The Board moved to approve the 2011 GVUSD Marketing Campaign and asked District staff to look into social media options. *(Diaz/Kelly)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**2. APPROVAL, revised Board Policies:**

- 1240 Volunteer Assistance
- 1321 Solicitation of Funds From and By Students
- 3290 Gifts, Grants and Bequests

The Board moved to approve the revised Board Policies as presented. *(Crumpton/Kelly)* Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. Receive budget update for the 2010/2011 school year. [Monreal]**

Mr. Monreal provided an update of the 2010/2011 budget noting District staff is continuing negotiations with bargaining units.

**2. Receive information and update on facilities. [Monreal]**

Mr. Monreal provided an update on the Sierra View Modernization project noting the added requirement from DSA on replacing a bathroom building. He further stated the state will not be releasing modernization/facilities money for projects until they pass a budget which delays the state matching funds for the SV Modernization project.

The Board and District staff discussed the potential increased construction costs if the project is delayed and any saving options if additional early payments were made to the COPs. Superintendent Koligian noted District would also be looking at options to review the costs of only addressing the safety and ADA requirements of the project which would also be a reduce in the costs of the overall project.

Mr. Reitz stated action would need to be taken by the beginning of May to ensure the project could be complete by fall of 2011. The Board discussed options for completing all safety and ADA compliance items first as a possible "Phase 1" of the project.

Cindy Landes asked if there would be any ADA penalties to the District if the project was not completed at this time. Mr. Monreal stated no, but once the campus is started, all safety and ADA items would need to be completed first. Cindy further stated when the LHS Stadium and Science Building were in the planning phases, the budget was not in the condition it currently is. What happens if we continue with construction at Sierra View but don't have money to keep a school site open and what are the District's plans to close the budget gap for 2012/2013?

The Board and District staff discussed the potential budget gap for the 2012/2013 school year and the steps the District needs to be taking at this time to begin the process of closing that gap. The Board also stated conversations regarding the 2012/2013 budget need to take place at every Board Meeting.

Mr. Alvarado stated District staff is currently finalizing plans for closing the budget gap for the 2011/2012 school year. Once this is complete, conversations will begin regarding the 2012/2013 school year.

Cindy Landes suggested the District hold town hall meetings.

Superintendent Koligian noted the timeline for budget discussions and stated staff would be attending the Governor's May Revise Budget Workshop on May 19, 2011. Once this information is received, staff can begin another series of stakeholder meetings regarding the budget.

Mary Blair stated she does not believe young families understand the impact of the California Budget on our school system. She further stated closing the middle school could lead to parents moving their students to other middle schools for extra-curricular activities.

Warren Parr suggested the District also look into increasing revenue and liquidating assets. The Board noted empty school sites.

The Board will hold a Special Board Meeting regarding the Sierra View Modernization Project on March 25, 2011 at Liberty High School.

#### **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 3/28/11 and Special Board Meeting 4/5/11. [Koligian]
2. APPROVAL, Accounts Payable, Warrant List Report for the month of March. [Monreal]
3. APPROVAL, Accounts Receivable Report for the month of March. [Monreal]
4. APPROVAL, Payroll Report for the month of March. [Monreal]
5. APPROVAL, LHS Booster Club, Girls Basketball. [Alvarado]
6. APPROVAL, the School Accountability Report Cards for Liberty High School, Ranchos Middle School, Webster Elementary, Sierra View Elementary and Educational Options. [Alvarado]
7. APPROVAL, the contract with Hazard Management Services for the Sierra View Modernization Project. [Monreal]
8. APPROVAL, Liberty High School overnight conference request, SLO State Finals Judging Contest, May 6-7, 2011, San Luis Obispo, Ca.

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

#### **N. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

*The purpose of this agenda item is to alert the public of future District business.*

#### **O. ADVANCE PLANNING**

1. Review and update Board 12-month calendar.
  - 4/25/11 Special Board Meeting (LHS – Closed Session 4:30 p.m.)
  - 4/28/11 Special Board Meeting – Board Site Visit (Sierra View Elementary)
  - 5/9/11 Regular Board Meeting

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- 5/12/11 Special Board Meeting - Board Site Visit (Webster Elementary)
- 5/17/11 Special Board Meeting - Board Site Visit (Ranchos Middle School)
- 5/23/11 Regular Board Meeting

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. (*Diaz/Crumpton*) Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

  
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Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

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