

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 14, 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 7:02 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

Regarding Student Discipline Case #2015/16-01, the Board unanimously voted to uphold the decision of a stipulated expulsion by the Administrative Hearing Panel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Morones said that Information Item VI-A would be pulled and added to the November Board meeting. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Family Resource Center – Representatives from the Family Resource Center in Merced presented information regarding their collaboration with the City of Gustine and the school district to establish a Family Resource Center in Gustine. The services provided by this organization assist residents with various issues including help in applying for jobs, child care, food/clothing, and many other areas where families need assistance. They are looking for a building to house their program, possibly at the Old Middle School site, and Mr. Morones said he would discuss that possibility with Board.

B. Student Report – GHS ASB Representative Meg Abdallah presented her report on activities at Gustine High School. She arrived late to the meeting because the FFA Opening and Closing Ceremonies were held at GHS. She reported that the GHS Officer Team received First Place honors out of 13 Officer Teams from other schools.

C. Board Reports – Mr. Longoria said he participated in the quarterly meeting with Board President Pat Rocha, Superintendent Morones, City Councilman Joe Oliveira, City Manager Sean Scully, and Mayor Dennis Brazil where many issues were discussed. He attended the GMS Rachel's Challenge day as well as the MCSBA Annual Conference in Monterey. Mrs. Rose congratulated the Romero Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year on receiving their award at the MCOE event in Merced. Mrs. Rose attended the Rachel's Challenge event at GMS. She attended the MCSBA Annual Conference and thanked the Board members and Superintendent Morones for their donation item for the raffle. She also said she is impressed by the GHS enrollment of 599, the highest number she has ever seen.

Mrs. Borrelli said she is excited to see the Family Resource Center plans and said it would be very beneficial for our community.

Mrs. Brinkman offered congratulations to the Romero employees on being honored by MCOE and recognized for all that they do. She attended the MCSBA Conference.

Mrs. Rocha began by saying she is extremely disappointed that Governor Brown signed AB 30 banning the use of the name "Redskins" as our mascot. She attended the MCSBA Conference as well and congratulated Mrs. Rose upon being elected President of MCSBA for next year.

D. Staff Reports – Mr. Morones said that all GUSD Principals and Administrators were attending a PLC (Professional Learning Communities) Conference in San Diego so could not be at the Board meeting. He said it is probably one of the best conferences for educators in the country. There are break-out sessions Tuesday through Friday. He said that Mr. Petrone sent a text this morning and said the speaker was fantastic.

E. Curriculum Council Report – Kim Medeiros provided a report on meetings held by the GUSD Curriculum Council.

F. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones said he attended the recent OLM Festa as well as the bullfights on Monday night. He also participated in the District's Measure P Bond Oversight Committee meeting, which included the District's Architect Mitch McAllister. For Phase I, the focus is the high school locker rooms, science wing and general infrastructure. Mr. Morones said he attended the Excellence in Education awards celebration of our teachers and staff. He said he is disappointed that the Governor signed AB 30, the bill to ban the use of the Redskins mascot, but he is mostly disappointed that no one from the Governor's office contacted our District to see how we felt about it and what the impact would be for GUSD. He is waiting to see what kind of funding the District will receive from the state to make the required changes. The District will be convening a committee made up of students, staff, alumni, and community members to define and determine what the future mascot will be for Gustine High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

INFORMATION

A. Music Program (Band/Choir) at GHS and GMS – Postponed to the November Board meeting on November 12, 2015.

B. Food Service Report – Cyndi Cunha explained the process of ordering food and supplies for the cafeteria. The Board thanked her for taking on these additional responsibilities and said she is doing a great job.

C. CAASPP Test Scores – Kim Medeiros – Mrs. Medeiros provided a detailed report to the Board on the District's CAASPP scores.

D. LCAP Report – Kim Medeiros – Mrs. Medeiros gave an update on the most recent LCAP revisions.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Warrants – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the warrants, removing PV 160260 (to Mr. Longoria), seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the warrant #PV 160260, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0, with Mr. Longoria abstaining.
- B. Purchase of Read 180 Training for GMS – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the purchase of Read 180 Training for Gustine Middle School, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
- C. PLATO Curriculum Purchase for Pioneer High School – Mrs. Hellner explained that PLATO is a more rigorous curriculum than APEX and students are more engaged and interactive and this coordinates with CAASP testing. It is also more cost-effective than APEX because it has unlimited licenses and is a better program. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the PLATO curriculum purchase for PHS, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.
- D. Bus Maintenance Contract – Mrs. Pometta advised that there is a slight increase in the hourly rate for bus maintenance and for monthly storage. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Bus Maintenance Contract for 2015/16, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.
- E. Measure P Bond Audit Proposal – Mr. Morones explained that the audit services will be provided by our current District auditors for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years. Most of the work for the bond audit will be conducted during the same time as the annual District financials audit, helping to streamline the process. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the contract with Christy White & Associates to perform the Measure P Bond Audit, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
- F. District Bulk Copy Paper Purchase – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the District bulk copy paper purchase, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Regular Board Meeting, November 12, 2015, 6:00 Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session
B. CSBA Annual Education Conference, December 2-5, 2015, San Diego
C. Board Bylaws Workshop – January

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Linetta Borrelli, Clerk
