

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 13, 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 7:00 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

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Rocha said that Item C, Superintendent Search – Board of Trustees to finalize hiring process, will be moved to the Information Section as Item C. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Student Report – Simran Kaur introduced Meg Abdallah who will serve as the ASB Student Representative to the Board for the 2015/16 school year. Simran then presented her report to the Board on activities at Gustine High School. Board President Pat Rocha acknowledged Simran Kaur and thanked her for serving as the ASB Board Representative for the past two years and gave her a card and gift certificate as a token of appreciation. Dr. Estes also thanked Simran for her hard work and dedication and wished her the best as she starts college in the fall.

B. Board Reports – Mr. Longoria thanked all involved in putting on the Merced County School Board Association dinner held at Gustine Middle School on April 29th. It was a nice event and he appreciated the GHS/GMS students who helped serve and clean up – they did a great job. He attended the Romero open house and science fair and said he particularly enjoyed seeing the U.S. flag made out of stone (done by Louis Estacio, Maintenance/Custodian at RES). He enjoyed visiting with the teachers and said there's a lot of good things happening there. Mr. Longoria congratulated the high school for receiving the AVID Highly Certified Site award. He also stated his disappointment over the passage of AB 30, the Redskins Mascot Act. He congratulated Sheldon Silva for her Supreme Champion Lamb at the May Day Fair. Mrs. Rose thanked the donors and congratulated all district schools on their achievements. She attended the GHS Drama Club performance, the Coffee Break Meeting at GES. She said the Merced County School Board Association dinner was fantastic and she thanked everyone who helped make it a success. She attended retirement dinners and the Romero Open House. Mrs. Brinkman thought the MCSBA dinner was a great success. She also attended the GHS Senior

Awards night but was disappointed at the low attendance of that event. Mrs. Rocha attended the GHS Drama Club performance of "Once Upon a Time." She attended the MCSBA dinner and said Mrs. Rose did a wonderful job of putting it together, as evidenced by the nice note from MCOE Assistant Superintendent Kathy Pon who said it was a wonderful event, setting the bar high for other districts hosting future events. She attended the GUSTO scholarship night and, along with other board members, attended Nancy Lackey's retirement party. Mrs. Rose also attended the Romero Open House.

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

D. Superintendent Report – Dr. Estes presented his summary of activities and meetings completed on behalf of the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

INFORMATION

A. Summer School – Dr. Estes stated that the District is looking for a summer school principal and has begun the recruitment process for teachers and students. He said we are also searching for a Special Ed teacher/resource specialist to teach this summer. The S.W.E.E.T. (student enrichment) class is filled.

B. Construction Priority and Timelines – Dr. Estes provided information in the board packet but advised that the Board would be interviewing five firms. The Board will make the selection and then that contractor will be working with the architect firm so we can get started with our design team for the Measure P Projects.

C. Superintendent Search – Mrs. Rocha indicated that there was a suggestion that the Superintendent Search Interview Panel be expanded to include more than just Board members. She said when we hired McPherson Jacobson, we went through the entire process and what was formulated was the fact that there would be stakeholders and those stakeholders would have a meeting with Dr. Helms to present the criteria they would like to see in a Superintendent. Dr. Helms held the meetings and went through the process, but only two parents, five teachers, one classified employee and three administrators attended the meetings. That was the opportunity to have input from all stakeholders and they did take the suggestions from those meetings into consideration. The Superintendent interview process is a confidential, Closed Session item, and the Board is bound by the Brown Act regarding that process.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Warrants – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.
- B. fB2 Proposal for Services on Facility Projects – Dr. Estes recommended that the Board retain fB2 Full Business Solutions to provide various services on upcoming facility projects and issues, especially as it relates to the Measure P project management, property purchases, DSA closeout issues, Deferred Maintenance Projects, Prop 39 Energy Savings project implementation. Compensation would be based on a not-to-exceed figure estimated at \$15,000 from March 1, 2015 through June 31, 2015 and on an hourly basis thereafter. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the proposal for services from fB2, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
- C. GMS Graduation Policy Revision – Dr. Estes said that promotion requirements from 8th grade to 9th grade were recently reviewed and GUD administrators felt a higher academic expectation for students is necessary to increase the rigor of middle school curriculum. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Second Reading of BP 6146.5, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
- D. Bus Purchase – Revision from previous discussion – In an effort to clarify information presented in the previous board meeting, the District was able to piggyback (Public Contract Code 20118) from the Bus West proposal that was awarded by Hemet Unified School District from bid number 2014/15-22814 on April 10, 2014, expires on June 30, 2015, with a renewable five-year term. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the bus purchase, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
- E. Acceleration/Promotion Board Policy, BP 5123, First Reading – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the First Reading of Board Policy 5123, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.
- F. Trimester Report Cards – Kim Medeiros presented information from the recently formed Elementary Report Card Committee. The committee recommended that the District move to a trimester grading period for grades TK-5 for the 2015/16 school year. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the proposal to move to Trimester Report Cards for grades TK through 5, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.
- G. School Attendance Review Board – RES Principal Lisa Filippini presented a report from Deputy Sheriff Brian Miller, School Resource Officer for Romero Elementary, in which he has suggested changes and updates to District SARB policies and procedures. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the new SARB policy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.
- H. Board Policy 5141.33, Head Lice, Second Reading – Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the Second Reading of BP 5141.33, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-1, with Mrs. Rocha voting no.

I. Updated District Organizational Chart – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the updated District Organizational Chart, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

J. Appoint Committee of Two Board Members to Hear Parent Appeal – Dr. Estes explained that the District's Volunteer Assistance Policy, AR 1240, states that if a parent appeals a fingerprint rejection, they may file for an appeal to the School Board. He suggested that the Board appoint two of its members to meet with the parent and then make a recommendation to the full Board for possible action. Members appointed to this panel are Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Borrelli. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the formation of the Panel and the recommended members, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

K. Bus Filter Replacement – Tabled to next board meeting.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Superintendent Candidate Interviews, May 18, 2015
- B. Special Meeting, Contractor Interviews, May 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, June 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
- D. Special Board Meeting, June 24, 2015, Budget/LCAP Adoption, 5:00 p.m.
- E. Special Meeting, May 27, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
- F. No July Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Linetta Borrelli, Clerk
