

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



Parker from the Fresno Grizzlies made a stop at Webster to kick off the Wild About Reading program. Students who read 10 books in 5 weeks will receive 2 tickets to a Grizzly Game on Sunday, May 22nd, 2011.

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 93636
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

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MINUTES

4:30 PM

A. OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Toole at 4:35 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. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

C. CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to a conference room for closed session to discuss the following:

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
2. Certificated Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
3. Classified Personnel: Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code: 54957)
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code: §54957.6).
Agency designated representatives: Superintendent Sarah Koligian, Employee Organizations: CSEA & GVTA

6:00 PM

- D.** The Board **RECONVENED** from Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. and reported the following action taken:
The Board took action authorizing the District Superintendent to notify four Principals, one High School Learning Director, one Elementary Vice Principal and one Director of Educational Options/Special Education of their possible reassignments for the 2011/2012 school year by the following roll call vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
- 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.** **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**
The Board stated the Facilities Public Hearing scheduled for March 14, 2011 has been postponed to March 28, 2011 in order to concentrate on budget issues.
- H.** **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no public comments.
- I.** **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 1. The Board and Superintendent will participate in a Charter School Workshop.**
Superintendent Koligian introduced Ms. Maiya Yang and Ms. Linda Bacon who provided an overview of the charter petition process. The presentation provided by Ms. Yang and Ms. Bacon included information on facilities, teacher's credentialing, API scores, district oversight and district liabilities. They also suggested the Board of Trustees review their policy on Charter Schools to ensure it is current.
- Superintendent Koligian noted the Central Valley Charter Academy petition will return to the board for action on March 28th.
- 2. Receive budget update to include discussion regarding Resolution #2010-10 In the Matter of the Elimination and Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services for the 2011/2012 School Year.**
Superintendent Koligian noted the timeline for issuing preliminary notices to certificated staff was March 15, 2011. She further stated the District is trying to close a \$720,000.00 gap for the 2011/2012 school year and this resolution is not the only avenue of reductions being proposed.
- Mr. Monreal updated the Board, staff and community on the increased funding for Children's Hospital of Central California School and the pending confirmation regarding funding for mandatory expelled students through the Community Day Schools. The Board discussed the current encroachment on the community day school programs.
- Sean Tovsrud questioned the certificated salaries for Valley Teen Ranch and the budgeted supplies. Mr. Monreal stated Mr. Tovsrud could work with Ms. Fisher and Ms. Freeman to review the budgeted supplies and also noted the budgeted salaries include administrative support and benefits.

Mr. Monreal went thru a budget spreadsheet reflecting program and site budgets noting the high school is currently not encroaching due to reductions to that site in the past. He also stated there were District wide services such as the maintenance to the water treatment facility that are not included on the current spreadsheet.

Questions from the staff and community were as follows:

Can we run summer school as independent study? Mr. Alvarado stated due to the variety of subjects, it could be difficult to teach.

Can the middle school students move back to the elementary schools? Mr. Alvarado stated due to credentialing, it would make more sense to move them to the high school. The challenges of moving them to the high school would be keeping the student bodies separate and classroom space would need to be reviewed.

Candy Glover questioned the District's legal contracts and cell phones for administrators. Superintendent Koligian stated the District uses three legal vendors to ensure we are receiving services for the best price. She further noted each firm has different fees and are used by the District depending on what the legal issue is.

The Board and staff then discussed Tier III Flex spending and how the programs are funded. District staff noted approximately 87% of the budget is committed to salary and benefits so the assumption would be that approximately 87% of the Tier III Flex has gone to help offset salary and benefits.

Mr. Monreal stated Golden Valley has been deficated approximately \$6.3 million in the past 3 years and has still continued to run well with many sacrifices from all stakeholders.

Mr. Alvarado stated the District is in tough times and we need to stop allowing the tough times to tear down the morale in the District. He further noted Golden Valley is the number one school district in Madera County and number two in Fresno County and the District needs to remain resilient.

The Board noted that discussions about negotiations and top administrative contracts were taking place in closed session. The Board also discussed how facility funds have been used and that they cannot be used for general funded staff or programs.

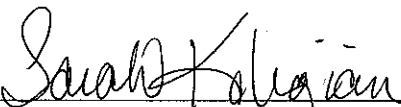
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

The Board **RECONVENED** and report no action taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

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