

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 10, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2023. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m. by Board President, Kevin Bloom. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at approximately 7:04 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kevin Bloom, Board President, Mr. Kevin Cordeiro, Mr. Zachery Ramos, Mr. Gary Silva, and Mrs. Loretta Rose. Student Board Member Mr. Alejandro Maldonado Limon was present during Open session.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, regarding Student Discipline Case NO. 2022-23-01, the Board voted unanimously voted to reinstate this student for the 23-24 school year. The roll call vote was as follows: 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstained.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Student ASB Reports** – RES Student ASB Representative, Eliab Zavala, presented the report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Romero Elementary School.

GHS Student ASB Representative, Grant Hazan, presented the report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine High School.

- B. **Alejandro Maldonado Limon Board Report** - Student Board Member gave his report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine High School.

- C. **Board Reports** – Mr. Silva stated that he attended the Shell Beach Conference which was very educational. He also attended the PLTI graduation. It was very well attended and very well presented. He congratulated the participants.

Mrs. Rose said she also attended the Shell Beach Conference. Reminded every about the Community Resource Fair on May 11, 2023, from 5-8 pm.

Mr. Ramos stated that he too attended the Shell Beach Conference. He will also be attending the CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting in Sacramento. He's looking into getting more help for our area. For teacher appreciation week he thanked the teachers for all that they do. He

congratulated FFA and 4-H for participating in the May Day Fair. He also congratulated all the PLTI graduates.

Mr. Bloom congratulated all the PLTI graduates.

- D. Superintendent Report** – Dr. Ballenger stated that a lot is going on. We are finishing up with state testing. Spring sports are coming to an end. He attended the PLTI graduation. It's nice to see parents committed to learning how to better serve their children. He too attended the Shell Beach Conference. The Board is working on a new vision statement. He also attended the ACSA Administrative Assistant Dinner with a number of our administrators and administrative assistants. He also thanked all the teachers for all that they do.
- E. Attendance Report** – GES won the attendance award for having the highest percentage.
- F. Financial Report** – Mr. Rizvi went over the General Fund and Nutrition Services Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/REPORT

A. None

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Yadira – She's a parent of a GUSD student and said that the children's safety is important. Parents have heard about bullying happening on the buses. Students aren't reporting this because they are afraid of the repercussions. She is asking if cameras can be installed on the buses. Also, parents don't have money for gas to bring their students to school. What happens when students don't go to school? There won't be any money for the district.

Jacqueline – Not having transportation is affecting families in Santa Nella. She is asking the district to reinstate the 10 bus routes. Her students have been absent due to lack of district transportation and she doesn't have a car to bring them.

Rosario Hernandez – She needs to work. She depends on the district transportation services. This has impacted her emotionally. The cancelling of routes has caused her lots of stress. She doesn't have anyone to take her kids to school. She's asking the district to make the bus driver job more appealing. Drivers use Gustine as a stepping stone and leave for another job with a higher salary. She works in Gilroy and she misses a lot of work due to her kid's doctor appointments and having to miss work just to bring them to school will affect her economically.

Maria Salazar – When students are released early they are on the bus too long. Please hire more drivers. Please find a solution. Improve bus driver wages. What was the outcome of the transportation study? For a whole year, she drove her and other students to school every day. What if she got into an accident? She stopped because she didn't want that burden.

Anel Flores – She asked the district what happened to the \$300K that was to hire a private company to provide transportation and what was the outcome of the transportation survey that was sent to parents. They would like to know how the district came to the decision to purchase the vans. Why weren't the parents asked about purchasing the vans? She is asking the district to reinstate all the bus routes like in past years. To help families who live more than 10 miles from the schools. Parents want their kids to attend school.

Erica Martinez – She like all the other parents attending the board meeting is asking for more drivers. Dads work in the Bay area and moms don't drive so students are absent. They would also like all the routes to be reinstated. Students who live in Santa Nella should have first preference, not those who live 10 minutes away. Due to the long bus rides her students are very tired and students are getting behind on their education.

Patricia Ramos Anderson – She is very supportive of this community asking for safe quality on bussing to the schools but more importantly also the sustainability of bus drivers. Paying a living wage in order to maintain quality drivers because the district is becoming a training session for other companies. Basically, they get trained here and they move on. The district needs accessible transportation and also address the issue of gangs. Gangs that are coming from Gustine on the school bus. What's important is that buses need to be provided to this community because they don't have public transit. When there is a vacancy, appoint people from their community. They do not have representation from Santa Nella.

Alma – She also supports these parents.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Warrants** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to ratify the warrants, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

- B. **Board Policy Updates March 2023, Second Reading**
 1. Mrs. Rose made a motion to waive the reading of Board Policy Updates March 2023, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

 2. Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the Board Policy Updates March 2023, seconded by Mr. Maldonado Limon. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

- C. **Gustine High School - AP Testing Cost** – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Gustine High School payment for AP testing for the 2022-23 school year, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

- D. **Merced County SELPA MOU Transfer of ERMHS Funds From Member LEAS to SELPA** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Merced County SELPA MOU Transfer ERMHS Funds from Member LEAS to SELPA, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

- E. Gustine High School Course of Study Outlines Business Management Enterprises** – Mr. Maldonado Limon made a motion to approve the new courses and course of study outlines for Gustine High School, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- F. Gustine High School Victoria Murphy Consultation and Support for RSP, SDC, and General Ed Teachers** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the Gustine High School proposal for consultation and support provided by Victory Murphy, Board Certified Analyst, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- G. 2023 Maintenance Summer Project Budget Plan** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the 2023 Maintenance Summer Project Budget Plan, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- H. Gustine Central Kitchen - Hazmat Abatement Contractor** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the Gustine Central Kitchen- Hazmat Abatement Contractor, seconded by Mr. Maldonado Limon. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- I. Gustine High School - Music Equipment for Gustine High School** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Gustine High School - Music Equipment for Gustine High School, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- J. GHS Technology Purchase** – Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the GHS Technology Purchase, seconded by Mr. Maldonado Limon. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- K. 2023-24 MCOE Professional Development Math K-12** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the 2023-24 MCOE Professional Development Math K-12, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- L. 2023-24 MCOE Professional Development Science 6-12** – Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the 2023-24 MCOE Professional Development Science 6-12, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- M. 2023-24 MCOE Professional Development ERWC 9-12** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the 2023-24 MCOE Professional Development ERWC 9-12, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- N. Age of Learning Math and Reading Academy Purchase for TK/K** – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Age of Learning Math and Reading Academy Purchase for TK/K, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

- O. Curriculum Associates i-Ready Licenses and PD Purchase K-12** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Curriculum Associates i-Ready Licenses and PD Purchase K-12, seconded by Mr. Maldonado Limon. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- P. CSEA Sunshine Proposal to GUSD for 2023-2024 School Year, Public Hearing** - Mr. Bloom opened the Public Hearing at 8:38 p.m. regarding the CSEA Sunshine Proposal to GUSD for the 2023-2024 school year. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:39 p.m.
- Q. GUSD Sunshine Proposal to CSEA for 23-24 & 24-25 School Years, Public Hearing** - Mr. Bloom opened the Public Hearing at 8:39 p.m. regarding the GUSD Sunshine Proposal to CSEA for the 23-24 & 24-25 school year. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:40 p.m.
- R. 2023-2024 Revised School Year Calendar** – Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Revised School Year Calendar, seconded by Mr. Maldonado Limon. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Reg. Board Mtg. June 14, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m. @ DO (Public Hearing)
- B. Reg. Board Mtg. June 28, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m. @ DO (Budget Adoption)
- C. Future Agenda Items:
1. May 23, 2023 – GHS FFA Banquet
 2. GMS Graduation – June 1, 2023
 3. GHS & PHS Graduation – June 2, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. Student Representative left the meeting at this time.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:21 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Zachery Ramos, Clerk of the Board