

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 9, 2016**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. 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 7:07 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**

The Board took action to issue a notification of non-reelection to GUSD Certificated employee No. 953, No. 885, No. 965, No. 952, No. 951, and No. 915 pursuant to Education Code 44929.21, effective at the end of the 2015/16 school year and directed the Superintendent to send out the appropriate legal notices. The Roll Call vote was as follows: 4-aye, 1-absent, 0-no.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Morones noted that regarding Consent Agenda item A-1, Hire part-time Cafeteria Supervisor, it should be listed as "Temporary." Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 4-0.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Student Report – Meg Abdallah presented her report of activities at Gustine High School.

B. Board Reports – Mr. Longoria attended the quarterly meeting with City officials, along with Mr. Morones and Mrs. Brinkman. He attended the GHS Sports Awards Banquet and also attended Sujey Luna's scholarship signing at the District Office Board Room. He offered congratulations to Dr. Petrone and the GHS staff for performing well during the WASC mid-cycle visit.

Mrs. Rose attended the scholarship signing for Sujey Luna (Hugo's sister). She went to the MCOE Report on Our Schools and participated in Kid's Day which was a big success with proceeds sent to Valley Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Brinkman said she visited school sites with Superintendent Morones. She attended the Board/City meeting with Mr. Morones and Mr. Longoria and felt it was a very productive meeting.

Mrs. Rocha said she attended the Report on Our Schools event in Los Banos and also went to the GHS Winter Sports Banquet.

Mrs. Rose added she would like to acknowledge that Mrs. Alamo at GMS has received a one thousand dollar grant and Mrs. Whitfield at GHS received a \$1,500 grant, both from the Merced County School Boards Association.

C. Staff Reports – GES Principal Bill Parks said the Dairy Council gave a presentation at GES which included a cow and baby calf and he thanked Tawnya Coffee for organizing the event. He said they are beginning preparations for the upcoming state testing.

Mr. Bunch said basketball has ended, with the JV Boys finishing in second place. GMS held a Hollywood Premier Dance in honor of the Oscars – the Parents Club helped organize the event which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. He said the Science Fair will be during the Open House on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that, Mr. Bunch said they will have a parent outreach to review the No Bully Program. Mr. Bunch added that GMS sent four people to the CADA Conference in Reno which is the California Association of Director of Activities, because one of our areas for continued improvement has to do with ASB, our leadership and helping to expand our brand and culture at GMS. They came back with some very exciting information.

Dr. Petrone said that the GHS WASC mid-cycle visit was a success. He said they have their foundational plan that we're going to use for the next three years and gear up for the big six-year review. He said the Yosemite Nature Bridge trip was a great success and Mrs. Monahan and a couple of the students will be presenting something to you probably next Board meeting. Dr. Petrone thanked the teachers again for giving up their winter break to chaperone the students on this great learning experience.

Mrs. Filippini said the Read Across America at RES was a success. They participated in the Kids' Day fundraiser. Staff has met with Tom Woodard regarding the cafeteria and have taken a survey at RES to see what kids prefer. The results have brought about some changes which will be reflected in the menu in April. Love Romero day is March 26<sup>th</sup> with many activities planned including a silent auction and chili cook-off.

Russell Hazan advised that the Maintenance Department has been very busy with spring sports and getting fields ready and with so much rain there are a lot of weeds to take care of. He has had many meetings to attend in conjunction with the upcoming Measure P Phase I projects.

Cheryl Pometta indicated that the Transportation Department has been busy as well with spring sports and the upcoming scheduling for class trips.

D. Financial Report – Presented in the Board packet as part of the Second Interim Report.

E. Attendance Summary – Lizett Aguilar provided in the Board packet the GUSD Attendance Summary and Comparison which reflected a total average attendance district-wide of 94.97%, a slight drop from the previous month.

F. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones advised that the District has a COP of almost \$7 million that we have been making payments on since 2009 at \$515,000 a year. The COP was refinanced in 2007 and we are in a position at this time to refinance again at a lower interest rate. Bond Consultant Jon Isom strongly recommends that we refinance; over the next 20 years, the District would save over \$600,000. At the present time, it is under a variable interest rate that is going to climb to over 4 percent. However, we can get it locked in to a 3.5 percent rate. At the April Board meeting, the documents will be presented so that we can take advantage of this opportunity.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as adjusted with the addition of the designation that Item A-1 is a temporary position (part-time Cafeteria Supervisor at Romero Elementary), seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

Mr. Morones introduced Siobhan Hanna, the new Director of Special Education for the District. He also expressed appreciation to Barbara Azevedo who has been serving in that capacity as well as her Special Ed teaching position at Gustine High School.

### **INFORMATION**

A. LCAP Report – Kim Medeiros provided information to the Board on the LCAP.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Warrants – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

B. Measure P Bond Building Fund Audit Report – Michael Ash from the District's Audit firm of Christy White Associates, presented the Measure P Bond Building Fund Audit Report. Board approval is required in order to file the audit report with the state. Mrs. Rocha said she would like to see a breakdown of the overall money spent on specific projects. Mr. Ash said that he would include that additional information. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Measure P Bond Building Fund Audit Report, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

#### **C. E-Rate**

1. Approval of the E-Rate Proposals for WAN (wide area network) connections – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the E-Rate Proposals for the Wide Area Network, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.
2. Approval of the E-Rate Proposal from Telcion for data cabling -- Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the E-Rate Proposal from Telcion for data cabling, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.
3. Approval of the E-Rate Proposal from AMS.net for network equipment -- Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the E-Rate Proposal from AMS.net for network equipment, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

D. Second Interim Report – Lizett Aguilar presented the Second Interim Report to the Board. The Second Interim Report is an overview of the financial and budgetary status and describes the District's revenue and expenditures for three years. Mrs. Aguilar reported a favorable financial outlook for the next three years. Reserve levels are well above the 3% required and that deficit spending is eliminated in all three years. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Second Interim Report, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

E. CSBA Delegate Assembly Election – After a discussion, Mrs. Rose suggested that the Board not vote on the current Subregion 8-D candidate due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Longoria agreed. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to take no action on the CSBA Delegate Assembly Election, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

F. The Art and Science of Teaching, Professional Development Speaker Contract – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the contract for the Art and Science of Teaching Professional Development Speaker, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

G. Declaration of Surplus Equipment – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Declaration of Surplus Equipment as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

H. CSEA Sunshine Proposal to GUSD, Public Hearing – Mrs. Rocha opened the Public Hearing at 9:34. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:35.

I. GRTA Sunshine Proposal to GUSD, Public Hearing – Mrs. Rocha opened the Public Hearing at 9:36. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:37.

J. GMS Technology Purchase – Principal Michael Bunch requested Board approval for the purchase of 30 HP Chromebooks and one storage/charging cart. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the GMS Technology Purchase, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

K. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant – Mr. Morones said the Board needs to take action to approve the plan for the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant. Information regarding the grant has been previously presented by Kim Medeiros. Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent.

#### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. Regular Board Meeting, April 13, 6:00 p.m.
- B. MCSBA Spring Dinner, April 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m. in Winton
- C. GHS Logo
- D. Calendar Selection, 2016/17 and 2017/18

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 absent. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

#### **APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Crickett Brinkman, Clerk