

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 13, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 13, 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 7:15 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

Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Rocha said there would be a revision of the agenda: Consent Agenda, add Sarah Thommen as GHS Agriculture Teacher and Vincent Perez, GHS Health Teacher. Also, on Action Item F, GUSD Sunshine Proposal to GRTA, add that the proposals are for 2015/16 and 2016/17 school year. Mr. Morones said there is also an addition under Donations, Simpson Strongtie donation of wood, approximate value \$4,000. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. GHS Dell Scholars – Diana Andrade introduced Ariana Tovar and Olivia “Jenny” Nunez, GHS students who have been named National Dell Scholar recipients.

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

C. Board Reports – Mr. Longoria congratulated Jenny and Ariana for being named Dell Scholars. He thanked Mrs. Filippini for all of her efforts during the Love Romero Day. Mr. Longoria said he missed the GHS Stock Show but heard it went very well.

Mrs. Rose congratulated the Dell Scholars; she attended Love Romero Day as well as the GMS Open House. She attended the CSBA Legislative Action Day in Sacramento along with Mrs. Rocha and Superintendent Morones. They met with Senator Anthony Canella and Assemblyman Adam Gray.

Mrs. Borrelli congratulated Cindy Martin on her retirement and new endeavors. She congratulated the GHS students on receiving the Dell Scholarships and is pleased that our small school receives that recognition. She attended the GHS stock show. She said she remembers when the first barn was built for the school farm and now there are so many students who benefit from the expanded facility which has become something to be very proud of.

Mrs. Brinkman said she has been working with Bill keeping updated on different activities happening in the schools. She offered congratulations to the Dell Scholarship winners.

Mrs. Rocha congratulated the scholarship winners. She attended Legislative Action Day hosted by CSBA in Sacramento and met with Assemblyman Adam Gray and Senator Anthony Canella. She met with Adam Gray again at Pizza Factory during his visit to Gustine. She attended Love Romero Day and the GMS Open House. She mentioned that the Picker's Paradise Antique Store in Gustine is sponsoring a street fair where the Garden Club will be selling plants and other items and the proceeds from the sale is used for GUSTO and TOSCA scholarships. She encouraged everyone to attend and support local businesses. Mrs. Rocha congratulated the GES student winners of the MCOE Writing Festival.

D. Staff Reports – Mr. Bunch said that GMS held their Open House and Science Fair recently which was very well attended. He said GMS track is currently underway (boys and girls co-ed track). Students are getting ready for the spring music performance (date to be announced), and the 6th graders are currently attending 6th grade camp at Camp Green Meadows.

Dr. Petrone said GHS students are busy preparing for the end of the school year and the staff is already getting ready for graduation. Two GHS students were awarded Dell Scholarships. He said the school is eagerly awaiting the beginning of bond construction in a couple of months.

GES Principal Bill Parks said the Writing Festival was successful and Tracy Bedford has been facilitating this event for a number of years. He said there would be 16 students attending the May 2nd awards assembly and he is very proud of all involved in this project. He said last month GES hosted the Molly Bloom presentation by the Gallo group and he said they did a great job.

Siobhan Hannah, Special Education Director, said that in the eight days she has been in the District everyone has been very accommodating. She visited each school site and has met with the Principals and is doing everything possible to be prepared for next year.

RES Principal Lisa Filippini reported that the Love Romero Day was a great success. Over \$3,000 was raised for scholarships for GHS students (who attended RES and then continue on to graduate from GHS). Romero Games are scheduled for May 20th, and it is the 20th year for Romero Games. All schools who have ever participated over the years have been invited.

E. Attendance Summary – Lizett Aguilar provided in the Board packet the GUSD Attendance Summary and Comparison which reflects a different winner this month (Gustine Middle School) instead of Romero; however, there is a recount taking place and the results will be forthcoming.

G. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones announced that a District Reorganization is taking place for the 2016/17 school year. Effective June 30th of this year Lisa Filippini will begin her leadership at GES. The Principal position has been posted for Principal at RES. Mr. Morones said he and Mrs. Filippini met with the staff at RES and let them know the changes taking place. They also met with the staff at GES to let them know that Mrs. Filippini will assume the role of Principal there.

Mr. Morones said he attended Legislative Day with Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Rocha in Sacramento where they met with Senator Canella and representatives from Adam Gray's office. It was very educational and they also made some stops in other Capitol offices. He attended the Open House at GMS; Mr. Bunch and his team did an excellent job. He met with both GRTA and CSEA during the month, and both groups will be sunshining their proposals to the public later in the meeting. He attended the Love Romero Day on March 26th and said he was extremely impressed with the turnout. Mr. Morones advised that he visited classrooms at each school site; he attended a job fair at the San Joaquin County Office of Education which was very positive with 14 teacher candidates visiting their table.

Mr. Morones congratulated the two AVID students for receiving scholarships and said the District has an outstanding AVID program. Next year the District is extending the program at both elementary schools. He advised that on April 25th we are having a District-wide Professional Development for teachers and administrators, "The Art and Science of Teaching."

CONSENT AGENDA

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

INFORMATION

A. Measure P Update – Selection of type of classroom construction – Mitch McAllister said the Board asked him to look at modular versus site-built construction for the classroom buildings. He said that drawings and specifications were submitted last month to Meehlis and Saramark and CT Brayton. Bids received were from Meehlis Modular-\$5,057,000; Saramark was \$4,774,000; CT Brayton was \$4,463,000. Mr. McAllister advised that the site-built contractor is less expensive. He said, "Based on this, we're planning on moving ahead with the engineering based on a site-built classroom. In order to receive the state funding, we need to build the classrooms. There is a facilities bond that's on the ballot in November and we have positioned ourselves to receive matching funding pending the passage of that bond. I was at a meeting with Jack McConnell and the latest survey was the bond passing by over 64 percent. This is good news for us and all students in California."

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Craig Christiansen addressed the Board and said that two hundred high schools have team names that are Native American and asked why are we now putting up a fight. Now we're called the "Reds." He said at no point in the bill did it say that we have to get rid of the Indian moniker. He said he didn't think we should give up our symbol until the state makes us and that we shouldn't do it voluntarily.

GES Parent Laura Lopez asked to address the Board regarding a situation involving her status as a parent volunteer. She said her application had been denied. She presented a letter explaining the situation and asking the Board to reconsider her request to volunteer on campus.

Community member Sherri Marsigli said she wanted to talk about the Redskin issue and that everyone knows her position on it. She hoped that the Board would delay changing the mascot (as the bill allowed). She said a lot of people signed papers turned in to the District Office saying they wanted to keep the Chief. She said she personally has asked that we use the Block Letter G and call ourselves the Reds and hope that we can use the Chief on the gym floor. "We all know that this is wrong and it's a wrong lesson to these kids that you let this happen. We've already changed our name and the Block G can be your moniker or symbol and leave the Chief, and I wanted to make sure you got my vote."

Lourdes Uranday, Labor Relations representative for CSEA, addressed the Board and said she is looking forward to working with the District during negotiations this year.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rocha said that a separate vote would be taken on PV 060701 for Mrs. Rose. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the warrants, excluding PV 060701, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve PV 060701 (to Mrs. Rose), seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 4-0, 1 abstention (Mrs. Rose).

B. 2017 GUSD Lease for Refund of 2007 COP, Series A, Resolution #2015/16-12 – Mr. Morones said that at the last meeting he talked about the COPs and that Jon Isom advised that the District take advantage of current low interest rates to refinance the COPs. This action by the Board will save the District approximately \$620,000 over the next 30 years. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015/16-12, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Agreement for Special Counsel Services – Mr. Morones presented the Agreement for Special Counsel Services which is necessary to assist with the refunding of the Certificates of Participation 007 Series A, Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the agreement for Special Counsel Services, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. GHS Logo/Image Selection – Mr. Longoria said he liked the Block G as Dr. Petrone presented it and that it has been used for the past 80 years. Mrs. Brinkman also indicated her preference for the Block G logo. Mrs. Rose said she would also recommend staying with the Block G logo. Mrs. Rocha said she would like to stay with the Block G and would not change the style of it at all. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Block G as the GHS Logo, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. GHS Reds Mascot Selection – Mrs. Rocha suggested that this item be for discussion only. Dr. Petrone said he provided to the Board all of the suggestions for a mascot that were submitted to him. Mr. Longoria said that he felt we should stay with the mascot we have and that there are 84 other schools in California that have Native American Indians for a mascot. Mrs. Borrelli said she would not choose any of the suggestions as the mascot. Mrs. Rose said she wasn't happy with any of them either but she appreciates all of the work that went into people designing them and thanked Dr. Petrone for all of his efforts. GHS Student Representative Megan Abdallah suggested that we just use the Block G and "Reds" for now until we put an object to the name "Reds." Mr. Morones said that according to Counsel, we can keep the Redskin on our

campus until it deteriorates from wear and tear. Mrs. Rocha felt this item should be tabled for future consideration and down the road when it becomes necessary to change it, hopefully someone will come up with a mascot that is more accepted by everyone and we still have until 2019 according to the law. Mrs. Rose made a motion to table the Mascot Selection, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. GUSD Sunshine Proposal to GRTA, Public Hearing – Mrs. Rocha called the public hearing to order at 9:25. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:26 p.m.

G. GUSD Sunshine Proposal to CSEA, Public Hearing -- Mrs. Rocha opened the public hearing at 9:27. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:28 p.m.

H. Approval of GUSD 2016/17 and 2017/18 School Year Calendar – Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the 2016/17 and 2017/18 School Year Calendars as presented, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Maintenance Department Purchase – Turf Resurfacing Machine – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the purchase of a turf resurfacing machine for the Maintenance Department, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

J. Board Policy Updates, March 2016 – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Board Policy Updates for March 2016 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

K. Public Hearing, Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report (PEA), Machado Property – Mrs. Rocha opened the public hearing at 9:36 p.m. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 9:37 p.m.

L. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators – Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

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THE BOARD CONVENED THE MEETING OF THE GUSD FINANCING CORPORATION AT 9: 40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Rocha called the meeting to order at 9:40 p.m.

All Board members were present.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

AGENDA

Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

ACTION

A. Election of Officers for 2016 -- The new slate of officers for the GUSD Financing corporation was presented. Mr. Longoria made a motion to approve the officers, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Resolution #2015/16-13, Refunding of the 2007 COPs -- Mrs. Rocha introduced the Resolution. Mr. Longoria made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0. Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve Resolution #2015/16-13, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Resolution passed, 5-0.

Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Crickett Brinkman, Clerk