

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JANUARY 11, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. by Board President Crickett Brinkman. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at approximately 6:54 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Crickett Brinkman, Board President, Mrs. Loretta Rose, Mrs. Pat Rocha, Mrs. Linetta Borrelli and Mr. Kevin Cordeiro.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

A. Regarding Student Discipline Case #2016/17-05, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

B. Regarding Student Discipline Case #2016/17-07, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

**REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. West Side Health Care Task Force Poster & Essay Contest Winner, Supervisor Jim DeMartini – Stanislaus County Supervisor Jim DeMartini presented a calendar and a \$50.00 Gift Certificate to each the following students for winning the Art Contest. Kimberly Calzada, 1st grade Gustine Elementary; Destiny Antillon Mendoza, 1st grade Gustine Elementary; Isabel Delgado, 6th grade Gustine Middle School; Alejandra Castaneda Gonzalez, 6th grade Gustine Middle School; and Alondra Meza, 7th grade Gustine Middle School.

B. Student Report – Adriana Toste presented her report of activities at Gustine High School.

C. Staff Reports – GMS Principal, Mr. Bunch said that after returning from Winter Break it's been crunch time. Things have started moving very fast. Last week GMS hosted the Basketball Tournament and both JV and Varsity ended up finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Track try-outs will start in the beginning of February. They are getting ready for the Winter Formal Dance. Mrs. Hanshew,

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the new Assistant Principal at GMS has started working and she has already started to make a positive impact at the school site.

Dr. John Petrone, GHS Principal, stated that other than what is on his report he wanted to emphasize that next week is very big for them due to officially opening up the locker rooms. Next Monday is their Nature Bridge Trip to Yosemite and the following Saturday, January 21, he will be judging at the FFA Sectional Competition at Merced College.

RES Principal, Ms. Terry Souza, mentioned that they had Healthy Smiles on their campus. A Dentist checked every student in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. They have started their Pennies for Patients Campaign. Staff will be attending various workshops.

Mrs. Lisa Filippini, GES Principal, stated that they also attended the CPI training for Special Ed. They have the PLC Workshop with Tim Brown on January 24. They also had the opportunity to work with Kathy Niino who is the Program Specialist ELA/ELD at MCOE.

Mr. Adam Cano, GHS Assistant Principal, stated that Pioneer is going well. One student returned to GHS and they already had four or five students already finish. A lot of positive stuff is happening at GHS. Spring Sports start in three weeks.

Kim Medeiros stated that she has been attending LCAP Trainings. There are many new changes in the works. The templates and many of the metrics are changing. The metric is to measure the District's growth. Next month she is planning to give a mid-year LCAP update.

Mr. Peter Duenas, Assistant Principal at GES, stated that they have had meetings to organize their Safety Patrol.

Mr. Russell Hazan, Director of Maintenance, stated that during Winter Break, they moved two classrooms that were being used as temporary locker rooms at the high school and they replaced the carpet in them. They also replace some linoleum at RES. They have been trying to catch up on all the work orders due to trimming trees for a whole month. He stated that the two major issues he is having is at RES and GHS. RES is still having problem with the storm drain in front of the G Wing and at GHS everything moves so slow even with the pump at running 100%. The pipes are old and he is sure that there are holes in the ground in some spots. The rekeying of the GMS Campus was just finished so they no longer need to pay for overnight security.

Mrs. Siobhan Hanna, Director of Special Education, mentioned that they have a new Special Education Teacher at GES who is doing a wonderful job.

D. Financial Report - Lizett Aguilar presented the monthly financial report for December which reflected an ending cash balance of \$5,665,432.

E. Board Reports – Mrs. Rocha welcomed everyone back after the Holidays. She wished everyone a happy new year. Mrs. Rose reminded everyone that Kids Day 2017 on March 7. Mr. Morones sent out an email about this. March 30 will be the MCSBA Spring Dinner/County Meeting. The FFA Dinner/Dance will be on January 21. Mrs. Rocha asked the Board Members if they were attending the CTA Annual School Board Dinner on January 30. Not all Board Members are sure if they will be attending.

E. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones wished everyone a happy new year. He mentioned that he has been in contact with the former Mayor, Dennis Brazil, regarding his son being in a critical accident during the vacation. He is on a very good recovery. In addition to that, Sara Gomez, his secretary will be out for the next week and half because her husband is having emergency neck and back surgery tomorrow. Right before the break, Mr. Morones attended the Christmas Program at both GES and RES. The principals, the staff, and the kids did an amazing job. He reminded everyone about the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the following Wednesday at the high school. It is open to the public and will begin at 4:00 p.m. He is hoping everyone could attend. Regarding Measure P, he had a walk through last week. They are just putting some finishing touches on the locker room. Mr. Morones asked the Board President, Mrs. Brinkman, that they schedule a Board Study Session on Measure P in the next two or three weeks. He has been asked some very important questions regarding Measure P for instance what has been done, what they are doing, what they are going to be doing in terms of contractors, and the types of projects. They need to prioritize the list that meets the needs of the District. He will working with Mrs. Brinkman so they could get those things addressed out in the open during public session. Next, he asked the Board of ideas on how to improve all areas of the District and organization. Think about the Board Meetings, how can they put the focus on being more student centered? He suggested that at future Board Meetings that they have, on a rotating basis, presentations to the Board and the community be from a school site. Students and or staff will be doing a presentation about certain programs going on at their school site. In order to create time to do this during the Board Meetings he is willing to forgo all the oral presentations that the adults do since those reports are already included in the Board Packet. He thinks it would be more time effective to hear from the students and the great things they are doing at their sites. He knows that not everyone is able to see those great activities on a regular basis because of circumstances but now they will be able to see it at the regular Board Meetings. In addition to that, not requiring the site administrators to attend the Board Meetings unless there is something on the agenda that pertains to them. For example if they are there witnessing or observing a presentation from their school or there is something on the agenda that they need to talk about and discuss and get clarification from himself for the Board. Mr. Cordeiro personally feels that the Administration does not need to give an oral report because it is already included in the Board Packet. Mrs. Rocha has mixed feeling because she likes interacting with the Administrators and those that represent the schools. It gives her the opportunity to ask questions because she does not always get to go to the school sites as much as she would like. Mrs. Borrelli thinks that it is a lot to ask of Administrators and she feels sorry for them having to be at work early in the morning and then having to attend the Board Meeting until late at night. She likes the idea of each site attending the meeting and highlighting what the kids have been doing.

Mr. Morones clarified that the Administrators were more than welcome if they wanted to attend. It would be their option. Mrs. Rocha reminded everyone that she did mention in the past if an Administrator attended a meeting and felt he or she needed to leave for any reason the Board would not look down upon him or her. Mrs. Rose said that she enjoys seeing the Administrators at Board Meetings but she does sympathize with them. She would prefer that if there were a question on the agenda the Board Member would contact Mr. Morones and he could let that Administrator know that he/she needs to attend the meeting. Mrs. Brinkman mentioned that she personally didn't find it necessary for them to sit through a meeting unless they have additional information to report. She does love the presentations and thinks that highlighting a school site per meeting would be fantastic. Mr. Morones then clarified that he still expected District Staff to attend the Board Meetings. The Board unanimously agreed and this would begin at the February's Board Meeting. Mr. Morones will be creating a schedule on what site will be attending or presenting at the board meeting, including Adult Ed.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **INFORMATION**

A. PTA/Booster Clubs Insurance – The Board asked for specific insurance costs from each PTA/Booster Club but only two have responded. Mrs. Borrelli asked if it was possible to have one policy to cover all of the clubs to get a better price. Mr. Morones stated that it is illegal for the District to pay the insurance for the PTA/Booster Clubs. What would need to happen is the clubs would directly pay the premium fee and the District can reimburse them. If the Board agrees to reimburse some of the cost Mr. Cordeiro suggested setting a deadline for the clubs to submit their paperwork and if they miss the deadline then they would not be reimbursed.

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Robert Borba commented that he personally thinks that more people from the public would attend if some of the presentations were cut out. These meetings drag on too long and are boring. He said "You gotta shorten these meeting because we need to get more people from the public in here to make sure that this District is being ran the way it should be ran." He continued to say that he has concerns about the Measure P Fund. He pushed for the Bond but he has questions and wants answers.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rocha stated that when there is a warrant for one of the Board Members they usually recuse themselves from voting. The warrants are now mailed and sometimes even cashed before the Board has a meeting, so what if the Board decides not to pay a warrant? Mr. Luna reminded the Board that if that were the case then a letter would be sent stating that it was not approved and request a refund. 2 Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. 2015-2016 Audit Report - Michael from Christy White Associates – Michael is extremely sick with the flu and will not be able to attend to the meeting to present the audit report. Michael will be attending next month's meeting. Mrs. Aguilar, CBO, stated that there was one finding in an ASB Account that consisted of the timing of deposits, missing supporting documentation and signature. You can also see the District's response on what they've done since then to move forward and correct this to prevent these types of findings from happening again. Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Audit Report - Michael from Christy White Associates, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. Update Board Bylaws Policy 9240 (Board Development) – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the Update Board Bylaws Policy 9240 (Board Development) as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 5-0.

D. Update Board Bylaws Policy 3515.7 (Firearms on School Grounds) – Mr. Morones stated that this Board Policy has already been approved by the Board however the Board did not select one of options. Mrs. Rose feels that she would go with option 2 because it gives you the legal right to do it. If Option 1 is selected then you are already in the outs. Mrs. Brinkman stated that she personally isn't fond of guns. Mrs. Borrelli believes that because they are in such a rural area and have limited access to law enforcement that option 2 should be considered. She also believes that the language in Option 2 needs to be changed before making a decision if this is the route they are going to take. Mr. Jose Moran, community member, said that he is very concerned about this. The majority of law enforcement does not recommend it. He wants to inform the stakeholders to get a lot of input. The School District should be focused on educating. Mrs. Borrelli made a motion to table Update Board Bylaws Policy 3515.7 (Firearms on School Grounds), seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. 2017 Yosemite Nature Bridge Trip, GHS – Mr. Petrone mentioned that Mrs. Pometta contacted him and expressed her concern to transport the students to Yosemite due to the weather because the bus is required to have chains. At this time, she doesn't have a driver with experience driving with chains. VIA Transport has dates available but Dr. Petrone is still waiting for what the cost is going to be. Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve 2017 Yosemite Nature Bridge Trip, GHS, including the approval of the cost to transport, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. 2016-17 Non Bargaining Unit Support Staff Salary Schedule – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Non Bargaining Unit Support Staff Salary Schedule, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. Datapath Quote for GHS (Technology for Locker rooms) – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the Datapath Quote for GHS (Technology for Locker rooms), seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motioned carried 5-0.

**ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. A. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, January 18, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, February 8, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
- C. Mr. Morones wanted to remind everyone about the FFA Dinner/Dance on January 21.
- D. Mr. Morones will be working with Mrs. Brinkman to coordinate a study session for Measure P to address a few things.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Rocha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Loretta Rose, Clerk