

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 30, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE

The special meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 30, 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 6:02 p.m. by Board President Crickett Brinkman. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at approximately 7:02 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Crickett Brinkman, Board President, Mrs. Loretta Rose, Mrs. Pat Rocha, and Mr. Kevin Cordeiro. Trustee Area # 5 is vacant.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Regarding student discipline Case #2016-17-12, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

Regarding student discipline Case #2016-17-14, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

Regarding student discipline Case #2016-17-15, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

Regarding student discipline Case #2016-17-16, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA

None

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Morones reminded everyone about the graduation dates and times.

CONSENTG AGENDA

Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

INFORMATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. GES Requisition to AVID Center-SI Payment – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the GES Requisition to AVID Center-SI Payment, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. Appointment of Measure P Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Members – Mrs. Brinkman wanted to make sure that everyone is on the same page with this committee because she has been a little bit confused. The way it's being brought to them, it's an Advisory to the Board and not the Superintendent. If it were an advisory of the Superintendent then it would not be subject to the Brown Act, an agenda and open to the public and all those types of things. Therefore, she wanted to make sure that everyone is on the same page and understood that because she was under a different impression. Mr. Cordeiro stated that if it's an advisory committee for the Board Members then why is the Superintendent, the Maintenance Director, and CBO picking who's going to advise them. Mrs. Rocha had a different idea of how this was going to come into play and she wanted more people from the community. She questioned if it's two members only or is there district staff. Mrs. Brinkman stated that there is district staff, Lizett, Russell, Bill and the Facilities Consultant, which is to be determined, then staff recommends approving Jarrett Martin and Rich Ford then it was a question of a board member. Again, this is unclear information for herself. First, she thought it was an advisory just to the Superintendent. Then questions arose...Brown Act, not a Brown Act? What is it? What's happening, what is going on? She wanted the community members involved know that they must abide by the Brown Act. The Brown Act applies if it's advisory to the Board, whether or not there is a board member on it. Mrs. Rocha stated that she doesn't think the Brown Act is the top priority. The make of the Board will determine whether it is under the Brown Act but she doesn't think that's the biggest issue. Mrs. Brinkman replied that it is an issue because there was talk about being able to have multiple Board Members involved. Mrs. Rocha asked what are their duties. What are they actually going to perform? We have a Bond Committee; they have their guidelines and their duties that they are supposed to follow. Mr. Cordeiro mentioned that the way it was explained to him was they may not know or have that much knowledge about something. So they as a committee, the member who has more of that knowledge could just tell them. Mrs. Rocha thought that this would be more of community members who wanted to share their expertise or their opinions or have the extra research that the Board doesn't have. Mr. Cordeiro agreed that that is how he understood it. What are their perimeters, what are their guidelines? Mrs. Rocha would like to see something written down. This is a committee, are there some bylaws that they go by. This can't be just a free for all advisory committee. Mrs. Brinkman stated it will not, that's why it will be an advisory under the Board and it will have its requirements. Mrs. Rocha does believe a Board member should be in that committee. She doesn't see why the Chief Business Officer needs to be on this committee. You can ask a district employee any questions anytime. Mr. Morones stated that the purpose of the Measure P Advisory Hoc Committee is this; it's comprised of two community members, Rich and Jarrett, staff members and the purpose is to advise the Board of the next phase of Measure P and they are going to prioritize projects that are taking place across the District. He thinks that it's very critical that it has staff members on the committee. Then this is two different ways that she is seeing this, replied Mrs. Rocha. First, maybe something is not Measure P, maybe something is just an advisory and because of the knowledge the advisory committee has they can share. Now she is being told it's a Measure P. So that means, this committee only has the jurisdiction underneath the Measure P and if something else came on then that would not necessarily be using their services and expertise.

Mr. Cordeiro stated that he understood it was for the Bond only. Mr. Morones reminded everyone that under the definition of ad hoc, it is for a specific purpose and this is for Measure P. To prioritize projects and advise the Board on the next phase for Measure P. When he spoke to Jarrett, Rich and even Andrew, he said that the Board would take their recommendations very seriously for the next phase of Measure P. Mrs. Rose asked if Measure P already has its priorities set. Mr. Morones replies yes, but because of financial constraints the committee is going to prioritize those need based on our finances and make recommendations and advisement to the Board. Mrs. Rocha said that is totally different than what she thought the committee was going to do. She thought they were going to share their area of expertise as an advisory to the Board on items that show up on the agenda that they might need to have a little bit more knowledge on. She did not think that it had to do with the advisory of just Measure P. Mr. Morones shared that when the panel interviewed the candidates they were extremely pleased with the two members that they selected. Based on their expertise in certain areas they feel that it's a well balance committee that will represent the committee, be open and transparent with the community as well as with the Board. Mrs. Rocha agreed with Mrs. Rose, saying the priorities are already set so now this committee is going to come in, re-evaluate what's priority and what's important, and advise the Board on it. Mrs. Brinkman said that they aren't telling us what to do. They are recommending. They know where we are going and they will assess it and if they have a different recommendation or if they research something and they have a different opinion then they share that with us, maybe there is something we have or have not thought of. She is hoping that these would be in form of a workshop so that they can communicate and discuss these issues. They are very important. She wants to make sure everyone is on the same page. Obviously, we are never on the same page, and it is because we are not getting good information. Mrs. Rose stated that when this all started, they needed a committee so that they could be informed. Mrs. Brinkman stated that they had community members who had valid concerns. It's a helpful tool but us getting there is very difficult because we are all getting different information and that needs to stop. Mr. Cordeiro wanted an explanation of who came up with a panel who would be interviewing Board Members. Mr. Morones replied that it was himself who came up with that. Mr. Cordeiro feels it's highly inappropriate for staff to be interviewing Board Members. Mrs. Brinkman stated that if it was going to be an advisory committee of the Board then the Board should have been more informed of the process. Or, Mrs. Rocha chimed in, one of the Board Members or two, be part of the interview process. She thinks a Board Member should be on the committee this way they could hear what is being discussed and would share with the rest of the Board Members. Mr. Cordeiro recommends they table this item so they could get all the information needed. Mrs. Brinkman suggested they go with the recommendation that they approve the appointment of Measure P Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Members. Mr. Cordeiro mentioned that he doesn't have a problem approving the two community members but he questioned the district staff members. How are they on the committee, he asked. Who appointed them? Mr. Morones explained that he did because it's pertinent to have a well-balanced committee that has a Director of Maintenance and Operations as well as Lizett (CBO) for financial reasons. Mr. Cordeiro spoke to Mr. Morones saying that it's great that he thought of all that but he has Board Members here that should be part of this and he decided those things on his own and the Board finds out in the aftermath. Then there are issues like this. It makes them feel very foolish. Mrs. Rose stated that Mr. Morones wanted this committee because he doesn't have the time to go out and do all this stuff. Mr. Morones clarified that was for a Project Manager. Mrs. Rose said yes, you wanted him but also the locker

room took so much time from you that you needed others but yet you are bringing in the whole District Office to be at these meeting too. Mr. Morones replied that these meeting will not take that much time for the committee, he is talking about meeting once every two or three months as a committee to prioritize projects for the Bond. The one area that would be helping him as the Superintendent is hiring a Project Manager to manage projects.

Mr. Cordeiro stated that he approves of Rich and Jarrett but he isn't approving the way everything else is. He does not approve of the way that this has been set up because this is has not been brought to him; this has been told to him now how this committee is going to be working. If it were an advisement to the Superintendent then he wouldn't have that big of an issue with it but since it's an advisement to the Board then he feels they as Board Members should have been involved.

Dennis Brazil, 1080 Steele Ave, stated that it usually proper protocol for these meetings is to have two public members on them. It is not uncommon to have a Board Member be part of the Ad Hoc Committee but normally you wouldn't have your financial officer nor the Superintendent or your city manager be part of the Ad Hoc Committee. That committee would report to your Superintendent or the city manager whoever it is then they would bring that to the Board at a regular meeting on an agenda item. That's the proper protocol for that. Bring on a Board Member and replace one of the staff members or two of them. Just like on the Oversight Committee they bring Lizett in if she is doing a presentation on financials. If she is not then a lot of time she is not part of the actual meeting. That's usually an easy way to do it. He would just make the recommendation to add a Board Member, also recommends keeping Russell on it because he has a lot of insight about projects and how they work. He would definitely, no offense to the Superintendent, think that needs to be filled by another body. Somebody that's either in the community or another agency that's going to be more beneficial to it because they are going to bring you the same information out to the committee.

Sherri Marsigli, 820 North Avenue, said that sometimes when you're sitting here and listening to you guys you remember it differently and she does remember mostly the way Loretta said it because she is part of the Bond Oversight Committee. What happens is they see things after the fact. After they've been done. The intent was to have somebody as the projects were going along side by side with the construction guys or the architect or whomever, letting the Board know as things were going, what was going on as well as making recommendations. That's how she remembers it. It was specifically Measure P. It wasn't an on-going never-ending committee. It was Measure P and it was because they were seeing after the fact. So nothing was ever a surprise for you guys. It would be great if we got more people with expertise on the committee from the community. But, it was ok because all of a sudden, the architect was drawing pictures of nice, fancy new buildings and you guys hadn't even told him what to do yet. This is a really an important committee and she does think you need more community and less staff.

Jarrett Martin commented that since he has been the one who has been asking about this committee he will say what his intent and purpose was for it. It's a little bit of hodge podge of what you've all been saying. The purpose of this committee started when the architect said they are going to do this, this, this and this. Everyone was questioning what were they doing and saying that they never seen or heard about it. What process are they following here? The reason he proposed it as a technical committee was because of the twenty-minute discussion on how

they were going to find utilities at the high school because you have to map it and dig it up. Then, the proposal that was passed said that they are not going to dig it up. You just need somebody that has read it, understand the language of those CSA, or consultant service agreements. This is bad when it says that they will do the work, and then do a change order after the fact. The part that you are remembering is it being a technical committee but the primary task is for Measure P. He would like to see it not just focused on Measure P but he thinks that is going to be the main focus because there is a lot of work to do on it. It's not going to be a meeting two or three months for twenty minutes. It's going to be a significant amount of time. If somebody came up and asked about a technical thing, the Board would send it to the committee and have them look at it. It would be a case by case. It would be approved for Measure P but then if you need it for something else then they would discuss it. Instead of trying to go through this six-month process putting a committee together, you would already have a technical committee in place. Since this sound like you are going to table this item, he suggests that you schedule a workshop for the entire Board. Discuss how he and everyone else would like to move forward. Then you would have a better feeling on whether the committee should advise Mr. Morones or the Board and if there should be a Board Member on it. If you had that workshop, you can start to put the process together.

Andrew Bloom commented that the Board should reference the Board Policy 1220 it outlines how to do this.

Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to table Appointment of Measure P Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Members, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 4-0.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Regular Board Meeting, June 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
- B. Ad Hoc Workshop Meeting, June 15, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
- C. Special Board Meeting, June 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m. – LCAP & Budget Adoption

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:56 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rocha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Loretta Rose, Clerk