

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 10, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 10, 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 6:42 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board voted unanimously to reject claim #170047.

Regarding student discipline Case #2016-17-13, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the decision of the Administrative Hearing Panel.

The Board unanimously approved a settlement agreement with certificated employee #163.

Also in closed session, the Board unanimously approved a settlement agreement with classified employee #158 in exchange for a resignation and a general release. The settlement provided the employee with pay until April 30, 2017 and benefits through May 31, 2017.

REVISION/ADOPTION/ORDERING OF AGENDA

Mr. Morones amended the agenda with the following changes: In Action Item A. Warrants - on page 3, pull A+ Plumbing #770424723. Also Action Item #D - Superintendent's Contract Extension, it is an extension and the financial terms are to be determined by the School Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

B. School Site Presentation – RES – Mrs. Torres, Mrs. Fontes and Mrs. LaSalle and three students, Magdiel Zavala, Belinda Gonzalez, and Gabriel Cariglio, did their Power Hour Presentation.

C. Board Reports – Mrs. Rose attended the Shell Beach Conference. She presented RES with a Gift Basket. She also attended GUSTO & Senior Awards

Mrs. Borrelli is looking forward to graduations. She asked if it was possible to sync all the school sites activity calendars. Mrs. Aguilar mention that the District is looking into changing the website and that is one of the features.

Mrs. Rocha attended the GUSTO and it was very nice. There were an awful lot of student who professed their appreciation for the money. Romero had quite a few students who they were able to provide with scholarships.

Mrs. Brinkman – Since the last Board meeting she has reached out to Mr. Bloom to set up a meeting with herself, Mr. Morones, District’s attorney and his attorney to go over any other items that have been answered. They have communicated through email but nothing has been set. She is still waiting for his response. Again, she encourages his comments and anybody else comments from the public who has questions or concerns about items and issues that are happening with the District. She was able to visit RES to see all the science projects.

D. Financial Report – Mrs. Aguilar presented the monthly financial report for April. The District had a budget of \$22.7 million. Year to date it has spent \$16 million. It has encumbered \$2.9 million and reflected an ending cash balance of \$3,767,931 million, which is 16% of the budget. In the Deposits/Transfers Mrs. Rose questioned the amount deposited from MCSBA. Mrs. Aguilar is going to have to look into it.

E. Attendance Report – Mrs. Aguilar presented her GUSD Attendance Summary for Month 9. At the end of Month 9, it reflected a total average attendance district-wide of 94.70%. GMS had the highest attendance percentage for month 9 at 94.97%.

F. Superintendent Report – Mr. Morones attended the Shell Beach Conference two weeks ago. Measure P update Russell, Lizett, and himself met with community members who expressed interest in being on the Advisory Hoc Committee. Jarrett Martin and Rich Ford were selected to be on that committee. Next week the panel will be meeting individually with Board Members who have expressed an interest as well. He attended the May Day Fair and GUSTO Awards. The District has initiated negotiations and will keep the Board apprised of how it’s going. He is looking forward to graduations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Food Service Renewal Agreement with Chartwells - Mr. Vince O’Rourke, Chartwells District Manager, presented his presentation to the Board. Cyndi Cunha will be the new Director of Dinning Services starting July 1, 2017.

County Classrooms – Special Ed Director, Siobhan Hanna, explained that our special education program is growing with the county. Recently the Merced County Office of Education, Special Education Division contacted her to talk about the fact that the number of students that they are serving in grades 6-12 in the severely handicap classes in Los Banos is growing. They are

actually running out of space in Los Banos. The request was that the District collaborate to provide a full continuum of services for the students here in Gustine including moderate-severe kids and mild-moderate kids. The County will open another classroom similar to the one that we currently have which is K-6th. This classroom will take those 6th grade students and include it with middle school and high school. There will be two classrooms. Our students will no longer have to be bussed to Los Banos to have those services provided to them. We will be able to do it all here. It will be County operated and they provide everything, all the services, all the furniture, everything that the student's needs with regards to their IEP. A benefit is the reduction of transportation costs and the elimination of bus round trip to Los Banos. MCOE will pay \$5,382.00 per classroom. The location will be at the old Middle School.

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

INFORMATION

None

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrants – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the warrants as amended, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Amendment to 2017 GHS Senior Contract for Graduation Caps – Mrs. Brinkman asked if it was necessary to keep bringing it to the Board. In Mr. Cano's opinion, he thinks it is necessary because it homes in the students in regards to that the Board is making the final decision and approving this process. Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the Amendment to 2017 GHS Senior Contract for Graduation Caps, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. 2017 GHS Overnight Senior Trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the 2017 GHS Overnight Senior Trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Superintendent's Contract Extension – Mr. Cordeiro requests that this item be tabled. He wants to see the evaluation that took place for him to be able to vote on it. He mentioned that the numbers do not match. Mrs. Brinkman asked counsel about this item. She stated that there is no reason to pull this item because this is coming from the evaluation that was previously done for Mr. Morones. He asked the Board to extend his contract for an additional year and the Board agreed to do so. It's actually not valid because it was done in closed session and in order to make that valid they need to bring to the Board and they need to vote on it. Unfortunately, it wasn't listed as an action item. It has nothing to do with the current evaluation process. It has to do with the evaluation that was done in the past, which with a good evaluation his contract would be extended. There isn't an illegal agreement. There is nothing that the Board did wrong. There was discussion, and yes at it reads he does not currently have an extended contract. They are just

validating what they said they would do. The attorney present, Bryce Chastain, stated that what is reflected in Minutes of that meeting is that the Board met and did their evaluation and decided to approve the agreement. If that had been done in closed session only then it would be an issue but it was reported out into open session. So it was sunshined appropriately at the time. He continued to state that all contracts of employment of superintendents have to be ratified in open public session but in any substantial sense that was done. Nonetheless, a recommendation is to go ahead and take a vote. There was no question brought at the time or for some time afterwards. As a further formality, it would be prudent for the Board to do. Mrs. Rocha questioned if the amount shown. Mrs. Brinkman commented that this is the Superintendent's Contract Extension it says nothing about wages. Wages is in the actual contract that was already signed on 2015. This is just a formality to approve the extension. The amount was put on there by staff just as back up information. It was amended in the beginning of the meeting to TBD because it is all based off performance. Mr. Bryce Chastain clarified that this is a formality because this was reported out into open session there is nothing invalid about the contract extension. Mrs. Brinkman stated that there shouldn't be any figures on it. It should be only the extension without figures. Since the actual signed copy of the extension wasn't included in the packet the Board decided to table this item.

Dennis Brazil, 1080 Steele Ave. - It's pretty apparent that nobody seems to know what's going on with this contract. Your front page, right here, states that your salary is step 5 and it shows the benefits, right here on page 1. And you are all sitting up there right now questioning whether it's included or not. Did anybody even read this packet? You did? Well it's pretty evident that you don't know what is going on. On page 2, where it shows salary, it says right here in plain English, it shall increase, shall increase at that time and that date. Doesn't say anything else about anything other than that is the salary that's going to increase. Legal counsel, you're telling everybody including this Board and the public right now that that doesn't pertain to this. Why is that language in this document? You're only approving his extension but you have the legal verbiage of his increase in 2018, July of 2018. Not only does this need to be pulled, this needs to be reviewed. You guys are not being transparent with the public. Otherwise this would not be the conduct of this Board and this District. I was the Mayor for six years. I would be embarrassed to put a memo out like this for the public to read. You guys all should be embarrassed of yourselves. It's pivotal that your elected officials standing here representing this District and this staff and Mr. Morones you are part of this too. I'm embarrassed for all of you. Crickett, I thought better of you as the President to pay attention of what's going on in this District. You called this a witch-hunt a few weeks ago. There no witch-hunt here. This is about doing business right. One time and one time only. You have failed to do that. Kevin you are the only person that I see on this Board that has the guts to stand up and do what's right and I applaud you for that. But you guys need to do your job and get this right. This is the beginning of the ice berg, there are so many things wrong with this District right now starting with the Bond Measure. I sit on that oversite committee and you know the issues and you are trying to cover them up. Over my dead body. We are going to expose every single one of them. Either you are going to get it right or we are going to bring it all to the table through the District Attorney, through the Grand Jury, and through the FBI and I have contacted all of them already. So that you guys let us know what you want to do cuz that's where we stand as a buffer. Thank you.

Mrs. Brinkman made a motion to table the Superintendent's Contract Extension, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Motion carried, 5-0.

E. GHS 21st Century Room Laptop Purchase – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve GHS 21st Century Room Laptop Purchase, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. Summer Project Budget – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the Summer Project Budget, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Update Board ByLaws December 2016 Checklist Special Release – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Update Board ByLaws December 2016 Checklist Special Release, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. GES Requisition to AVID Center-SI Payment – Mr. Morones stated that we are having a District wide AVID District Program. We are accepting the AVID Program to both fourth and fifth grade at GES and RES and our teachers that will be involved along with Diana are attending a conference this summer. Mrs. Rocha asked if there was any reason why the backup wasn't attached. Mrs. Andrade spoke saying that she was under the impression that this item was the AVID Contract they were going to be approving for all sites. Mr. Morones suggested they table it and bring it back at the next Board meeting. Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to table the GES Requisition to AVID Center-SI Payment, seconded by Mrs. Brinkman. Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Brandman University Supervised Internship Agreement – 1. Multiple Subject; 2. Single Subject; 3. Psychology; 4. Special Education - Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the Brandman University Supervised Internship Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0.

J. GHS Football Helmet Purchase – Mrs. Rocha made a motion to approve the GHS Football Helmet Purchase, seconded by Mrs. Borrelli. Motion carried 5-0.

ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Special Board Meeting, May 30, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

B. Regular Board Meeting, June 14, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

C. Special Board Meeting, June 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m. – LCAP & Budget Adoption

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rocha. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Loretta Rose, Clerk