



GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board of Trustees

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Richard Mayer, Clerk
Yvonne DeGraw, Member
Susan Epstein, Member

**GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2013**

1. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

- a. Call to Order
President Valerie Kushnerov called a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Union School District to order at 7:00 p.m., at the Jack Kramer Administration Center, 401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta. All members were present.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
Richard Mayer, Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Welcome of Guests
President Kushnerov welcomed guests to the meeting.
- d. Announcement of Recorded Meeting
President Kushnerov reminded the audience that the meeting was being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda for August 21, 2013 was approved as presented.

[Motion: Richard Mayer Second: Yvonne DeGraw Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 7, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

[Motion: Pam Kinsley Second: : Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

The Board of Trustees approved the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of item c., which was removed by Richard Mayer for discussion.

- a. Payment of Claims Report
- b. Routine Personnel Action Report
- d. Brandman University Supervised Fieldwork Agreement

[Motion: Pam Kinsley Second: : Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

The following Consent Item was removed for discussion and separate vote:

- c. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2013-2014 for the Santa Barbara County Induction Program

The Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2013-2014 for the Santa Barbara County Induction Program as presented.

[Motion: Richard Mayer Second: Yvonne DeGraw Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

6. ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed and took action on the following items:

- a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Goleta Valley Beautiful and Goleta Union School District Regarding Provision of Urban Forestry Services

The Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Goleta Valley Beautiful and Goleta Union School District Regarding Provision of Urban Forestry Services as presented.

[Motion: Pam Kinsley Second: Yvonne DeGraw Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

- b. Renewal of Lease Agreement with the Santa Barbara Montessori School for the El Rancho School Campus

The Board unanimously approved the Lease Agreement with the Santa Barbara Montessori School for the El Rancho School Campus as presented.

[Motion: Yvonne DeGraw Second: Richard Mayer Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items, announcements, and/or reports were presented for information and discussion only:

- a. Notice of September 18, 2013 Public Hearing Regarding Resolution 2013-13: Certification of Instructional Materials

A Public Hearing will be held at the September 18, 2013 Board meeting, for Resolution 2013-13: Certification of Instructional Materials.

- b. 2012-2013 Analysis of Suspension/Discipline Data

Assistant Superintendent Saleh gave an analysis to the Board of the suspensions that occurred during the 2012-2013 school year.

- c. Items for Future Agendas

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

William Banning, Superintendent:

- Progress is being made with the parent notification system. It was used for phone message reminding teachers about timelines for the Welcome Back event and emails to staff.
- The Welcome Back event on August 19th was well attended and received positive feedback.
- Class configurations are being developed based on enrollment in preparation for the start of school.
- Transfer letters for Program Improvement were mailed to families at El Camino and Isla Vista.

- The District's Safe Bus Riding Program, a training program for preschoolers and kindergarteners, will be presented at each school. The Board was invited to attend.
- Thirteen new teachers were hired.
- Google calendar is working well in the District. Invites to Board meetings and other events will be sent soon.

Ralph Pachter, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services:

- The District received the Preliminary Title Search for the Community Center.

Elizabeth DeVita, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services:

- The Instructional Services Department coordinated two successful staff development days, focused on English Language Arts and Common Core Standards for Mathematics

Donna Madrigal, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services:

- New teachers attended an orientation meeting on August 16th.

Margaret Saleh, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services:

- Special Education teachers attended training for the newly implemented Corrective Reading Program.
- The Special Services Department coordinated Mandated Reporter Training for employees who were not trained last spring.
- CPI trainers provided three days of training at the District Office. All instructional assistants will be trained before the start of school.
- Pivotal Response Training, in support of students with autism, will be provided for the preschool and speech staff.
- Open Houses will be held for parents of students with special needs on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Parents will be able to meet teachers for the Learning Tree Preschool and the new special education program at Mountain View School.
- Changes in the Head Lice Policy will be postponed until the spring to allow school nurses to track actual attendance exclusions related to both nits and live lice.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Pam Kinsley:

- Ms. Kinsley reported attending in-services for both Coherent Writing and Number Talks. She also commented that the Welcome Back event was great.

Yvonne DeGraw:

- Ms. DeGraw had conversations with several teachers after staff development activities indicating the activities helped them feel more prepared to teach to the Common Core Standards.

Susan Epstein:

- Ms. Epstein reported attending the Welcome Back Event and was pleased that both certificated and classified employees were included.
- She has been nominated for a Cox Conservation Award. Cox will hold an event in mid-September to announce award winners. Ms. Epstein has pledged any monetary award she may receive toward funding the gardens at GUSD schools.

Valerie Kushnerov:

- Mrs. Kushnerov commented that it was great to have all staff members, classified and certificated, participating at the Welcome Back event.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting -- Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Jack Kramer Administration Center Board Room
401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117
Consent, Action and Informational Agenda Deadline: 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 9, 2013

11. ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at 8:11 p.m. to discuss:
a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §54957)
Title: Superintendent

12. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board came out of closed session at 8:49 p.m. with nothing to report.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

[Motion: Pam Kinsley Second: Richard Mayer Time: 8:50 p.m.]



Richard Mayer, Clerk