



## GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Susan Epstein, Member

## GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 18, 2013

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### **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 Board Trustees 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 September 18, 2013 was approved as presented.

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

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The August 21, 2013 minutes were approved as amended.

[Motion: Susan Epstein Second: Richard Mayer Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **5. BOARD DISCUSSION-FOCUS ON DISTRICT VISION AND GOALS**

Superintendent Banning proposed a process and timeline to complete the review and revision of the District's Strategic Plan.

### **6. CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board of Trustees approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

- a. Payment of Claims
- b. Routine Personnel Action Report

[Motion: Richard Mayer Second: Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

The Board discussed and took action on the following items:

- a. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution 2013-13: Certification of Instructional Materials

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m. and closed at 7:32 p.m. with no comments.

The Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2013-13: Certification of Instructional Materials as presented.

[Motion: Pam Kinsley Second: Richard Mayer Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 ]

- b. Approval of Antioch University Santa Barbara Student Teaching Agreement

The Board unanimously approved Antioch University Santa Barbara Student Teaching Agreement as presented.

[Motion: Yvonne DeGraw Second: Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 ]

- c. Rejection of Claim for Property Damage

The Board unanimously approved the Rejection of Claim for Property Damage as presented.

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

- d. Adoption of Resolution 2013-14: The 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Gann Limit

The Board unanimously approved the Adoption of Resolution 2013-14: The 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Gann Limit as presented.

[Motion: Richard Mayer Second: Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 ]

- e. Approval of the 2012-2013 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statements

The Board unanimously approved the 2012-2013 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statements as presented.

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

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- a. Opening Week Report for the 2013-2014 School Year

Superintendent Banning lead a presentation with input from Assistant Superintendents regarding the opening week of 2013-2014 school year.

- b. Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) and Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) Report for 2012-2013

Assistant Superintendent DeVita reported to the Board the results from the STAR and AMAO for 2012-2013.

- c. First Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3311: Bids

Assistant Superintendent Pachter presented BP and AR 3311: Bids.

- d. First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 3542: School Bus Driver

Assistant Superintendent Pachter presented AR 3542: School Bus Driver.

- e. First Reading of Revised Board Policy 4212.42: Drug and Alcohol Testing for Classified Employees Required to Operate a Commercial Vehicle

Assistant Superintendent Madrigal presented BP 4212.42: Drug and Alcohol Testing for Classified Employees Required to Operate a Commercial Vehicle.

- f. Items for Future Agendas

## 9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

William Banning, Superintendent:

Mr. Banning attended a reception at the Fairview Farms hosted by Cox Cable. Susan Epstein was chosen as the Cox Conserves Hero and will receive \$5,000.00 and 20 hours of volunteer time from Cox employees for a charity of her choice. She has selected the Santa Barbara City College Center for Sustainability with the stipulation that all money and volunteer time be used in support of GUSD's school gardens.

Mr. Banning also:

- Attended a Welcome Back reception for Dr. Jane Conoley, Dean of Gervitz School of Education. She has reached out to GUSD and a meeting has been scheduled for next week to discuss collaboration between GUSD and UCSB.
- Met with Shawn Carey, Principal of Dos Pueblos High School to discuss mutual interests in promoting parent education programs.
- Met with Kevin Battle of United Way regarding the success of this summer's Fun In the Sun program at El Camino School.
- Attended the Goleta Education 4-Miler on September 15 and reported that it was very successful. He also recognized the work of Nancy Knight and her team of volunteers for an excellent job organizing and working the GEF 4-Miler and Fun Run.
- Reported that Michael Galvan, GUSD Adaptive PE Specialist, was awarded the County Extraordinary Educator Award from Down's Syndrome of Santa Barbara County.
- Invited Board members to join him in attending the October 10th regional meeting of Schools for Sound Finance in Montecito.
- Reported that Computers for Families distributed their 10,000th computer this year.
- Shared that Partners in Education is looking at ways to support summer programs for students throughout the South County.

Ralph Pachter, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services:

Mr. Pachter reported that Santa Barbara County is considering Proposition 90 which allows homeowners over the age of 55 to sell a home outside the county and transfer that home's tax base to a home purchased in Santa Barbara County. Mr. Pachter will draft a letter in opposition to this change, as it would negatively impact GUSD tax revenues.

Mr. Pachter also:

- Reported that half the Common Core money has been received from the state.
- Noted that the State is requiring a new report, "Local Control Accountability Plan", a detailed document requiring districts to demonstrate compliance with accountability measures of the Local Control Funding Formula.
- Reported that the District has purchased a small used bus at significant savings over the cost of a new vehicle.
- Shared that Food Service is now serving breakfast to about 800 students.

Elizabeth DeVita, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services:

Ms. DeVita commented on the outstanding parent attendance at an El Camino School ELAC meeting. Parent attendance at this meeting was expanded through a highly positive recognition program for many students who have demonstrated significant academic growth and achievement.

Ms. DeVita also:

- Reported on the first of four Response to Intervention trainings on 9/21 for three GUSD schools.
- Discussed staff development provided to GATE teachers by Joanna Lauer regarding Depth and Complexity with a focus on Language of the Discipline.
- Shared that Joanna Lauer will meet with upper grade teachers at Brandon and Ellwood to provide a refresher on Differentiated Instruction as part of a series of meetings throughout the District.

Donna Madrigal, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services:

Ms. Madrigal reported that staffing is almost complete. All specialists and certificated tutors including a Library Media Specialist at La Patera School have been hired. A few yard supervisors need to be hired and the process for selecting a school nurse and a secretary for Pupil Personnel and Special Services is nearing completion.

Ms. Madrigal also:

- Shared progress on an internal technology grant program for teachers within the District to apply for to support using technology for innovative and collaborative instructional initiatives.
- Reported that she is working to create a new Technology Committee with the goal of establishing a baseline of standards for the use of technology in the District.

## **10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Pam Kinsley:

Ms. Kinsley presided at the County CSBA Executive Board Meeting on September 5. On September 6 Ms. Kinsley attended the Tri County Education Coalition planning meeting and will attend the Governance Series "Common Core" at Santa Ynez High School on September 26.

Ms. Kinsley also attended a kindergarten bus safety training that Connie Every, from MOT, provides to all the kindergarten students on an annual basis.

Richard Mayer:

Dr. Mayer reported that he attended the Math PLT meeting and enjoyed it immensely.

Yvonne DeGraw:

Ms. DeGraw attended a few hours of the Math PLT meeting, which was very exciting and interesting.

Ms. DeGraw also:

- Participated in the District Advisory Committee meeting at Kellogg School and comment that it was a good kick off for the start of the year.
- Attended the GEF 4-Miler and Fun Run where she and Becky Banning, distributed water bottles to runners at the finish line.
- Attended a kindergarten bus safety training that Connie Every, from MOT, provides to all the kindergarten students on an annual basis.
- Met with Margie Yahyavi, the Santa Barbara Education Foundation Executive Director, regarding lessons learned from the summer school program they coordinated for SBUSD.

- Attended Kellogg School's first day Welcome Back Coffee, Back to School Night and GATE meeting.
- Enjoyed Goleta's first "Dam" Dinner held on the dam at Lake Los Carneros.
- Attended several meetings and events at Dos Pueblos High School including a meeting where they talked about parent education.
- Attended a meeting where Congresswoman Lois Capps spoke on status of pending legislation. Congresswoman Capps was not optimistic about the prospects regarding the efforts at reauthorization of "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

Susan Epstein:

Ms. Epstein attended the Dos Pueblos High School Parent Education Night and participated in the GEF 4-Miler and Fun Run.

Valerie Kushnerov:

Mrs. Kushnerov will be attending the Cyber Bullying Movie on October 6 at the Bacara and October 30 she will participate in Career Day at Goleta Valley Junior High. Mrs. Kushnerov invited the Board members to participate in both events.

Mrs. Kushnerov also reported participating in the GEF 4-Miler and Fun Run.

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE**

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 2, 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 23, 2013.

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** [Motion: Pam Kinsley Second: Richard Mayer Time: 9:25 p.m.]

  
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Richard Mayer, Clerk