



GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board of Trustees

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Yvonne DeGraw, Member

Susan Epstein, Member

**GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 20, 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.
- 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 November 20, 2013 was approved as presented.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 6, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. BOARD PRESENTATION – DOS PUEBLOS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Nicolas Dulawan, Community Programs Director and Leiha Dulawan, Business Director, reported to the Board regarding community programs at Dos Pueblos High School.

6. BOARD DISCUSSION – FOCUS ON DISTRICT VISION AND GOALS

Superintendent Banning continued discussion with the Board regarding the District's strategic plan.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

The Board of Trustees approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

- a. Payment of Claims Report
- b. Routine Personnel Action Report
- c. Approval of Supplemental Educational Services Provider Contract for the 2013-2014 School Year

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

8. ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed and took action on the following items:

- a. Gifts and Donations to the District

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

- b. Approval of Job Description and Salary Schedule for Occupational Therapist

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- a. Discussion of Goleta Union School District's School Year Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year
- b. Items for Future Agendas

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

William Banning, Superintendent:

Superintendent Banning reported he, along with Elizabeth DeVita, Donna Madrigal, Mary Kahn, Felicia Roggero and Jeremiah Johnson visited Solana Beach Unified School District (SBSD). They had an executive session with SBSD's Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Coordinator of Instructional Support and two teachers assigned as TOSA's serving around technology. They had a chance to visit three different schools to observe technology using iPads and also visited a dedicated Transitional Kindergarten program.

Mr. Banning also:

- Attended a reception in Supervisor Janet Wolf's office honoring student artwork from Brandon.
- Visited Transitional Kindergarten classes in Conejo Valley Union School District.
- Participated in UTPG/GUSD negotiations.
- Has scheduled meetings with each GEF board member to discuss the transition after Nancy Knight's resignation.
- Held a Q&A session at a Kellogg School PTA meeting.
- Attended a DAC meeting at Mountain View School.
- Presented at a meeting, sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), with David Cash and Dan Cooperman on November 14 where the topic was "State of Our Schools".
- Visited classrooms at Mountain View.
- Had a productive meeting with CSEA leadership.
- Had an opportunity to be part of a panel with six judges to select the Goleta Teen of the Year.
- Met with Partners in Education Executive Committee to discuss Computers for Families.
- Will be attending Goleta's Finest tomorrow night honoring Liz Barnitz as Educator of the Year.

Ralph Pachter, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services:

Assistant Superintendent Pachter reported that GUSD received confirmation from the State that the \$858,000 deferred payment for class size reduction not included in last years total will be a windfall for us.

Elizabeth DeVita, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services:

Assistant Superintendent DeVita updated the Board on activity regarding Transitional Kindergarten (TK). District representatives from the TK Advisory have visited several stand-alone TK classrooms in nearby districts. Additionally, a group of teachers, principals, and District administrators attended a two-day County professional development training.

Kindergarten teachers were surveyed regarding their experience with TK students in the classroom. Much information has been collected regarding Transitional Kindergarten. Ms. DeVita will bring back a report and recommendation to the Board for next year's TK Program when September, October and November birthdays will be included.

Donna Madrigal, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services:

- Thanked Superintendent Banning for a very informative and inspirational trip to Solana Beach.

II. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Susan Epstein reported:

- She will not be able to attend Goleta's Finest, as her daughter will be speaking at a Tech Conference in Los Angeles.
- Met with Dr. Jacqueline Reid from UCSB last week. She holds Teaching Fair workshops and presents curriculum based on UC research to meet the State's FAIR Education Act.

Yvonne DeGraw reported:

- Attendance at the District Advisory Committee meeting.

Pam Kinsley reported:

- Attendance at the County CSBA breakfast meeting in Buellton on November 7. CSBA will be organizing a special guest speaker who discusses how to sell yourself as a district. The title of the speech is "Tell Your Story".
- Attendance at the November 14 AAUW meeting. Superintendent Banning did an excellent job.
- Attendance at a dinner where the keynote speaker was former two-term governor of Michigan, Jennifer Granholm, speech was "Empowering Women".

Valerie Kushnerov reported:

- Attendance at the Girls Inc. luncheon.
- A meeting is scheduled next week with Joe Bruzzese and Julie Sorenson as a follow-up to the Bullying movie.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 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, December 2, 2013.

13. ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED

The Board adjourned into closed session at 9:33 p.m. with Superintendent William Banning and Assistant Superintendents Elizabeth DeVita, Donna Madrigal, Margaret Saleh and Ralph Pachter to discuss:

- a. Negotiations with United Teaching Profession of Goleta/CTA/NEA (Government Code §3540)
- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957)
Title: Certificated Employee

14. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:23 p.m. with nothing to report.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

[Motion: Richard Mayer Second: Pam Kinsley Time: 10:24 p.m.



Yvonne DeGraw, Clerk