



GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
William Banning, Superintendent

Board of Trustees
Pam Kinsley, President
Richard Mayer, Vice President
Yvonne DeGraw, Clerk
Susan Epstein, Member
Valerie Kushnerov, Member

**GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
December 11, 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 December 11, 2013 was approved as reordered.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 20, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. REORDERED

**ITEMS RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2014
(EDUCATION CODE §35143)**

- a. Election of President, Vice President and Clerk of the Board

President - Pam Kinsley

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

Vice President – Richard Mayer

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

Clerk – Yvonne DeGraw

[Motion: Valerie Kushnerov Second: Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

- b. Appointment of Board Member Representative and Alternate to the County Committee on School District Organization (Education Code §35023)

The Board appointed Susan Epstein as Board Member Representative and Richard Mayer as Alternate to the County Committee on School District Organization

[Motion: Yvonne DeGraw Second: Valerie Kushnerov Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

- c. Appointment of Board Secretary

The Board appointed Superintendent William Banning as the Board Secretary.

[Motion: Valerie Kushnerov Second: Yvonne DeGraw Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

- d. Selection of Board Representatives to Other District Committees

The Board members made their committee selections.

- e. Selection of Date and Time of Regular Scheduled Meetings of the Board of Trustees

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

6. REORDERED

BOARD DISCUSSION – FOCUS ON DISTRICT VISION AND GOALS

The Board continued to discuss language revisions to the Core Components of the District Strategic Plan.

7. 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: Valerie Kushnerov 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: Yvonne DeGraw Second: Valerie Kushnerov Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

- b. Approval of the 2013-2014 First Interim Financial Report

[Motion: Valerie Kushnerov Second: Susan Epstein Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0]

- c. Adoption of Resolution 2013-16: Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties

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

- d. Adoption of Resolution 2013-17: Authorization to Sign Contract with the California State Department of Education for State Preschool

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- a. Transitional Kindergarten Report for the 2014-2015 School Year
- b. First Reading of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0460: Local Control and Accountability Plan
- c. First Reading of Updates to Board Policy 0500: Accountability
- d. Items for Future Agendas

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

William Banning, Superintendent:

Superintendent Banning reported that he, along with Board members Yvonne DeGraw, Susan Epstein, Pam Kinsley and Richard Mayer, attended the California School Boards Association Conference in San Diego, December 3-7. There was a clear focus throughout the conference regarding the Common Core State Standards and Board Governance roles.

Mr. Banning also reported:

- Attendance at the Thanksgiving Feast at Hollister School.
- Attendance at Goleta's Finest where Liz Barnitz was honored as Educator of the Year.
- Meeting with local superintendents to plan the Classified Evaluation Workshops.
- Attended County Superintendent's meeting where David Plank, Executive Director of Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), from Stanford was the guest speaker.
- Completed day three of UTPG Negotiations.
- Attendance at Computers for Families Board meeting with Donna Madrigal.

Ralph Pachter, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services:

Mr. Pachter thanked Sharon Baird and all the kitchen employees for their hard work serving over 3,000 meals for the Thanksgiving feast. Mr. Pachter also thanked Margaret Saleh for personally covering the cost of all District Office staff members who enjoyed the Thanksgiving Feast together.

Elizabeth DeVita, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services:

Ms. DeVita reported:

- Math PLC meeting will be tomorrow.
- Held a Library Media Specialists meeting with Barbara Cronin Hershberg, ELA Tosa.
- Attendance at the ELA Accountability Institute Workshop. Received new information regarding ELA/ELD framework and ELD Standards.

Donna Madrigal, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services:

Ms. Madrigal reported:

- Over thirty GUSD teachers applied for technology grants. Final decisions will be made by Friday afternoon.
- This week-end representatives from six schools will be assembling over 100 baskets for GUSD families.

Dr. Margaret Saleh, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services and Pupil Personnel:

Dr. Saleh reported:

- Participating in a committee through SELPA to revise the county funding model to bring about more equity in the funding that comes to Special Education for the District.
- December 20th is the Learning Tree's Holiday Sing.
- She held two training sessions for the County Teacher Induction Program. The County has had Margaret to do two more sessions to include new Special Education Teachers and General Education Teachers across the county.
- Teachers participated in assistive technology training to increase their knowledge in technology for special education students and students with 504 Accommodation Plans.
- Continue to meet with UCSB regarding the efficacy study they are doing regarding the Corrective Reading Program.
- Working with Donna Madrigal and Mary Khan at Isla Vista exploring possibilities for the IV Autism program which handles our most severe autistic students and the possibility of expanding that program.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Valerie Kushnerov reported:

- Working with Joe Bruzzese and Julie Sorenson regarding what can be done community wide about bullying and not leaving all bullying intervention up to the schools.

Susan Epstein reported:

- Attendance at the CSBA Conference in San Diego.

Yvonne DeGraw reported:

- Attendance at the CSBA Conference in San Diego.
- Attendance at Goleta's Finest.
- At least five GUSD schools are participating in the Computer Science Education Week.

Richard Mayer reported:

- Attendance at the CSBA Conference in San Diego.

Pam Kinsley reported:

- Attendance at the CSBA Conference in San Diego including the Delegate Assembly.
- The Legal Alliance Annual Report was presented at the Delegate Assembly.
- Commented on the CSBA Keynote speaker who discussed the potential value of game design in education.
- Attendance at Goleta's Finest.
- Tomorrow she will attend the County CSBA breakfast meeting.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 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, January 6, 2014.

13. ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 8:56 p.m. with Superintendent 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)

14. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:23 p.m. with nothing to report.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

[Motion: Valerie Kushnerov Second: Richard Mayer Time: 9:24 p.m.]



Yvonne DeGraw, Clerk