



GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Donna Lewis, Superintendent

Board of Trustees
Carin Ezal, President
Richard Mayer, Vice President
Sholeh Jahangir, Clerk
Susan Epstein, Member
Luz Reyes-Martin, Member

August 15, 2018

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Jack Kramer Administration Center – Board Room
401 North Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Carin Ezal called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Union School District to order at 5:05 pm in Room 8.

- a. Roll Call – Present were board members Susan Epstein, Carin Ezal, Sholeh Jahangir, Richard Mayer, and Luz Reyes-Martin.
- b. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sholeh Jahangir, Clerk.
- c. Workshop for Charter School Petition.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

- a. Board President Carin Ezal continued the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Union School District to order at 7:07 p.m., at the Jack Kramer Administration Center, 401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta.
- b. President Ezal welcomed guests to the meeting and reminded the audience that the meeting was being recorded.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda for August 15, 2018 was approved with a motion by Susan Epstein and a second by Richard Mayer. Approved by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Salcido, the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools welcomed everyone to the 2018-2019 school year and thanked the cabinet and board members for their service and leadership to the students, staff and community. Additionally, she thanked the district for their support of Cold Springs School during their evacuations this past year.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION – FOCUS ON DISTRICT VISION AND GOALS

Dr. Lewis reviewed possible special study session topics with the board members for the 2018-2019 school year and shared the board agenda builder and the governance calendar.

6. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS-

- a. Facilities Update: Conrad L. Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services, briefed the board about ongoing facilities updating: summer pavement projects, solar planning, phone/fire alarm modernization and the water filling stations.
- b. Notice of Public Hearing: Mary Kahn, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, announced that the Public Hearing for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials will be held at the next board meeting on September 5, 2018.
- c. Quarterly Report on Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints. Dr. Saleh, Deputy Superintendent, Pupil Services, provided her report.

7. ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed and took action on the following items:

- a. Ratification of Lease Extension of El Rancho School by Waldorf School. Motion to approve the ratification was made by Richard Mayer and seconded by Luz Reyes-Martin. The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.
- b. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Westmont College's Education Department and Teacher Credentialing Program. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Westmont College was made by Luz Reyes-Martin and seconded by Sholeh Jahangir. The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.
- c. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Antioch University's Santa Barbara Masters of Arts in Education and Teacher Credentialing Programs. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Antioch University was made by Susan Epstein and seconded by Richard Mayer. The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.
- d. Adoption of Resolution 2018-15: Delegation of Governing Board Powers and Duties. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-15 was made by Susan Epstein and seconded by Sholeh Jahangir. The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.
- e. Approval of the Amendment to the SBCSELPA Joint Exercise Powers Agreement. Motion to approve the amendment was made by Susan Epstein and seconded by Richard Mayer. The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Routine Personnel Action Report
- b. Minutes for Regular Board Meeting, June 27, 2018
- c. Payment of Claims

Motion to approve the consent items was made by Luz Reyes-Martin and seconded by Sholeh Jahangir. The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Donna Lewis, Superintendent:

- Reviewed agenda topics for September 5, 2018 with the board.
- Visited the summer school programs and thought they were incredible.
- Reported that the Administrative Retreat was held at the Hill Carrillo Adobe, a historical building downtown, and the second day the retreat was held in the district boardroom. One of the highlights was the Domino team building activity.
- Shared that Human Resources held the new teacher orientation at the district office.
- Walked through every school campus over the summer to get a better look at facilities needs.
- Reported that the Welcome Back event was this morning where she introduced her First Day Ready Campaign.

Dr. Margaret Saleh, Deputy Superintendent, Pupil Services:

- Shared her excitement with the new changes on the preschool playground.
- Reported that the Special Education department has hired many instructional aides.
- Met with Peggy Grossman and she will be starting her mindfulness training pilot.
- Attended the CTE training for our therapy program.
- Reported that PE Specialists will have "heads up" concussion training.

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- Reported that all emergency supplies have been inventoried and replenished.
- Shared that the district will be providing feminine hygiene products in the upper grade girls restrooms.
- Shared that she, Deputy Valadez, and his team have been conducting Safety walk-throughs at each school with plans for a district disaster drill in November.
- Stated that we are sharing Prepare training with Santa Barbara Unified in September, with the National Association of School Psychologists for socio-emotional process to identify teens at risk and threat assessment.

Conrad Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services:

- Reported that his department is working on closing the books by August 31st.
- Attended the City of Goleta meeting about the Crossing Guards grant.
- Shared that his team is working on our Synergy implementation and the attendance portion to be certified with the state.
- Attended the first meeting of our County Oversight Committee and was nominated to be the school district representative.

David Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources:

- Reported that this is the most difficult time of the year for his department, interviewing and hiring for many positions.
- Conducted a new employee orientation with the teachers union.

Mary Kahn, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services:

- Reported that summer school intervention and enrichment are complete. She worked with teachers, leadership to collect data on successes with recommendations for future structure, learning focus and staff training.
- Rolled out the Synergy Student Information System. She is working with Maureen and Jeremiah training the district staff, school office staff and teachers.
- Shared that professional learning at the district included; new teacher and new to grade level teachers in-service on instructional materials, PLCs, Data literacy, ELD, a differentiated instruction refresher, Tech support, Synergy grade book/attendance and lunch count and guidebooks were revised by Summer Institute teachers.
- Set up support for new principals with mentorship pairings.
- Shared that @Afterschool has new leadership and provided training today with expanding staff and students served.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Luz Reyes-Martin:

- No report.

Susan Epstein:

- Thanked everyone for their efforts with the opening of the school year.

Sholeh Jahangir:

- Welcomed Mary Kahn.
- Shared her pride in GUSD.

Richard Mayer:

- Enjoyed the Welcome Back Event this morning.

Carin Ezal:

- Shared her excitement for the new school year with such a solid team.
- Signed up to volunteer at the Lemon Run.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.
Jack Kramer Administration Center Board Room
401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117

12. ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.

The Board met with Dr. Donna Lewis, Superintendent and Cabinet members, in a closed session to discuss the following:

- a. Negotiations (Government Code §54957.6)
- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code §54956.8)
Title: Waldorf Lease, 7421 Mirano Drive, Goleta
- c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code §54957)
- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54594.5)
Title: Superintendent

13. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 10:09 P.M.

The board reconvened with no report.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Mayer and seconded by Sholeh Jahangir.

The Motion passes by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0, Time: 10:10 pm


Sholeh Jahangir, Clerk