



GOLETA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dr. Donna Lewis, Superintendent

Board of Trustees

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

January 9, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Richard Mayer called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Union School District to order at 6:05 p.m., and adjourned to closed session in Room 8 of the Goleta Union School, 401 N. Fairview Avenue, Goleta.

2. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION / REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 6:55 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session with this report. As mentioned at our December regular Board meeting, on November 26, 2018, the District received a demand letter from an attorney representing Lindsay Rojas and Hector Mendez alleging that the District's at-large election system violated the California Voting Rights Act. In closed session, the Board approved by a unanimous 4-0 vote to adopt a Settlement Agreement regarding this matter. In exchange for release from any liability or any further legal action relating to the demand letter, the District agreed to transition to a by-trustee area election system in time for the Board's November 2022 election, and reimburse \$30,000 to the prospective plaintiffs pursuant to California Elections Code section 10010(f).

Motion to approve the settlement agreement was made by Sholeh Jahangir and seconded by Carin Ezal. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1. Board member Luz Reyes-Martin, was absent.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

- a. President Mayer welcomed guests to the meeting and reminded the audience that the meeting was being recorded
- b. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ellwood School Students.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda for January 9, 2019 was approved with a motion by Susan Epstein and a second by Luz Reyes-Martin. Approved by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheri Scott, President of UTPG, shared that El Camino teachers are in the audience and they've been busy implementing a new school-wide behavioral program resetting behavior with Dolphin Day. The teachers are very happy as they have just secured new art and music specialists.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Carin Ezal shared that she attended the Tri-County education panel on Charter Schools and the NGSS sub-committee meeting. Susan Epstein attended the Medical Benefits meeting in December, where they received reports and analysis on the tiered programs. Sholeh Jahangir attended the Annual Partners In Education luncheon. She was also a guest on the AHA radio show speaking of social-emotional well being in education. Rich Mayer attended the joint DAC/DELAC meeting. He shared that he was recently given the Psychologist Citizen award, a national award recognizing his public service as a school board member, from the American Psychological Association.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Routine Personnel Action Report
- b. Minutes for Regular Board Meeting, December 5, 2018
- c. Minutes for Special Board Meeting, December 20, 2018
- d. Third Reading and Approval of New Administrative Regulation 3350: Travel Expenses
- e. Payment of Claims

Motion to approve the consent items was made by Susan Epstein and seconded by Sholeh Jahangir. The Motion passed by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

8. ACTION ITEMS (REORDERED)

The Board discussed and took action on the following items:

- a. Adoption of Resolution 2019-01: Initiate a transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2022 Governing Board Election and Statement of Intent to Seek a Waiver of the Election Requirement from the State Board of Education. Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-01 was made by Sholeh Jahangir and seconded by Susan Epstein. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.
- b. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Audit Report. Conrad Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services, introduced Kelly Cavanaugh, Audit Manager, to present and explain the Audit Report. Motion to approve the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was made by Sholeh Jahangir and seconded by Luz Reyes-Martin. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Dashboard Presentation - Mary Kahn, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services shared an informative presentation of the new California Dashboard.
- b. Physical Fitness Test Report 2017-2018 School-Year. Mary Kahn, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services reviewed the Physical Fitness Test Report with the Board of Trustees.
- c. Facilities Update - Conrad Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services, shared that we received six proposals from Architecture firms for the Facilities Master Plan.
- d. 2018-2019 Budget Update: One-Time Discretionary Funds. Conrad Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services, reviewed the One-Time Discretionary Funds with the Board.
- e. Annual Review of District Governance Calendar. Dr. Donna Lewis, Superintendent, reviewed the District Governance Calendar with the Board.
- f. Review of Board Meeting Start Times. Dr. Donna Lewis, Superintendent, opened dialogue regarding board meeting start times and the possibility to start meetings earlier in the evenings.

8. ACTION ITEMS

The Board discussed and took action on the following items:

- c. Adoption of Resolution 2019-02: Statutory School Fees Report for 2017-2018. Conrad Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services, presented this resolution to the Board of Trustees. Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Sholeh Jahangir and seconded by Susan Epstein. The motion passed by a vote of Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Donna Lewis, Superintendent:

- Reviewed future board meeting topics.
- Appreciated the joint DAC/DELAC meeting with the focus on Cultural Proficiency.
- Enjoyed the Learning Tree Winter Sing before the holiday break.
- Congratulated Dr. Mary Kahn for her upcoming graduation with a Doctoral degree.
- Reminded the audience that schools and school district will be closed on January 21 to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Dr. Margaret Saleh, Deputy Superintendent, Pupil Services:

- Thanked Cabinet members for assisting as needed while she was on vacation.
- Shared that all sixth graders going to Goleta Valley Junior High had an opportunity to visit the school.
- Conducted a training session for district staff members on Privacy Rights.
- Announced that Victoria Meza, the Director of the Learning Tree, was chosen to represent GUSD for the Teacher of the Year.

Conrad Tedeschi, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services:

- Thanked the IT Department for all their work reconfiguring the boardroom technology.

David Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources:

- Announced that Savannah Cummings has replaced Allegra Perry in his department, now that Allegra has moved to Fiscal Services.

Mary Kahn, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services:

- Shared that the NGSS Pilot is ready to launch.
- Reported that CogAT testing will be starting soon.
- Stated that ELPAC examiners received training in preparing for ELPAC and SBAC testing.
- Explained that Kindergarten enrollment will be in mid-February with the new Synergy system.
- Stated that the Dual Language information was shared with Goleta Staff with an invitation to participate in a steering committee, and she has already heard from ten teachers who are interested.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

Special Meeting – Closed Session – Friday, January 11, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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11. ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:39 P.M.

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

- a. Negotiations with United Teaching Profession of Goleta/CTA/NEA, CSEA Goleta Valley, Chapter 311 and unrepresented employees. (Government Code §54957.6)
- b. Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal /Release
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code §54956.8)
Property: SELPA – 401 N. Fairview Avenue

~~Negotiating Parties: Goleta Union School District and SELPA~~

~~Under negotiation: Lease Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal /Release~~

- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54594.5)
Title: Superintendent

13. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 10:14 P.M.

The board reconvened with no report.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn 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, Time: 10:15 pm



Susan Epstein, Clerk