

**GRAVENSTEIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

October 9, 2013

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Pres. Wickland called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM, Members Weaver, Beck, Horn and President Wickland present
- II. **PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** Music Teacher Nick Pulley thanked the board for their support of the music program.
- III. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. **Approval of Agenda Order** Pres. Wickland moved to approve, Mem. Weaver seconded, 4-0 yes.
- B. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes 9-11-13**
- C. **Vendor Warrants**
- D. **Williams Quarter Report July 2013-September 2013**
- E. **Acknowledgement of resignation – Kelsey Erskine, 8 hours/day Instructional and Daycare Assistant**
- IV. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
- A. **Board Reports** Mem. Weaver mentioned that there is an email broadcast system called Nixle that is free and is used by many law enforcement agencies.
- Pres. Wickland reported that Members Beck and Horn attended a Smarter Balanced Workshop at SCOE with Supt. LaMarre last week.
- Mem. Beck attended a 5th grade field trip to Angel Island.
- B. **Superintendent Report**
1. **October Enrollment 2013-14** Mem. Beck asked Supt. LaMarre about the optimal size for each campus. Mem. Horn suggested that this topic should be included in a future agenda.
- Supt. LaMarre reported that the Director of the JPA was

2. **Transportation – to include billing for Social Services placement**

proposing to purchase land to construct a building that is not currently needed. This proposal was rejected. Supt. LaMarre is meeting with county council next week to discuss who is responsible for funding the transportation of students placed in Valley of the Moon.

3. **Staff Development/Common Core Update for 2013-14**

Supt. LaMarre reported on the current efforts to articulate the math curriculum between west county high schools and middle schools. Supt. LaMarre attended a meeting of West County Superintendents where she voiced that Gravenstein will continue to offer classes that meet the needs of their students and allow them to reach their potential. The West County High School District is working on their approach to Common Core math and whether they will continue to offer a traditional sequence or a new integrated approach.

4. **Smarter Balanced vs. STAR testing Update for 2013-14**

Supt. LaMarre reported that Language Arts and Math STAR testing has been suspended for the 2013-14 school year but 5th and 6th grade Science STAR tests will continue to be administered. A pilot version of the Smarter Balanced assessment will be taken. Students will only be assessed in Language Arts **or** Math.

5. **Special Ed Self-Review (SESR) parent meeting on October 9 at 9 AM**

Supt. LaMarre reported that the previous 2011 Special Ed Self-Review was just certified as complete, and the process has begun for another review.

6. **Parent Conferences on October 7**

Supt. LaMarre reported that parent conferences went very well at Gravenstein and that many teachers had nearly 100% of their parents/guardians attending conferences.

7. **Update on Jack Schreder & Associates**

Supt. LaMarre reported that there are not any new funds from the state available at this time.

Supt. LaMarre reported that Paige Dumont has committed to running activities during 3rd 4th and 5th grade lunch for 2-3 days per week. The cost for the school year should be approximately \$3,000. The board informally approved of this decision.

C. Hillcrest Report

Princ. Fichera reported on the impact of the federal government shutdown on the Yosemite field trips, parent conferences, the school musical and athletics.

D. GUTA Report

The feedback from teachers on the Common Core trainings has been very positive from teachers. GUTA will be using Survey Monkey to increase communication among their membership.

BUSINESS

- A. Gravenstein Modular and Track Project at Gravenstein School**
The blacktop at Gravenstein was damaged by contractors. The district is working to recover the costs to repair this damage. The contractor has not yet agreed to pay the total cost to repair the damage. The punch list is nearing completion for this project.

No action taken.
- B. Measure M Bond Project Update**
Architect Doug Hilberman presented drawings for the new science and music buildings at Hillcrest. The drawings will be submitted to DSA before the end of 2013.
- C. Gravenstein Charter Document Update**
No action taken.

Mem. Horn moved to table C and D to the November meeting, Pres. Wickland seconded, 4-0 yes.
- D. Hillcrest Charter Document Update**
- E. Memorandum of Understanding for E-Rate Services for District Telephone Charges Fiscal Year 2013-14**
Mem. Weaver moved to adopt, Mem. Beck seconded, 4-0 yes.
- F. Apple Press – GUSD Community Newsletter**
Mem. Horn presented a draft of the newsletter. A discussion was had about distributing the newsletter to the district and parents of students in the district.
- G. Technology Purchasing for 2013-14**
Supt. LaMarre reported that GSF has committed \$11,000 for new computers in the lab at Hillcrest. Supt. LaMarre indicated that she will be presenting the board with a technology purchase in the near future.

VI. POLICIES

- A. BP/AR 5341 Discipline-Suspension and Expulsion**
Supt. LaMarre has been working with legal counsel to develop a new policy.

Mem. Horn moved to table this item to November, Mem. Weaver seconded. Pres. Wickland requested that Supt. LaMarre ask legal counsel if there is any way to simplify the policy that is being worked on, 4-0 yes.

VII. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – November 13, 2013

Next Month's Agenda items: Superintendent Evaluation, School/Program Size, Grounds safety.

Also –

The Gravenstein Schools Foundation has proposed an updated

logo for Gravenstein. Supt. LaMarre showed an example of the new logo. The board informally approved the logo. Trade marking the logo will be on the next agenda

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS IN CLOSED SESSION

Mem. Horn moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:10 PM, Mem. Weaver seconded, 4-0 yes.

IX. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator, District – Mrs. LaMarre, Name of Organization – Gravenstein Union Teachers Association

B. Potential Litigation – per GC54956.9 (b)(3)(c)

C. Public Employee

- I. Hiring - 4 hour Probationary Admin Asst., District Office and 4 hour Probationary Daycare Director – Tonia Seidita
- II. Hiring - .72 FTE (5 hr. 45 min.) Probationary Classified Instructional/Daycare Assistant – Sue Frank
- III. Hiring - .66 FTE (5hr. 15 min.) Probationary Classified Instructional/Daycare Assistant – Marisa Olson
- IV. Hiring – 8 Hour Probationary Classified Custodian – Kevin Sposato
- V. Hiring – Temporary Walk-on-Coach 8th Grade Boys' Basketball – Evan Englar

D. Superintendent Evaluation

X. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Board reconvened to open session at 7:34 pm. Mem. Horn motioned, Pres. Wickland seconded. 4-0 yes.

Announce action taken in Closed

Hiring of Tonia Seidita, Sara Frank, Marisa Olson, and Kevin Sposato at the above listed number of hours or FTE was announced.

The hiring of Evan Englar as a temporary walk-on coach (pending the appropriate documentation completed and turned into the Business Office) was announced.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board adjourned at 7:35 pm. Mem. Horn motioned, Mem. Beck seconded. 4-0 yes.