

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

February 12, 2014

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Mem. Horn called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM, Members Weaver, Beck present, President Wickland and Clerk Zlotnick absent.
- II. **PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** No public comment.
- III. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. Approval of Agenda Order Mem. Horn moved to approve, Mem. Beck seconded, 3-0 yes.
- B. Approval of Minutes:
Regular Meeting Minutes
1-8-14 and Special Board
Meeting 1-22-14
- C. Vendor Warrants
- D. Accept Donation from
Margaret Szabo, Szabo Family
Trust in the amount of \$1,140
towards the purchase of a
wireless headset and handheld
microphone system for the
drama program.
- E. Accept Donation from
O'Reilly Media - \$1,327.51 for
Science, Technology and
Engineering (Project Make)
books
- IV. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**
- A. Board Reports Mem. Horn reported that he and Pres. Wickland had attended a workshop at SCOE.

B. Superintendent Report

Pres. Wickland arrived at 5:09 PM.

- 1. **February Enrollment 2013-14** There are three students starting at Gravenstein next week which will bring current district enrollment to 715.
- 2. **Open House for 2014-15 registration events** There are currently 93 applicants for the Gravenstein Kindergarten program. Supt. LaMarre and Princ. Fichera have been giving tours and meeting with prospective parents.
- 3. **Transportation** The JPA approved 13 new Special Education buses.
- 4. **Staff Development/Common Core Update for 2013-14** Supt. LaMarre presented a Common Core spending plan to the board. This plan will be voted on in a future board meeting.
Supt. LaMarre reported that the School Accountability Report Cards for Gravenstein and Hillcrest were posted prior to the February 1, 2014 deadline and includes photographs this year.
- 5. **GSF and MPF Updates**

C. Hillcrest Report

Principal Fichera reported on the new computer lab at Hillcrest, planning for the Common Core transition, athletics, the school dance and the spring musical.

D. GUTA Report

GUTA President Katrina Latham reported on the upcoming Common Core training.

V. BUSINESS

A. Measure M Bond Project Update

Architect Doug Hilberman reported that the plans for the Hillcrest building project have been accepted by DSA and the review process began on February 7, 2014. He is hopeful that the project will be on schedule to break ground in June. The current cost estimate for the project is approximately 2 million dollars.

No action taken.

B. Measure M Bond Committee Update

Supt. LaMarre reported that Arif Virji, Mike Bell, Steve Schwartz, and Eric Martin have confirmed their attendance for this meeting. Other members of this committee include Jack Atkins (taxpayers group) and Gary Bachelor. This group will be meeting on February 27, 2014.

No action taken.

C. Update on Wireless Internet Capability (WiFi) on the School Campuses

Mem. Beck presented information for a vendor who tests and reduces electromagnetic fields. She proposes that this vendor be hired as a consultant when the school installs wireless equipment.

Supt. LaMarre has a meeting arranged with a local networking vendor. She will report back to the board if the proposal from the wireless vendor exceeds her authorized spending limit.

The board discussed Supt. LaMarre utilizing the EMF consultant for three hours, if the installation of wireless equipment is below her spending limit and does not require board approval. At a previous meeting, the board directed Supt. LaMarre to proceed with increasing the wireless network infrastructure at both campuses with an emphasis on minimizing student exposure to EMF when possible.

No action taken.

D. Letter/Resolution from Twin Hills Union School District Requesting Support

Pres. Wickland spoke to the President of the Twin Hills District about this resolution today. The resolution would set limits on pesticide use in relation to schools. Pres. Wickland explained that the resolution is fairly conservative and reasonable on the spectrum of environmentalism. This resolution is being modeled after a resolution that is in place in San Bernardino. This resolution has been supported by West County Union High School District, Fort Ross, and one other. The resolution has been rejected by Dunham, Mark West and one other. Pres. Wickland suggests that the board support this. President Wickland moved to support the resolution, Member Horn seconded, 4-0 yes.

E. Memorandum of Understanding for E-Rate Services for District Telephone Charges Fiscal Year 2014-15

Member Weaver moved to adopt, Member Beck seconded, 4-0 yes.

F. 2013-14 Agreement – Sonoma County Schools Connect Consortium Telecommunications Services \$9,126

Member Weaver moved to adopt, Member Horn seconded, 4-0 yes.

G. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Summary report from the Superintendent's Advisory Committee

Supt. LaMarre reported that the District Site Council serves as the Superintendent's LCAP Advisory Committee and meets the stakeholder requirements for the committee. She reported what has occurred at committee meetings this school year. Supt. LaMarre reviewed the summary report that she shared with the advisory committee which includes the state priorities for LCAP. Supt. LaMarre has also been reporting on LCAP at staff meetings, and parent foundation meetings. The advisory committee also discussed the possibility of adopting Common Core aligned K-5 (and possibly 6-8) math text books for the 2014-15 school year.

No action taken.

H. Safety Plan 2014

The updated version of the Safety Plan includes references to newly adopted Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

Supt. LaMarre suggested that the new Safety Plan should be included in the purple Safety Protocol binder that hangs near the door in each classroom.

Member Horn moved to adopt, President Wickland seconded, 4-0 yes.

I. Staffing for 2014-15

Supt. LaMarre projects that there will be one less teaching position at Hillcrest for the 2014-15 school year because, without significant enrollment, there will be three sixth grade classes rather than the current four.

No action taken.

J. Technology Plan for 2014-15

No action taken.

K. 2013-14 Budget Update

Catrina Howatt reported on the LCFF. She also presented an update on the budget for 2013-14.

Member Horn moved to approve the Budget Update, President Wickland seconded, 4-0 yes.

VI. POLICIES

A. BP/AR 1330 Use of School Facilities

Member Horn moved to adopt the new BP and rescind the former BP with Option 2 selected on page 3, Member Weaver seconded, 4-0 yes.

Member Weaver moved to adopt the new AR and rescind the former AR, to include the Facilities Use and Hold Harmless Agreements from the former AR which will still be used, Member Beck seconded, 4-0 yes.

B. BP/AR 5145.7 Sexual Harassment (Students)

Member Horn moved to adopt the new BP and rescind the former BP, Member Weaver seconded, 4-0 yes.

Member Weaver moved to adopt the new AR and rescind the former AR, with item "5." on the final page changed to "Be referenced in the student handbook," Member Beck seconded, 4-0 yes.

VII. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – March 12, 2014

It is discussed that a Special Board Meeting is needed to change the date of the 3/12/14 meeting because Members Beck and Weaver cannot attend.

Future agenda items suggested:

- 2013-14 2nd Interim
- CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
- Hillcrest Building Project
- Approval of the Common Core Spending Plan.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS
IN CLOSED SESSION**

**IX. ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION**

At 7:52 p.m. Member Horn moved to adjourn to closed session, President Wickland seconded, 4-0 yes.

**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. Request for a temporary
part-time (.43 FTE)
contract for 2014-15 Jex-
Lewis, Jacqueline**

**II. Hiring - .72 FTE
Probationary Classified
Instructional/Daycare
Assistant – Rovig, Kayla**

**III. Hiring - .73 FTE (5 hr. 50
min.) Probationary
Classified Instructional
Assistant**

D. Superintendent Evaluation

X. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Wickland moved and Member Horn seconded to reconvene to Open Session at 8:31 p.m., 4-0 yes.

A. Announce action taken in Closed

Extended Superintendent LaMarre's contract through the 2016-17 school year. Member Horn moved, Member Weaver seconded, 4-0 yes.

Approved a temporary part-time contract (.43FTE) for 2014-15 for Jex-Lewis. Member Weaver moved, Member Beck seconded. 4-0 yes.

Approved Rovig, Kayla as a probationary classified Instructional Assistant/Daycare Assistant for .72 FTE. Member Horn moved, Member Weaver seconded. 4-0 yes.

Approved Newhouse, Alex as a probationary classified Instructional Assistant for .73 FTE. Member Horn moved, President Wickland seconded. 4-0 yes.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Horn moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m., President Wickland seconded, 4-0 yes.