

GRAVENSTEIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Board of Education
Emergency Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2020
TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Gravenstein Elementary, Multipurpose Room

Steve Schwartz, President
Gregory Appling, Clerk
Alexander Kahn, Trustee
Jennifer Koelemeijer, Trustee
Patrick Lei, Trustee

Steve Schwartz will be attending remotely from Truckee, California.

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM

Call to order at 4:03pm. All present SS called in.

II. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Approval of the agenda for March 16, 2020 (1 min.)

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item B Resolution 200316-1 GUSD Board of Education Declaring Emergency Conditions

Action taken/comments:

Motion GA Second JK Vote: 5-0 SS: aye GA: aye PL: aye
JK: aye AK: aye

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 min.)

At this time the public may address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes per person per topic. The Board may not respond to presentations. The public may address the Board on any item listed on the agenda at the time the matter is taken up by the Board.

GUTA provided the board with written questions and concerns related to distance learning and safety.

IV. REPORT

A. Coronavirus Update

Situation: Staff will provide the most recent information collected from the Sonoma County Office of Education(SCOE) and the Sonoma County Health Department (SCHD) regarding guidance related to the Coronavirus and the suspension of in-person instruction.

DR provided the Board with a handout. Handout included updates from Sonoma County Health Department including the recommended suspension of in-person instruction. More details will be provided to the Board, Staff, and parents as information becomes available.

DR noted that suspension of in-person instruction is currently set to continue through April 3rd with a return no sooner than April 7th. Santa Rosa City Schools will continue to provide lunches for students in our school but the students will need to travel to other locations to pick up their meals.

GUTA had several questions related to their need to be part of the plan, requirements for coming to campus, what technology platform will be used, and assurance that 100% of the students will have access to technology and tools for learning.

Board asked about the ability of the District to send Chromebooks home with students. DR said that a plan is in place to make that happen. A survey went out to students and we know of some that will need additional support.

Board requested that whatever is rolled out to parents and students be simple, easy to understand, and very user friendly. Do not over complicate this for parents or staff.

Board wanted to make sure that the District was following the most current guidelines and that we follow the guidance of the Health Department.

V. GENERAL ACTION ITEM

A. Guidance to Staff for the Time Span for the Adoption of the Suspension of In-person Instruction for the Gravenstein Union School District (30 min.)

Situation: Based upon the announcement made on March 14, 2020, by SCOE and the SCHD, Sonoma County School Districts will be suspending in-person instruction after Spring Break. Staff will be gathering information and recommendations from Sonoma County and other affiliated resources to share with the Board. Information regarding the confirmed or planned approaches from other West Sonoma County school districts will also be shared.

Plan: Based on direction from the Board, staff will: 1) prepare announcements to share with GUSD staff and families confirming the suspension of in-person instruction and the length of time the suspension of in-person instruction will be in effect, and 2) formulate and execute a plan for the implementation of strategies to deliver distance learning opportunities for GUSD students.

Recommended Motion: That the suspension of in-person instruction last until April 3, 2020.

Motion to suspend in-person instruction at least through April 3, 2020 or until we have additional information that might extend it longer.

Action taken/comments:

Motion JK Second GA Vote: 5-0 SS: aye GA: aye PL:
aye JK: aye AK: aye

B. Resolution 200316-1 GUSD Board of Education Declaring Emergency Conditions

Situation: Based upon support and guidance from the Sonoma County Office, a resolution granting emergency powers to the superintendent and affiliated action items are included in the resolution.

Plan: For the superintendent and administration, to every extent possible, to consult with the Board before exercising any emergency powers as we endeavor to serve students.

Recommended Motion: That the Board add the optional section and approve Resolution 200316-1.

DR this comes from SCOE and provides authority to the superintendent to sign contracts and approve actions related to the emergency without board meetings and board approval. It was sent to all districts.

Motion to approve Resolution 200316-1 with the inclusion of the optional section.

Action taken/comments:

Motion GA Second PL Vote: 5-0 SS: aye GA: aye PL:
aye JK: aye AK: aye

VI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- A. April 9, 2020 at 5pm**
- B. May 14, 2020 at 5pm**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

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