

Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Gravenstein Elementary, Multipurpose Room

Gregory Appling, President

Alexander Kahn, Trustee

Jennifer Koelemeijer, Clerk

Patrick Lei, Trustee

Jeri McNeill, Trustee

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm all board members present

II. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA **Approval of the agenda for August 10, 2021 (2 min.)**

Action taken/comments:

Motion _____ Second _____

Vote: GA: _____ PL: _____ JK: _____ AK: _____ JM: _____

III. REPORTS, AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. (p. 1) Gravenstein Principal (10 min.)

Report included in packet.

B. (p. 4) Hillcrest Principal (10 min.)

Report in Board Packet. Our enrollment numbers have improved since last week.

JM - do the enrollment numbers include the independent learners.

WD - no they do not.

JM - what happens when those students are ready for in-person learning

WD - at this point it is assumed they will move into their class.

C. Gravenstein Union Teachers' Association (5 min.)

Linda Helton - Believes all the GUTA members are excited to be in their classrooms

D. District Site Council (0 min.)

No Meeting yet this year. One of their first duties will be part of the Master Plan

E. Gravenstein Parent Association, GPA (5 min.)

No Rep tonight. Slated to meet this Thursday.

We will have minutes and financials from the last two months and next month's meeting.

KP - Talked about GPA participation during Kinder Kick Off. Had the Pres and VP there to answer any questions. Also had swag and donation forms.

Next meeting is August 17, 2021

F. Trustee Reports (10 min.)

PL - no report, but to say that normalcy for me has been waiting for our schools to get up and running. I want to express my gratitude to all of the staff and parent groups for all they have done.

GA - would also like to thank the staff

1. Meeting Format

DR - talked about how we may need to change the format of meetings.

WD - Working with Loud and Clear to get a system that would allow us to get up and running with live video feeds for those who can't attend meetings. \$5800 is the quote they got. They service very quickly and were the ones to put in the current PA system at Hillcrest.

DR - if we don't hear anything about an extension to the Brown Act we will move forward with Loud and Clear.

G. Racial Justice Committee (5min.)

Equity First will be joining us next week with a presentation with what they do and what their initial activities will be.

GA - would like to remind the coordinators to include board members

H. (p. 5) Master Plan Committee (5 min.)

We began the process of looking at next steps of the Master Plan. The first step is the Facilities Assessment Walk through for both campuses to progress on previous Master Plan and assess current needs. Step 2 will be working with our stakeholders to have input about what they would like to see.

I. (p. 8) Facilities Report (5 min.)

Brian has included a report in the Board Packet with pictures.

GA - We will be having a walk through on Friday.

J. CBO Report (5 min.)

We have officially closed the 2020/2021 books. Now working on the unaudited financials.

K. Superintendent Report/District Correspondence (15 min.)

1. Questions from the July Board Meeting

None

2. Summer Jumpstart Program

Went extremely well and had a really strong attendance rate.

3. Mental Health and Administrative Interns

We have two different interns that are slated to join us this year. One working with Rosie Steen-Larsen and Sam Cole. We also have an Administrative Intern who will be working with both Will and Keri. Lisa Valente was introduced as the new Admin Intern. She is grateful to Dave, Will, and Keri for this opportunity.

4. (p. 11) Start of School Plans/Updates

A copy of the update that went out to parents was included in the board packet. Our plan right now is that masks are going to be our mandate if you are going to be involved in in-person learning. They have removed the social distancing mandates. However, we will still be maintaining distancing to some extent.

One of the big questions is surveillance testing. We were able to recapture the funds spent on the testing done last year through federal funding. We are concerned about the current rate of infection and so would like to continue doing surveillance testing. If we do it would be a price tag of \$100,000 for the school year. Katie has come across a different company (Concentric) which is sponsored by the State of California. Rather than refunding schools, they have made it free for qualifying schools. It is still a pool test, but we would like to make it a 5 person pool instead of a group of 24. The swab tests are much cleaner and quicker to process. If we go with Concentric there is no cost to the district, it is just a change in procedure. It is the recommendation of staff that we

go to Concentric. We will not know what our participation rate will be. Parents will have to want to do the test, we can not require it.

KA - Concentric does allow us the ability to increase or decrease testing as needed.

JK - thanks everyone for doing the research. Notes that larger districts are requiring staff to be vaccinated. Curious about what the plan will be with our staff.

DR - right now we are going to include staff in getting tested regardless of who has been vaccinated. Believes that all of our staff have been vaccinated.

JK - asked about the proposed testing of only 25% of staff each week?

DR - if we stay with Mirimus, it would be 25% per week. If we move to Concentric, it will be 100%.

Jessica Rasmussen - Parent - Asking for clarification - the student Covid testing is not mandatory? Families will have to opt in. Also asked about mandates on masks and distancing. How will protocols be enforced?

WD - Last year we discovered the students themselves were very good about distancing themselves. It just took reminders from teachers. We had a good 70 to 80% that never had to be reminded.

Amber Ray - wondering when the decision will be made regarding which testing we will be using.

DR - we should know in the next few minutes.

Vanessa Bird - asked about quarantine guidelines.

DR - talked about how we will proceed doing contact tracing and how that information dictates quarantine guidance.

Megan Gorman - my main question, previously we had done testing 10 days prior to any big event. Is there any plan to do testing before school starts?

DR - The first round of testing will be Monday August 23rd.

Jaylene Demapan - wants clarification in the event that a student tests positive, is that going to automatically trigger independent study.

DR - it will be a case by case basis, but typically there would be at least 7 days of independent study.

DR - Would like to survey Board Members to understand whether they would support the District making the change to Concentric. Informal assessment and does not technically require vote. All board members are in favor.

IV. 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.

Rosalie Abbott - Thank you for doing all the work you have done this year. I am the teen services librarian at the library. I want to quickly mention the educator cards we have. Teachers could conceivably have 100 books in the classroom with a check out time for 6 weeks. She also talked about all the programs they have available to us. Contact her with questions at: rabbott@sonomalibrar.org

- V. CONSENT AGENDA (2 min.) _____ ACTION ITEM**
- A. (p. 14) Warrants**
 - B. (p. 21) Payroll**
 - C. (p. 22) Minutes from the Regular Board Meetings of July 13, 2021, June 15, 2021, June 8, 2021, and May 11, 2021 and the Special Board Meetings of May 26, 2021, May 19, 2021, April 27, 2021, April 12, 2021, and April 8, 2021**
 - D. (p. 64) Fee Proposal from Counterpoint Construction Services for the GUSD Administration Portable Project**
 - E. (p. 67) Fee Proposal from Quattrocchi Kwok Architects for the GUSD Administration Portable Project**

Action taken/comments:

Motion ____AK____ Second ____PL____

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VI. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

- A. Gravenstein Union School District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (2 min.) (This document is posted on the GUSD website, and available at the GUSD District Office for review.)**

Situation: District staff presented the LCAP document for GUSD during the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting and that draft was approved and submitted to the Sonoma County Office of Education. SCOE has reviewed the document, and is requiring some minor technical edits so that new form complies with the California Department of Education (CDE) mandates.

Plan: Pending Board approval, staff will update the version posted on the GUSD website and submit the updated version to SCOE for submission to CDE.

Recommended Motion: For the Board to approve the revised 2021-22 GUSD Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Motion _____ JK _____ Second _____ PL _____

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JM stepped away at 6:10

B. (p. 70) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan (5 min.)

Situation: School districts that receive ESSER III funds under the American Rescue Plan Act are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. For GUSD, the plan explains how we will use our ESSER III funds to support our overall plan to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. The GUSD plan focuses on support for the Hillcrest Heat Mitigation Project and Summer Jumpstart for the summer of 2023.

Plan: Pending Board approval, staff will submit our plan to the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) for review and approval. and then staff will direct ESSER III funds to support the activities identified in our plan.

Recommended Motion: For the Board to approve the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

JM returned at 6:21

Motion _____ PL _____ Second _____ JK _____

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C. (p. 86) GUSD Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 - Independent Study (5 min.)

Situation: Pursuant to Assembly Bill 130 and the resulting changes in the Education Code, GUSD needs to revise and update Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 - Independent. Staff has researched the new law, attended training sessions, consulted with other districts, the Sonoma County Office of Education, the California School Boards Association, and School and College Legal Services and has created drafts of a revised Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Master Agreement and

submitted the drafts to the Governance Committee for review. The Governance Committee now presents the current drafts for Board consideration.

Plan: Pending Board approval, staff will post the new BP and AR on our district website and submit and implement the new Independent Study Master Agreement.

Recommended Motion: For the Board to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158.

GA - asked if a spot would be held for any student that wants to move back into the classroom.

DR - yes the spots will be held

GA - this is being offered to our currently enrolled students. If we don't fill all the slots, we won't be taking on more students, correct?

DR - correct. Explained that this is a special circumstance that will more than likely go away next year.

Cole Rasmussen - as far as the delay in the testing that will occur once school starts back up. I know we don't want families dancing in between in person vs distance learning. How will we handle this challenge?

DR - We are going to be working with families to help them make the best decision for their family. Our goal is to service all of our students regardless of what is in place.

GA - poses a hypothetical. Could a student start on independent study until a couple rounds of testing have been completed?

DR - yes, this will not be an easy decision for families and we want to be sure we work with them to make the best decision for the student and the family.

Motion _____ AK _____ Second _____ JK _____

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS IN CLOSED SESSION

No comments

Adjourned to close session at 6:44pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (15 min.)

A. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6

- 1.0 Student Discipline**
- 2.0 Pending litigation**
- 3.0 Administrator Performance Updates**
 - a) District Secretary (0.25 FTE)**
- 4.0 Conference with Negotiations team:**
 - a) GUTA negotiations update**

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at 7:39pm

X. PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION ON ITEMS HEARD IN CLOSED SESSION
(2 min.)

Action taken/comments: no actions taken, nothing to report

Motion _____ Second _____

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XI. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- A. September 14, 2021 at 5pm**
- B. October 12, 2021 at 5pm**
- C. November 9, 2021 at 5pm**

XII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:40pm

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