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Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the minutes for June 18, 2008. Jim Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no comments from the audience.

8.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

There were no comments from the audience.

9.0 UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

There is no unfinished/old business.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Response to 2008 Grand Jury Report - Ray Gollnick

Julia Larson stated that she believes there should be separate responses from the Superintendent and the Board. Ray and Superintendent Barrera believe the response is clear. Attorney Lambert added that she has seen the response written both jointly and separately. Pat Mullanix requested that GCOE put notices in the paper outlining the benefits of the various openings. She was assured the notice of openings had been in the local papers several times. Catherine and Jim both felt the response was good.

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the response to the Grand Jury report. Jim Mason seconded the motion.

Ayes: Gollnick, Hanes, Mason Nays: Larson

B. Resolution 2008-02: Black Butte Property - Superintendent Barrera

Superintendent Barrera gave a history of the Black Butte property since 1981. GCOE had made a commitment to the US Government to make certain improvements and have various activities on the site. He commended the Bruce's for their years of use of the property. Luanne Stewart, teacher at Fairview School, gave a slide show presentation of the past events held at the property. She said that in 27 years 4000-5000 4th and 5th grade students and 1000 parents have participated in the program. Every year 25 high school students volunteer to assist. The property is available for use by anyone. Julia Larson suggested that more information go out so other groups can use the property. September 26 is the next scheduled use of the property by the Fairview School teachers.

Julia Larson made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-02 to abrogate the property GCOE currently holds. Jim Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Superintendent Barrera shared that the administrative team went to Mt. Shasta as a yearly activity. We also helped Hamilton Elementary get started. Shirley Diaz did staff development, Roberto Herniman and his staff assisted with technology, and Rock Douglass from Facilities purchased evaporative coolers because of the temporary lack of HVAC units by Hamilton Elementary.

Randy Jones shared there were changes in the Business Office staff. Chrissy Millen has returned to the Business Office, there will be a person going out on maternity leave, and Donna Alvarez will be retiring in December.

Susan Domenighini reported that Wm. Finch started August 11; Back to School is August 26 in Orland. The new math tests will be introduced. The first advisory meeting was well attended. The meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday and alternate between Orland and Willows. She is meeting with small groups of parents to orient them to Wm. Finch. There are 107 students currently enrolled.

Superintendent Barrera reported there had been a SELPA meeting today. The tone of the meetings is much improved. Over the last year the SELPA plan has been re-written through the participation of most of the Superintendents. Vicki Shadd added that goals and priorities were reviewed at the SELPA meeting. Special Ed had a very positive Back to School day on August 5.

Merrilee Johnson reported that 15 new employees have been hired since the last board meeting. There will be a training for personnel who evaluates certificated staff and another training for personnel who supervises classified staff. There will also be training for Highly Qualified Teachers.

12.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Ray Gollnick attended the retirement dinner for Julie Lynch, Judy Holzapfel, and Bert Norman. He also attended the SELPA meeting earlier today. He agrees there is a vast improvement in the cooperation of the districts.

Catherine Hanes said she has met the new superintendent John McIntosh. She added that the Olympian who won the discus throw is the daughter-in-law of former Stony Creek Superintendent, Irving Trafton.

Julia Larson wished the retirees well. She attended the HUHS board meeting and saw their new classroom renovation. All classrooms at HUHS have now been remodeled.

HUES has had a difficult time the last few weeks. She attended 3 of their 4 board meetings this last week.

13.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Miller, Brown, & Dannis Bulletin regarding Brown Act Amendment.

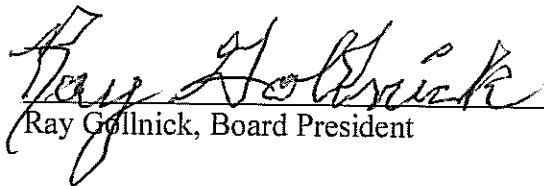
Superintendent Barrera briefly highlighted the bulletin regarding the Brown Act which had been included for board review.

14.0 NEXT MEETING: Date/Time/Location

September 17, 2008 5:30 p.m. Willows Administration

15.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.


Ray Gollnick, Board President


Arturo Barrera, Superintendent

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