

**GLENN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Wednesday, December 17, 2008  
Glenn County Office of Education,  
311 South Villa Avenue, Willows**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Glenn County Board of Education began at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 311 South Villa Avenue, Willows.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judy Holzapfel, Catherine Hanes, Gail Zimmerman, and Gene Massa

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Mason

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Barrera, staff, and community members

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Judy Holzapfel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kathy Furtado led the pledge of allegiance.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gail Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the minutes for November 19, 2008 with corrections. Gail Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Judy asked that any audience member wishing to make a comment on agenda items to approach the podium and state their name and agency if one is represented.

**6.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Judy asked that any audience member wishing to make a comment on items not on the agenda to approach the podium and state their name and agency if one is represented.

**7.0 UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Board of Education Training - Superintendent Barrera**

Superintendent Barrera confirmed the county board training for January 22, 2009 with David Long and shared information from School Services of California. In addition there will be training for district board members provided by CSBA. Districts have received notice and registration forms for the training.

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. First Interim Report - Randy Jones**

Randy presented and explained the First Interim Report for 2008-2009. The report is reviewed by the state, and there is a process to address any of their concerns. Judy thanked Randy for meeting with her earlier to answer questions. She understands that GCOE looks good for this year and for two additional years. Randy encouraged the board to meet with him so he could answer any of their questions.

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the First Interim Report as presented. Gail Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Reauthorization of Wm. Finch Charter – Susan Domenighini**

Susan introduced the Wm. Finch staff and Advisory Board and reviewed a portion of the 16 elements required for charter reauthorization. She and the Wm. Finch staff answered multiple questions from the board about the draft presented and listened to their suggestions.

**C. Budget Review Committee Report, Willows Unified District - Randy Jones and Superintendent Barrera**

Randy reviewed the steps leading to the Budget Review Committee (BRC) process for Willows district. Willows has a \$1 million deficit in 2008-2009 and a \$3 million deficit for 2009-2010. Superintendent Barrera thanked Randy for his clear explanations of the findings, particularly regarding bill back. The BRC report clearly states the causes of Willows financial situation. Diane Lyon will be the GCOE point person with Willows District and Pat Goss will work directly with Willows. There are difficult decisions yet to be made by Willows to make the district solvent. Gene Massa appreciated the process of explanation to better understand the situation.

**D. Classified Golden Handshake – Randy Jones**

Randy disclosed that the incentive cost for the golden handshake of two employees is \$93,401. Superintendent Barrera added that Donna Alvarez and Gloria Valente have been here a total of 81 years. Each of them will be coming back after December 30 for about 2 days a week.

**E. Opportunity School Core Materials - Susan Domenighini**

Susan presented the Opportunity School Core Materials List for review and asked the board to approve them as presented. The five Opportunity classrooms use the same curriculum as the school districts.

Gene Massa made a motion to accept the Opportunity School Core Materials list as presented. Catherine Hanes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**F. Appointment of Board Member, liaison to SELPA – President Holzapfel**

Judy volunteered to be the board liaison to SELPA.

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the appointment of Judy Holzapfel to act as liaison to SELPA. Gail Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Superintendent Barrera traveled to Sacramento with Assistant District Attorney Dwayne Steward for a statewide SARB training. Glenn County truancy is low because the courts process has worked. The District Attorney is available to all districts at no cost. SELPA is making good progress. Next month we might have discussion on excess costs. Vicki and Randy are doing a very good job working on this. Superintendent Barrera is working with Willows financial situation and he attended the Region 2 County Superintendent's meeting in Red Bluff last week. Mid-year cuts are a concern. Shirley Diaz is doing educational training for the districts as per SB 472. Orland District has two schools in Program Improvement Status.

He attended the annual GCOE Holiday party and the retirement party for Donna and Gloria.

Merrilee reported that Dennis Asbury and Paul Barr have been hired to fill the Lead Maintenance positions, Judy Corum has been promoted to Gloria's positions as Human Resources Manager, and Gladys Lopez has been transferred to Judy's position of Human Resources Analyst. She reported the new Hamilton unified district has been named Hamilton Unified School District. The Superintendent search closes January 5, 2009. Lake and Plaza are seeking a joint Superintendent to begin July 1, 2009.

