

**GLENN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, February 9, 2009, 5:00 p.m.
Glenn County Office of Education
311 South Villa Avenue, Willows**

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Glenn County Board of Education began at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 311 S. Villa Avenue, Conference Room, 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 5:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pattie Collins led the pledge of allegiance.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Wm. Finch Charter

Judy thanked people for coming to the Special Meeting and for everyone who called her. She congratulated Wm. Finch on winning the decathlon. She thanked Susan Domenighini for all the work she has done on the Wm. Finch petition and for the information she has brought to the board. She reminded the group that this meeting was for information only. No action will be taken.

Susan introduced the members of the Wm. Finch advisory committee that were present. Responses to the questions from the last meeting were addressed. She provided a PowerPoint presentation showing test scores and gave reasons why scores are falling. Parents were encouraged to have their children take the state tests. This summer two teachers participated in SB 472 training on the new math books. The new test dates are in March.

Vicky Clark stated she spends 1 ½ hours with each students. Some students need more time than others. Each teacher has 24-28 students. Catherine said this is the first time Wm. Finch has come before the board and explained the process. Judy said she wants all the students to achieve and asked for further clarification in some areas.

Judy said she had talked to CDE in the charter authorizing supporting and assistance division. She has a concern about Wm. Finch's Hispanic enrollment at 6.7% and the county is 47% Hispanic and would like for a goal to be set in the petition.

Gene reviewed that the original charter was granted by GCBE in 2001 to be renewed in 2006. Wm. Finch has not met that renewal date. The State accepted the charter in 2004 so renewal would be 2009. It raises the question is this a renewal, modification, or new petition process. His contact at CDE will call Mr. Barrera. A Public Hearing will be required before this petition is signed by the board. This requires for a 30-day period for public review after the final petition has been presented to the board. Superintendent Barrera explained that he is working with Susan to move this forward. GCOE has to prepare for possible layoff notices by March 15, 2009.

Several questions were raised by audience members on how best to serve the students of Glenn County.

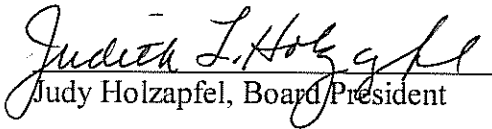
Tim Crews made a public act request over eight months ago for the itemized bill for Law Office of Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP for \$16,161.93. He asked the board to agenize this matter to determine who incurred this bill, why, and what the charges were for. It is a public debt made with public funds. This is a management problem that must be addressed. Superintendent Barrera acknowledged receipt of the request and that we will forward this request to GCOE attorney Janna Lambert for directions on how to proceed. We have not seen a contract or invoice for services received.

Judy thanked everyone for attending and hearing concerns of the board.

Catherine thanked Susan and teachers for providing the information.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

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


Judy Holzapfel, Board President


Arturo Barrera, Superintendent

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