

**GLENN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
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, January 21, 2009 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

William Lawler 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:

Gene Massa made a motion to approve the minutes for December 17, 2008. Judy Holzapfel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no comments.

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

Carolyn Denton, Coordinator of Pole Banners in Orland, thanked GCOE for participating in the program in celebration of Orland's Centennial.

Byron Denton commented he would like to eliminate Item 5 from agendas. The Avenue of Lights was a great success.

7.0 UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

A. Board of Education Training

Superintendent Barrera reminded the board the training with Dr. David Long will be on January 22 at 9:00 a.m.. Districts will have their board training at the same time. The group will adjourn to Pat & Larry's for lunch where Dr. Long will speak at the Willows Rotary Club.

B. Wm. Finch Charter School Update

Susan Domenighini made a PowerPoint presentation on the reauthorization of the Charter school. Each Wm. Finch instructor explained various components of the program. Parents and students also testified to the need for a flexible schooling program.

Many questions were asked and suggestions made by Board members regarding the reauthorization. Catherine Hanes thanked Susan Domenighini and the Wm. Finch teachers for all their work.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on WUSD budget recovery plan

Superintendent Barrera read a letter from Jack O'Connell to Sherry Brott dated December 22, 2008 regarding the Budget Review Committee report. The letter states that CDE concurs with GCOE in disapproving the 2008-2009 adopted budget. This empowers GCOE to assist Willows Unified School District in developing and adopting a fiscal plan and budget to meet current and multi-year projections. A draft of that plan was received today. Willows is doing what they have to do and we will support the district as much as we can.

Randy Jones added that the State will cut \$1.6 billion from the current year (\$277 per ADA). The COLA for next year has been eliminated plus a reduction of \$155 per ADA. Diane said this is a 9.69% cut for 2008-2009 and in 2009-10 this equals a 16.16% cut.

Betty Skala from WUSD said a draft of the recovery plan will go to their board in February.

Gene Massa asked about the future of GCOE. Superintendent Barrera said that under President Obama there are some possible funds that would assist districts. GCOE is

considering cutting positions if necessary. We would only do this if absolutely necessary. Randy added that trying to make changes mid-year is very difficult.

B. Historical Perspective on Special Ed Excess Costs

Randy Jones and Vicki Shadd gave a PowerPoint presentation previously shown to county and district boards and superintendents on the historical perspective of how excess costs came about. It was explained that GCOE had been absorbing excess costs for several years. Randy explained sources of revenue for special education from 2003-2004, the first year of shortfall. Vicki reviewed factors leading to funding changes and increased costs. In 1997 the special education funding model was changed to 602 – a deficit spending model. In 2006-2007 the districts were faced with a deficit funding model for allocating revenues with 602, the needs of the students were coming up, we had less money coming in, and we chose to divide the money differently between the two program operators, GCOE and OUSD. Glenn County was one of the last counties to go to bill back. Districts were held harmless the first year Superintendent Barrera was in office because they were caught off guard by the amount they would owe in excess bill back.

C. Special Education Mandated Costs Settlement

Vicki explained the 14-year settlement agreement for mandated costs and the five different ways we will receive funding. 85% of the school districts in California need to have a waiver in order for the legislature to ask on appropriating funds.

Gene Massa made a motion to accept resolution 2009-01 as written. Gail Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Williams Uniform Complaint Report

Shirley presented the quarterly Williams Uniform Complaint Report for December 2008 for Special Education, Opportunity, Willowglen Court, and Wm. Finch Charter School and asked the board to approve.

Judy Holzapfel made a motion to approve the report. Gene Massa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. April Board Meeting

Judy Holzapfel asked the board to consider changing the April board meeting date from the 15th to the 22nd in consideration of the various schools in the county taking different weeks for vacation.

Gene Massa made a motion to move the meeting from April 15 to April 22. Gail Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Superintendent Barrera attended the Glenn Adult graduation on January 16. He would like a program that helped them with the next step in their education. He also attended the CaFS policy council with Catherine Hanes.

10.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Judy attended the Local Plan meeting, the GAP graduation, and the SELPA meeting. Catherine said she attended the CaFS Policy Council meeting. Gail met with Jess Modesto and staff as liaison to ROP; he attended the Adult Ed graduation and the Hamilton unification board meeting. Ray Odom was selected as the new superintendent. Gene attended the Adult Education graduation and commended all the students. It was an honor to be there.

11.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Barrera announced that Vicki Shadd has been re-classified to Assistant Superintendent of Student Services without a change in pay and Randy Jones has been re-classified to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

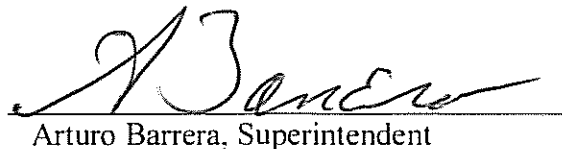
12.0 NEXT MEETING: Date/Time/Location

February 18, 2009 5:30 p.m. Willows Administration

13.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Judy Holzappel, Board President


Arturo Barrera, Superintendent

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