

**GLENN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Glenn County Office of Education,
311 South Villa Avenue, Willows**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Glenn County Board of Education began at 5:00 p.m. at 311 South Villa Avenue, Willows.

PRESENT: Judy Holzapfel, Catherine Hanes, Gail Zimmerman, Eugene Massa, Kathy Perez

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Barrera, staff and community members

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

President Judy Holzapfel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Wanda Zimmerman.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Eugene Massa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no comments from the audience.

At 5:03 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Open session reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION:

President Holzapfel announced the interdistrict transfer request had been granted.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Eugene Massa made a motion to approve the minutes for February 17, 2010. Kathy Perez 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 NEW BUSINESS:

A. California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Jennifer Linberg, teacher at Plaza School, introduced two 3rd grade students, regional winners of an essay contest. Their stories and projects will be entered in the county fair. The class will get a pizza party on March 29.

B. President's Volunteer Award

Susan Domenighini read letters from President Obama and the Prudential Spirit Award for a Wm. Finch student receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award for her work at the Town & County Animal Shelter.

C. Academic Decathlon

Wm. Finch Academic Decathlon winners introduced themselves and shared their speech topics and experiences. Elaine Pimentel explained the criteria for the local and state competition. She thanked Superintendent Barrera for the pizza party. Susan thanked GCOE for support of the Academic Decathlon.

D. Wm. Finch Textbook Approval

Susan Domenighini asked the board for approval of the Wm. Finch textbook list. She is updating the curriculum.

Catherine Hanes made a motion to approve the textbook list for Opportunity, Willowglen Court School, and Wm. Finch Charter School. Eugene Massa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Child and Family Services

Superintendent Barrera asked that the presentation of the annual report for Child and Family Program be moved to the April agenda. The annual report was not available in time for the packets.

Judy Holzapfel made a motion to put this item on the April agenda. Eugene Massa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Merrilee Johnson said she was in the middle of negotiations. There are two retirements, one in June and one in December and one resignation so no layoffs in that teaching unit were required. One ROP and one A/E teacher got a notice in case that program closes. The cabinet has agreed that in 2010-2011 GCOE salaries will be frozen including steps and columns to save as many jobs as possible. Increases will not be given retroactively for the frozen salary schedules. She has met with the psychologists, teachers, and classified CSEA units two times. No agreements have been reached yet. Shirley Diaz thanked the judges of the Science Fair and Kathy Congdon for her assistance. Orland District is in Program Improvement. Willows District is in Year 1 of Program Improvement. Princeton is adopting new materials for math. Math Camp is

planned for 7th and 8th grade teachers for algebra. She is also working on Math Matters for special education. Instructional Coaching is used for improving instruction in the classroom to help other teachers. Shirley will share the link of ESEA with the board. Randy Jones is working on an audit proposal for next year. The Interim Report will be on the next meeting agenda. He is working with Vicki Shadd on the special education model.

Superintendent Barrera said his is spending a lot of time working on budgets as well as continuing normal activities. He met with unrepresented staff and will be freezing salaries. Contract days may need to be reduced next year. We have to live within our means. As people leave or retire, those positions will not be refilled. He thanked everyone who worked on the budget. The districts have asked for GCOE to defer the district's portion of special education because the state is deferring payment to the districts. He does not want to put GCOE in a vulnerable position.

11.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Kathy Perez attended the Child and Family Services conference in Corning. She attended Princeton's board meeting. They will non-reelect 2 teachers and considering charging a \$5 daily tuition for preschool.

Eugene Massa appreciates the staff looking at the budgets and how they can be more efficient. The state is also short on money. The next few years will be very hard. Superintendent Barrera added he is telling staff we need to look ahead and hang on to our money. Our goal is to remain in a solvent financial position.

Judy Holzapfel attended the SELPA meeting where one particular district pushed to defer special education payments to GCOE. She has reservations on deferring payments. She has gone to two local plan meetings and judged at the Science Fair.

12.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

The superintendent read a letter from Peggy O'Guin, CDE, stating the revised GCOE interim report and multi-year projections received a positive certification. Angela Flanagan's grant request for bus replacement funds was not granted because the bus was not old enough.

Judy shared a California County Boards of Education for conference in October. Arturo invited the board to come by and talk to him or Randy about the budget.

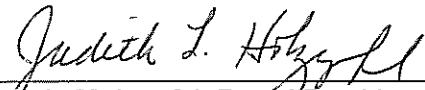
13.0 NEXT MEETING: Date/Time/Location

NOTE DATE CHANGE:

**April 14, 2010 5:30 p.m.
Willows Administration**

14.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Judy Holzapfel, Board President



Arturo Barrera, Superintendent

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