

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017

311 S. Villa Avenue, Willows, CA

Minutes

PRESENT: Judith Holzapfel, Kathy Perez, Whick Smock, Janice Cannon and Adele Foley

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Tracey Quarne, staff and community members.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge was led by Lisa Morgan.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Kathy Perez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Whick Smock seconded.

The agenda was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Foley and Smock.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2017 – **Action Item**

Janice Cannon moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2017 as presented. Kathy Perez seconded.

The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Foley and Smock.

Special Meeting Minutes of Aug. 9, 2017 – **Action Item**

Whick Smock moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2017 with the addition of “Special” added to the title. Kathy Perez seconded.

The Special Meeting Minutes were approved as corrected by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Foley and Smock.

5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no comments from the audience.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Charter School Reports – Information Only

a. Wm. Finch – Lisa Morgan

Principal Lisa Morgan reported classes had started at Wm. Finch. She also reported Wm. Finch school would be the first school in Glenn County to receive the state mandated sex education presentations. The viewing of materials is set for August 29, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. The materials will be on display at the school for parents to review if they wish. Superintendent Quarne invited the board to attend the meeting. Mrs. Morgan also shared students at the school surprised her by going from 76,000 grains of rice to 136,500 over the summer.

b. Success One! – Jhan Dunn

Principal Jhan Dunn reported the school is off and running, and the staff is working on enrollment. The MA class started on Monday, August 14, 2017. Success Printing is up and running and accepting students to learn the printing process. The school is continuing to provide volunteers to help parents and students with homework.

c. Walden Academy – Suzanne Teffs

Ms. Teffs announced Walden Academy would start school on August 29. Ms. Teffs reported the Walden school site has been very busy over the summer. The front wing classrooms got new windows. The school also got new lighting as part of Prop 39 funding. Ms. Teffs reported the student enrollment has increased by 10%.

B. Med 125 Reimbursement Authority – Tracey Quarne – Action Item

Superintendent Quarne presented Mr. Cedric Miller, an American Fidelity representative. Superintendent Quarne presented a brief synopsis of the Med 125 program and the possibility of GCOE having money being returned. Because the Superintendent is an elected official and a possible beneficiary of part of those dollars, he is unable to make a decision on how the money returned would be handled. Mr. Miller explained the three options GCOE would have.

Option 1. Offset administration cost.

Option 2. Offset cost on the Health and Welfare benefits for employees; and,

Option 3. Return the money to the employees, dividing the money amongst all the participants. Mr. Miller highly suggested option 3 would not be a good idea.

Mr. Miller explained the money coming back to GCOE would be a very small sum, if any. He explained the employees are allowed to set aside \$2,600 per year for medical copays and other medical needs. They are allowed to carryover \$500. If the \$500 that was carried over is not used, the money goes back to the employer. Every year the amount would vary according to the amount carried over and not being used.

Whick Smock moved to accept the responsibility to delegate any overages on the Med 125. Janice Cannon seconded.

The board accepted the responsibility to delegate any overage on the Med 125 by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Foley and Smock.

C. DASS (Dashboard Alternative School Status) – Jhan Dunn – Action Item

Approval of application for Certification of Alternative School Status for Success 1!

Jhan Dunn presented the DASS application for Success One! Charter to officially be certified as an alternative school. The benefits of being classified as an alternative school

will help the school with the graduation ratio of 12th grade students and the number of ELD students on their roster. The classification would also help with the hiring of teachers.

Janice Cannon moved to approve the DASS application for Success One!, Whick Smock seconded.

The DASS application was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Foley and Smock.

D. Solar Update – Randy Jones – Information Only

Randy Jones reported the plans were handed over to West Heaven along with the PG & E bills. West Heaven employees are going through finger printing. The electricians were on site to look at the power panels. Mr. Jones reported the project is on track to meet timelines set. The work will begin the day after Labor Day and will be completed in 60 days.

E. Budget Report – Randy Jones – Information Only

Randy Jones reported the business office is closing the 2016/2017 books. The office is waiting for the auditors to come in and see if any changes need to be made.

F. Nova/Sapphire Plaza Update – Tracey Quarne – Information Only

Superintendent Quarne reported the T-bars being installed in building 1 and the telephone contract was signed. The board appreciated being able to walk through the building and see the progress themselves.

G. Williams Uniform Complaint – Tracey Quarne – Information Only

Superintendent Quarne reported there had been no complaints filed.

H. Signs – Tracey Quarne – Information Only

The materials have arrived to be able to lite the sign. Salvador Ramirez attended trainings to be able to work on solar power for the sign. He will be connecting the sign as soon as he returns from fighting fires. The sign could possibly be lit by the next GCBE meeting.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Superintendent Quarne reported the back to school Kick-Off went well. Bruce Farrer, a retired teacher from Canada and Sonya Romero, a teacher from Albuquerque, New Mexico were the special guests. Superintendent Quarne also reported the schools are up and running and all the teaching positions have been filled at the school sites. CaFS is in need of 5 teachers and the program is having difficulty filling the positions due to the low wages and the high requirements needed.

9.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Report on any County Office of Education related activities by Board Members.

Kathy Perez attended the Walden Academy meeting.

Whick Smock attended the CaFS policy meeting.

Janice Cannon reported Elk Creek started school.

Adele Foley attended the Kick-Off, she reported WHS is in session and WUSD has declining enrollment. Ms. Foley also reported a quarter of the students at WHS participate in the high school band.

Judy Holzapfel reported the next SELPA meeting would be in August. She also attended the back to school Kick-Off.

10.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no other communications.

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY:

There were no comments.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

President Holzapfel closed the regular meeting into closed session at 7:05 P.M.

President Holzapfel reopened the regular meeting at 7:17 P.M.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 Case.

13.0 REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

President Holzapfel reported the Superintendent had given the board updated information on the litigation progress.

14.0 NEXT MEETING: **Date/Time/Location**

Sept. 20, 2017, at 6:00 PM – 311 S. Villa Avenue, Willows.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Judith Holzapfel, Board President

Tracey Quarne, Superintendent

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