

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Minutes

A meeting of the Glenn County Board of Education began at **6:00 P.M.** on Wednesday,
August 19, 2020 as follows:
131 East Walker Street, Orland

The Governor has declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19 (aka the “Coronavirus”). The Governor issued Executive Order N-25-20, which directs Californians to follow public health directives including canceling large gatherings. The Executive Order also allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via conference calls while still satisfying state transparency requirements. The Governor has also issued Executive Order N-33-20, prohibiting people from leaving their homes or places of residence except to access necessary supplies and services or to engage in specified critical infrastructure employment.

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Tracey Quarne, Secretary
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Present: Judith Holzapfel, Janice Cannon, Kathy Perez, Whick Smock and Walter Michael

Absent: None

Other: Tracey Quarne, staff and community members

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

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

2.0 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Members of the public may be heard on any business item on the Board's Agenda. A person addressing the Board will be limited to five (5) minutes unless the Chairperson of the Board grants a longer period of time. While not required, we would appreciate it if you would identify yourself with your name and address when addressing the Board. If visitors have a complaint about a specific employee of the County, they will be advised to fill out a complaint form in accordance with Board Policy

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge was led by President Holzapfel.

4.0 Roll Call:

 X Judith Holzapfel
 AB Janice Cannon
 X Kathy Perez
 X Whick Smock
 X Walter Michael

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Holzapfel asked the other board members if they objected to moving item 7.0 – J to the top of the agenda. No objections were voiced.

Whick Smock moved to approve the agenda with the change of item 7.0-J moved to 7.0-A. Walter Michael seconded.

The agenda was approved with the change by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Perez, Smock and Michael.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July15, 2020 – **Action Item**

Whick Smock moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2020 as presented, Walter Michael seconded.

The regulars meeting minutes of July 15, 2020 were approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Perez, Smock and Michael.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2020 – **Action Item**

Whick Smock moved to approve the special meeting minutes of July 15, 2020 as presented, Walter Michael seconded.

The special meeting minutes of July 15, 2020 were approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Perez, Smock and Michael.

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:

President Holzapfel asked Superintendent Quarne regarding AB 1384 – Liability for Covid 19 related injuries. Superintendent Quarne reported the Assembly had approved the bill and the Senate had not. The bill is running out of time for approval.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Covid-19 Committee Report – Tracey Quarne – Information Only

Superintendent Quarne reported the numbers in Glenn County are going down. He further explained we cannot have more than two cases per day for the initial three-day period. After the three-day period, there is a fourteen-day period we have to stay below two cases per day. Superintendent Quarne also explained all the posters and information going to the community are in cooperation with Glenn County Mental Health and Health and Human Services Agency.

Superintendent Quarne and Ashely Boone gave the following update:

The committee is working on several projects to help the community reduce the numbers.

- New posters and flyers were created and handed out at the meeting;
- Several Public Service Announcements were recorded at Studio 129. The announcements will run on the Spanish and English radio and television stations;
- GCOE employees will man tables in front of Glenn County businesses handing out masks and information; and,
- The number one priority is to return children to school.

B. Charter Reports – Information Only

- **Success One!**

Lisa Morgan reported the following:

- All Success One! Registration is online;
- A new teacher was hired to replace Rebecca Walker, but the new teacher is on loan to Wm. Finch as their attendance has grown tremendously; and,
- The transition to online was very smooth.

- **Wm. Finch**

Lisa Morgan reported the following:

- A video was shared by Mrs. Morgan that was made by Wm. Finch and Success One! staff;
- Currently Wm. Finch has 132 enrolled students;
- 21 students are waiting to register;
- Mrs. Morgan is helping Walden Academy and Lake school to establish independent study programs; and,
- Some of the new enrollees will return to their schools once the schools return to face to face instruction.

President Holzapfel asked how the school is addressing the low math test scores from the prior year. Superintendent Quarne said the Educational Services department has been very busy teaching Glenn County teachers how to teach distance learning. Once schools go back to face to face instruction, the schools will follow their plan for professional development in math.

- **Walden Academy**

A report from Walden Academy was included in the board packet. No further report was given.

C. Glenn Adult Education Courses Adoption – Lisa Morgan – Action Item

The board will consider adopting the Glenn Adult Education Courses.

Lisa Morgan presented the Glenn Adult Education courses for GCBE approval. The courses have already been approved by CDE.

Walter Michael moved to approve the Glenn Adult Education Courses as presented, Whick Smock seconded.

The Glenn Adult Education Courses were approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Smock and Michael. Board member Perez zoom link had dropped.

D. Wm. Finch Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan – Information Only

A. Public Hearing – 6:10 P.M. – Lisa Morgan

The board will adjourn into a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the Wm. Finch Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

President Holzapfel recessed the meeting into the Public Hearing at 6:40 P.M.

Lisa Morgan explained the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is a way to explain how the school is adapting to the distance learning model. Mrs. Morgan explained as Wm. Finch is an independent study school it was not a hard transition into distance learning. She explained the school is experiencing an influx of new students as families are seeking a safe and rigorous educational experience.

B. Closure of Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 6:47 P.M.

E. Success One! Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan – Information Only

A. Public Hearing – 6:15 P.M. – Lisa Morgan

The board will adjourn into a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the Success One! Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

President Holzapfel recessed the regular meeting into the Public Hearing at 6:48 P.M.

Lisa Morgan explained the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is a way to explain how the school is adapting to distance learning. Mrs. Morgan explained Success One! is an independent study school and the transition was not difficult. The school bought more laptops and hot spots for students.

B. Closure of Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 P.M.

F. GCOE Continuity and Attendance Plan – Information Only

A. Public Hearing – 6:20 P.M. – Shirley Diaz - Out

The board will adjourn into a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the GCOE Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

President Holzapfel recessed the regular meeting into the Public Hearing at 6:51 P.M.

Shirley Diaz explained GCOE provides Special Education services to seven districts and three charter schools. She further explained the county office has been primarily providing professional development, supporting local districts with their needs, providing distance learning supports and oversight, and the shifting staff roles to support these needs and program specific needs. The needs include: professional development for student services staff, distance learning, distance learning tools, basic use of technology, social emotional learning, and more.

B. Closure of Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M.

G. Board Health Cap – Superintendent Quarne – Action Item

Superintendent Quarne requests Board member's monthly health cap be increased to \$1,164 per month from the existing rate of \$1,156 retroactive to July 1, 2020 to maintain conformity with the monthly cap extended to GCOE employees.

Superintendent Quarne explained the health cap had been increased by \$8.00 for all GCOE employees. The new cap of \$1,164 needs to be approved for all GCBE members retroactive to July 1, 2020.

Whick Smock moved to approve the new health cap for GCBE members in the amount of \$1,164 retroactive to July 1, 2020, Walter Michael seconded.

The new board health cap was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Smock and Michael.

H. Sign Update: – Shane Anderson – Information Only

Shane Anderson reported he had just received the sign and should be installed in the next few weeks.

I. Facilities Update: – Shane Anderson – Information Only

Shane Anderson reported the award letter for the Visual and Performing Arts grant had been received along with the preschool grant. He is looking to connect both projects with the architect to hopefully reduce costs.

J. Budget Report: – Randy Jones – Information Only

Randy Jones reported there had been very few changes from the July budget approval. Some of those changes were from the Covid-19 funding. Another change was restrictive funds changing to unrestrictive and insurance increase from Golden State Risk Management.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

The Superintendent will report on his activities.

Superintendent Quarne reported the following:

- Education has been high jacked by Covid-19;
- His biggest job now is getting Glenn County off the “naughty” list;
- Getting things back to normal; and,
- He understands the board’s and people’s frustration with state and local level information.

9.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

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

Kathy Perez reported tomorrow will be Princeton’s first day of school.

Whick Smock reported he attended a CaFS Special Meeting to approve the Back to School Plan. Board member Smock also read a letter addressed to the Glenn County Board and the Superintendent announcing his resignation. He explained he moved out to the family home and therefore did not qualify to represent Trustee Area A. Superintendent Quarne reminded the board the resignation would need to be addressed in a special meeting to decide what direction the board would like to take.

Judy Holzapfel reported she's enjoying Zoom very much. She reported she participated in the Hamilton, Princeton and Lake board meetings and the SELPA meeting. President Holzapfel reported she had received a letter from David Patterson, CCBE representative.

Walter Michael reported he had attended the Covid-19 committee meeting at GCOE.

10.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Quarne reported he understood the frustration of receiving the different information coming from state and local government. He also mentioned the large fire near Elk Creek and the evacuation of the town. Janice Cannon and Cathy Whitney both live in Elk Creek and both have been evacuated.

**11.0 NEXT MEETING: Date/Time/Location
Sept. 16, 2020, at 6:00 PM – 311 S. Villa Avenue, Willows**

12.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Judith Holzapfel, Board President

Tracey Quarne, Superintendent

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