GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

A meeting of the Glenn County Board of Education began at **4:00 P.M.** on Thursday, January 26, 2023
311 S. Villa Avenue, Willows

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Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge was led by Imelda Diaz

4.0 Roll Call:

- X Judith Holzapfel
- X Janice Cannon
- X Chris Redes
- X Cori Enos
- X Jesus Palomino

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chris Redes moved to approve the agenda as presented, Janice Cannon seconded.

The agenda was approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

6.0 Resolution 2022/2023-10 Remote Teleconferencing: Judith Holzapfel – Action

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law, permitting public agencies to continue conducting meetings remotely. The Glenn County Board of Education (GCBE) will consider adopting Resolution 2022/2023-10, to make a finding that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code §54953 for the GCBE to conduct meetings remotely.

Janice Cannon moved to approve Resolution 2022/2023-10 as presented, Chris Redes seconded.

Resolution 2022/2023-10 was approved by Roll Call vote. Motion passed 5/0

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2022 – Action
Janice Cannon moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 14, 2022 as presented, Cori Enos seconded.

The minutes were approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023 – Action

Chris Redes moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023 as presented, Cori Enos seconded.

The special meeting minutes were approved as presented by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

8.0 GCOE WILLOWS FACILITIES TOUR: Superintendent Bentz – Information

The board will tour the Willows Administration and the Learning Center South buildings.

Superintendent Bentz asked the Leadership members to introduced themselves. Present were: Shirley Diaz, Ed Services, Heather Aulabaugh, CaFS, Roberto Herniman, IT, Ronnie Stenquist, HR, Shane Anderson, Facilities, Dusty Thompson, Business, and Jenifer Boone, Payroll.

Superintendent Bentz and Facilities Director Shane Anderson led the board on a tour of the Willows Administrative Office and The Learning Center South. Superintendent Bentz explained Mr. Anderson is currently conducting a space utilization study of all GCOE buildings.

9.0 COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There were no comments from the audience.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Organizational Meeting: - Superintendent Bentz – Action

Election of Board President and Vice President. Any Board member is eligible, including past officers, to be elected to either of these positions.

Superintendent Bentz opened the nominations for GCBE president.

Board member Chris Redes nominated Judith Holzapfel for president, Janice Cannon seconded.

There were no other nominations.
It was moved and seconded for Judith Holzapfel to serve as GCBE President by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

Superintendent Bentz opened the nominations for VP.

President Holzapfel nominated Janice Cannon for GCBE Vice President, Chris Redes seconded.

There were no other nominations.

It was moved and seconded for Janice Cannon to serve as GCBE Vice President by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

B. **Appoint County Superintendent as Secretary**: Board President – Action

Janice Cannon moved to approve Superintendent Bentz as the Board Secretary, Cori Enos seconded.

Superintendent Bentz was approved as the Secretary to the Board by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

C. **Appointments of Liaisons**: Board President – Action

Appointment of Liaison to:
- Child and Family Policy Council (CaFS) – Chris Redes
- Wm. Finch Advisory Board – Chris Redes
- Walden Academy – Cori Enos
- Success One! and GAP – Janice Cannon
- SELPA – Judith Holzapfel
- Policy Committee – Janice Cannon and Judith Holzapfel
- Senior Nutrition – Superintendent Bentz
- Facilities Development – Jesus Palomino

President Holzapfel moved to approve the liaison as listed above, Chris Redes seconded.

The GCBE liaisons were appointed as listed by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0

D. **Board Vision and Mission Plan**: Board President – Discussion/Action

*The board will review their Vision and Mission Plan and update as needed.*

The board reviewed their vision and mission plan. Janice Cannon would like to review and possibly reword the vision and mission statement. This item will be brought back for approval at the February meeting.
E. Charter Reports – Information Only

- **Walden Academy**
  Suzanne Tefs reported the following:
  - Walden is using “Me Time” as an intervention for students needing extra help;
  - The students are finishing the end of the trimester testing and getting ready for the Science Showcase in March;
  - Pupil engagement – Mrs. Tefs and Mr. Bobadilla made home visits regarding attendance;
  - The school is using the “Toolbox” program for students TK-3. The program helps students learn tools to manage their emotions; and,
  - Walden had three (3) student suspensions due to students hitting and fighting.

Mrs. Tefs assured Cori Enos, the new GCBE Walden liaison that she would be sending Mrs. Enos the meeting calendar along with the Walden Newsletter.

- **Wm. Finch**

  A written report was included in the board packet. The report included the total enrollment of 147 students and the Mid-year i-Ready growth in Language Arts and Math from August to December.

- **Success One!**
  Principal Elena Jones reported the following:
  - 142 total student enrollment with 91 active students;
  - Month 6 attendance rate of 73.5%
  - The 2022-2023 P-1 number is higher than last year
  - LCAP surveys are out
  - The Spring semester ends May 12
  - Medical Assistant application window is January 5 through March 24
  - WASC mid-cycle visit is March 15, and,
  - CAASPP testing window is February 9 through May 17

Mrs. Jones was asked about the progress of the LVN, CNA and the flight class. She reported the LVN director has been found and the class is in development; They are currently looking for an instructor for the CNA class and the flight class is in development.

F. Facilities Update: – Shane Anderson – Information

- **Signs**
  Shane Anderson reported the sign permit was approved by the City of Orland and the sign is ready to be installed.
• **Facilities**
  A video of the Digital Media Arts and Little Bridges preschool was presented by Shane Anderson. It was mentioned by Board President Holzapfel the new buildings look very similar in design to the LCN building. Shane mentioned the new addition was designed to look like the current building. He hopes the project will be completed by mid-June.

G. **Schedule a County Committee on School Redistricting Meeting** – Ryan Bentz – Action

_The board will discuss scheduling a meeting to review and accept the redistricting of trustee areas for Stony Creek Joint Unified._

The board received information regarding the completion of the Stony Creek Joint Unified School District redistricting. Stony Creek is asking The County Committee on School Redistricting to review and approve their updated maps for the five (5) trustee areas.

_A meeting of the County Committee on School Redistricting was set for February 15, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in Elk Creek to review and possible approve the revised trustee areas for Stony Creek Joint Unified._

H. **Williams Uniform Complaint** – Ryan Bentz – Information

There were no complaints filed.

I. **First Interim Report** – Dusty Thompson/Randy Jones – Action Item

_Dusty Thompson/Randy Jones will present the First Interim Report._

Randy Jones explained the state roll out of the new SACS (Standardized Account Code Structure) as well as the new financial system made it very difficult to finish the First Interim report. GCOE could not ask for an extension from CDE.

Randy Jones explained GCOE is able to meet its financial responsibilities with the required reserves of 3% for the multi-year projection. Mr. Jones asked the board for a positive certification of the First Interim Report.

Mr. Jones explained GCOE had been at the “Hold Harmless” and does not receive the state colas. The state has made changes to the calculation to COE’s funding and will be based on the P-1 data for the current year. That information might be available during the Second Interim Report due in a couple of months.

Janice Cannon moved to approve the GCOE First Interim Report as presented, Jesus Palomino seconded.

_The GCOE First Interim Report was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. Motion passed 5/0_
J. Superintendant Compensation: - Ryan Bentz – Action Item

Superintendent Bentz handed out compensation information to the board and the public. The information included a comparison to of superintendent’s compensation of Butte COE, Lake COE, Colusa COE and Tehama DOE along with the total staff numbers. Other information included was that of the three (3) largest school district superintendent’s compensation (OUSD, WUSD and HUSD).

President Holzapfel mentioned that it’s hard receiving documents at the time of the meeting and requested that in the future, Superintendent Bentz include all the documents in the board packet so the board has time to review the information.

Superintendent Bentz explained he had taken the base salaries from Lake COE, Colusa COE and Tehama DOE and averaged the amount coming up with a total of $191,039. Superintendent Bentz asked the board to set his salary at $191,039, retroactive to January 3, 2023.

Board President Holzapfel reminded the board that according to education code 1207, once the salary is set for the superintendent, the salary cannot be reduced. She also reminded the board the superintendent is not an employee, he is an elected official and cannot be fired. She mentioned the board does not need to look at any compensation comparisons and the compensation subject will most likely will come up every year.

Superintendent Bentz mentioned that the board is not his evaluator, the public is. He also said no employee’s salary is ever lowered. The superintendent reported he is currently receiving the salary of a school principal. HR Director Ronnie Stenquist announced the Orange County Board had lowered the salary of the County Superintendent in April of 2022.

President Holzapfel recognized that when the salary was set at $140,000, it was lower than what the past superintendent was making.

Board member Cannon stated GCOE needs to keep the superintendent’s salary in step with other superintendents in the surrounding counties.

Janice Cannon moved to approve the superintendent Salary for $191,039 plus health benefits retroactive to January 3, 2023, Cori Enos seconded.

The Superintendent salary was set to $191,039 plus benefits retroactive to January 3, 2023 by a show of hands and ayes by board members Cannon, Redes, Enos and Palomino. President Holzapfel voted no. Motion passed 4/1

12.0 CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
   Information – Superintendent Bentz
1. The Board will receive information on the property located at: 512, 514 South Street, and 1222 Railroad Avenue, Orland, CA


President Holzapfel recessed the regular meeting at 5:51 P.M.

President Holzapfel reopened the regular meeting at 6:05 P.M.

13.0 REPORTING FROM CLOSED SESSION:

President Holzapfel reported the board had received information.

14.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

The Superintendent will report on his activities.

Superintendent Bentz reported on the following:

- He thanked the board for adjusting his salary
- He attended CCS (California County Superintendent) Academy
- He reported he had attended quarterly CCS meeting in Monterey
- At the CCS Conference representatives from CDE were present and reported no cuts to K-12 education at this point
  - Some of the other topics included:
    - All 3rd graders can read
    - Teacher recruitment – some districts are having housing issues. They are taking modular buildings and turning them into studio apartments for staff
    - Only 4% of college kids wanting to go into the education field
    - CDE would like to setup a COE liaison with every county superintendent
- The universal free and reduced lunch money is not being reimbursed to schools due to families not returning their applications
- The Senior Nutrition Program might be $60,000 in debt by the end of the fiscal year. The Senior Nutrition Board is looking into options. One of the options is possibly closing one day a week. Superintendent Bentz is speaking with the Count of Glenn for more funding as the K-12 funding GCOE receives cannot be used to subsidize senior nutrition
- GCOE has hired a reading specialist
- GCOE is applying for a $500,000 grant to establish a community school
- Wm. Finch is serving Glenn County expelled students
- GCOE is working on a workshop for district board members

15.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

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

Janice Cannon reported the FFA group from Elk Creek high school is selling valentine flower arrangements and the new academic counselor is doing very well.
Judith Holzapfel reported she had attended the SELPA meeting and the Hamilton board meeting via zoom.

Chris Redes reported she had been invited to attend the OHS dinner. She reported the students not only received sports award but also received high academic awards.

16.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

- SSDA Annual State Conference – March 5-7
- CCBE Governance Workshop – March 10-11

The board was invited to attend the conference/workshops listed above.

17.0 NEXT MEETING: Date/Time/Location

February 15, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. – 3430 County Road 309, Elk Creek
February 23, 2023, at 4:00 PM – 131 Walker Street, Orland

18.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

Judith Holzapfel, Board President

Ryan Bentz, Superintendent

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