

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Minutes

A meeting of the Glenn County Board of Education began at **6:00 P.M.** on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 as follows:

131 E 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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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 Superintendent Quarne.

4.0 Roll Call:

X Judith Holzapfel
X Janice Cannon
X Kathy Perez
X Walter Michael
X Chris Redes

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Janice Cannon moved to approve the agenda with the change of order for Item 9-C moved to become Item 6 and Item 9-F to become Item 7. Chris Redes seconded.

The agenda was approved with the changes to the order of the meeting as listed above with a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Michael and Redes.

6.0 Resolution 2021/2022-2 Remote Teleconferencing: Tracey Quarne – Action Item

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 2021/2022-2, 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.

Board President Holzapfel explained the Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom allowing the board to meet via zoom expired. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed A.B. 361 into law authorizing a local agency to continue holding remote board meetings under certain conditions without complying with the teleconferencing requirements outlined in the Ralph M. Brown Act. President Holzapfel explained that if

the board would like to continue using Zoom as an option, A.B. 361 allows the continued use of teleconference if the board approves a resolution no later than 30 days after the first teleconference meeting, and to approve a resolution every 30 days thereafter. This would require a majority vote stating:

1. the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
2. One or more of the following circumstances exist:
 - a. The state of emergency continues to directly impart the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
 - b. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

A.B. 361 is operative until January 1, 2024.

Walter Michael moved to approve Resolution 2021/2022-2 as presented, Janice Cannon seconded.

Resolution 2021/2022-2 was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Michael and Redes.

7.0 Covid-19 Committee Report – Tracey Quarne- Information Only

Several members of the community were present to express their views on government mandates including masking and vaccines for adults and students. Many of the community members emphasized they would either pull their kids from local public schools or move out of state if the student vaccine mandates were required for students to attend school.

Superintendent Quarne informed the board he had met with the school district superintendents that morning. The group will conduct a survey of families that would move out of the area or pull kids from public education if the mandate becomes law. The survey will be done by small school districts in California so it has a bigger impact in Sacramento. Glenn County Office of Education will receive the results of the survey and send to SSDA (Small School Districts Association) where it will be distributed to other organizations.

President Holzapfel told the audience the mandates were coming from the state and the GCBE did not have the authority to reverse the mandates. She said she was not anti-vaccine, but was against the Covid-19 vaccines; there was not enough information on the vaccine side effects. Kathy Perez and Janice Cannon mentioned they would not receive the vaccine. Board Member Cannon read two articles regarding the vaccine. President Holzapfel stated that, if people sat and did nothing, nothing would change.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2020 – **Action Item**

Janice Cannon moved to approve the minutes of September 29, 2021 with the correction in Item 11 to add Creek to Stony, Chris Redes seconded.

The minutes were approved as corrected by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Michael and Redes.

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. Charter Reports: – Information Only

• Walden Academy – Suzanne Tefs

Suzanne Tefs reported enrollment at Walden is down significantly. The school is trying to keep school as normal as possible. They are bringing new events and back to doing sports. Families have left Walden for a variety of reasons: The school is enforcing mask wearing, parents are not ready to have their kids return to in-person learning, families have left the area or state and some prefer to do independent study.

• Success One! - Elena Jones

Elena Jones reported Success One! currently has 64 students, one graduate and an ADA rate of 75%. Mrs. Jones also included the Tiered Re-engagement strategies and the synchronous instruction opportunities for students. Mrs. Jones reported the Rusty Wagon had their live sale and did very well.

B. Wm. Finch Annual Report: – Christine Taylor – Information Only

Christine Taylor presented the annual Wm. Finch report. The report included the 2020 and 2021 enrollment distribution numbers, the teacher/student ratio along with graduation and staff pictures and the classes each teacher offers. The report also included the Red Ribbon Week list of events. One of the scheduled events will be a zoom guest speaker delivering a motivational lesson called “iMatter: Taking control of your thoughts and behaviors to honor the value and impact of your life.

The information included the biography of Caliph Assagai, the motivational speaker. Mr. Assagai is a UC Davis graduate and also attended UCLA School of Law where he earned a specialization in Public Interest Law and Policy, and Critical Race Studies.

President Holzapfel told Principal Taylor she had concerns about the report as she stated it was missing critical information. President Holzapfel informed Principal Taylor the purpose of the annual report is to show the board the scholastic achievement of students and the financial solvency of the school, which was not included in her presentation. President Holzapfel went on to say the board uses

this report as part of the re-authorization of the charter and could possibly pull the charter if these key factors are not included in the report. President Holzapfel was also very upset over the motivational speaker Caliph Assagai, as the board has instructed all Glenn County Office of Education schools not to bring any critical race theory into the classrooms. President Holzapfel was very upset Wm. Finch was paying for this speaker to present.

Principal Taylor explained there was no scholastic data available due to the cancellation of the state testing due to Covid 19. Principal Taylor also explained she did not know the budget report needed to be included, but she could present it at the next board meeting. President Holzapfel reiterated that she did not want any Critical Race Theory or SEL (Social Emotional Learning) introduced in the schools as she felt SEL is the beginning of brain washing and the students are too young to hear this kind of information.

Principal Taylor explained Mr. Assagai was presenting due to Red Ribbon Week and the cost was being shared by Lake School and Wm. Finch. Mr. Assagai was not going to include race theory in the presentation. Mrs. Taylor mentioned Mr. Assagai had presented at Lake School before and is an amazing motivational speaker. President Holzapfel was very worried the parents were not aware of the information being presented to which Mrs. Taylor assure the board all the parents had received the information and had the option to join in the zoom presentation or not. Mrs. Taylor also will send the zoom link to the board so they can watch.

Superintendent Quarne asked for a five-minute break.

C. Quarterly Williams Uniform Complaint: Tracey Quarne – Information Only

Superintendent Quarne reported there had been no complaints filed.

D. Facilities Update: – Shane Anderson – Information Only

• **Signs**

No update was given.

• **Facilities**

Shane Anderson reported he had conducted the water pressure test at LCN and it had passed. He also announced he had called OPSC, and once the plans get approved the funding should come. At this point he is waiting on final plans.

E. Esser 3 Expenditure Plan: Randy Jones – Action Item

Randy Jones presented the Esser (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) 3 Expenditure Plan. If the plan is approved, GCOE will receive \$320,582. The plan outlined that \$256,462 will be used for Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and \$64,120 for Addressing Lost Instructional Time. Board President and Board Member Perez asked for more detailed information of how the \$256,462 was going to be used. Superintendent Quarne mentioned that human trafficking has been a huge problem that needs to be addressed.

Superintendent Quarne did not want to announce how GCOE would be addressing this issue. He mentioned he would like to hire a retired peace officer to address some of the needs and that the money would be spent in a period of three years. It was explained that \$64,120 was going to be used for the Pipeline trip; Board member Perez did not agree on how this money was going to be used. Mr. Jones explained that 20% of the funds were at the Superintendents discretion. Superintendent Quarne explained he expects a very large group of students wanting to participate in the Pipeline trip this year.

Board member Kathy Perez moved to approve the Esser 3 Expenditure Plan, Chris Redes seconded.

The Esser 3 Expenditure Plan was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Cannon, Perez, Michael and Redes. Board President Holzapfel voted no.

F. Gann Limit Resolution: Randy Jones – Action Item

The board will consider approving Resolution No. 2021/2022-3.

Randy Jones presented the Gann Limit Resolution and informed the board that GCOE had met the Gann requirements.

Janice Cannon moved to approve Resolution 2021/2022-3 as presented, Kathy Perez seconded.

The Gann Limit Resolution 2021/2022-3 was approved by a show of hands and ayes by board members Holzapfel, Cannon, Perez, Michael and Redes.

G. Unaudited Actuals: Randy Jones – Information Only

Randy Jones presented the Unaudited Actuals,

12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

The Superintendent will report on his activities.

Superintendent Quarne reported there was too much talk about Covid, and GCOE will be conducting a statewide survey.

13.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

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

Chris Redes reported she had not attended the CaFS annual Head start meeting the past Saturday. Superintendent Quarne reported all Head start employees must be vaccinated to work.

Judith Holzapfel attended the SELPA and the SELPA Fiscal meeting, PJUSD board meeting, and the County Committee of School Reorganization meeting.

14.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

CDE Letter – LCAP Approval

15.0 CLOSED SESSION:

*Conference with Real Property Negotiators – CA Govt. Code 54956.8
Appearing in Closed Session: Superintendent Quarne, Randy Jones,
Shane Anderson*

President Holzapfel recessed the regular meeting to closed session at 8:47 P.M.

OPEN SESSION:

President Holzapfel reopened the regular meeting at 9:11 P.M.

16.0 Reporting out from Closed Session

President Holzapfel reported Superintendent Quarne had updated the board and the board had given the Superintendent Quarne further direction.

17.0 NEXT MEETING: Date/Time/Location

November 16, 2021, at 6:00 PM – 311 S. Vila Avenue, Willows

18.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Judith Holzapfel, Board President

Tracey Quarne, Superintendent

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