

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The regular meeting of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. by Board President Kevin Bloom. The Board went into Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session at approximately 7:03 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Kevin Bloom, Board President, Mr. Kevin Cordeiro, Mr. Zachery Ramos, Mr. Gary Silva, and Mrs. Loretta Rose. Student Board Member Miss Alma Medina Tovar was present during the Open Session.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

In regards to Student Discipline Case NO. 2022-23-05, the Board voted unanimously to reinstate this student for the 23-24 Spring Semester.

In regards to Student Discipline Case NO. 2022-23-06, the Board voted unanimously to reinstate this student for the 23-24 Spring Semester.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Student ASB Reports** – RES student representative, Noah Sanchez, presented the report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Romero Elementary School.

GES Student ASB Representative, Rosemary Padilla presented the report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine Elementary School.

GMS Student ASB Representative, Slone Brazil, presented the report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine Middle School.

GHS Student ASB Representative, Nevaeh Graze, presented the report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine High School.

- B. Student Board Member – Alma Medina Tovar** – Student Board Member gave her report to the Board on various ongoing activities at Gustine High School.

- C. Board Reports** – Mrs. Rose stated that the MCSBA Mini Grants are now available. Deadline is January 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, Kids' Day is coming up in March if anyone would like to start planning.

Mr. Ramos – said a tribute to Mrs. Alma Romo.

**D. Superintendent Report** – Dr. Ballenger stated that he and board members toured Romero Elementary School.

**E. Attendance Report** – GES won for Month 3 and also Month 4.

## **ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATION**

### 1. Election of Officers:

A. Board President – Mr. Cordeiro nominated Mr. Bloom as Board President, seconded by Mr. Ramos. The Board unanimously elected Mr. Bloom to serve as Board President for 2024. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Board Clerk- Mr. Cordeiro nominated Mr. Ramos as Board Clerk, seconded by Mr. Bloom. The Board unanimously elected Mr. Ramos to serve as Board Clerk for 2024. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

### 2. Newly elected president presides over the meeting –

A. Appointment of the Superintendent as Secretary to the Board of Education – Mr. Silva made a motion to appoint the position of Superintendent to serve as Secretary to the Board, seconded by Miss Medina Tovar. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Establish Calendar of Regular Meeting Dates for 2024 – The Board Meetings will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Closed Session would start at 6:00 p.m. and Open Session would start at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2024, seconded by Miss Medina Tovar. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

## **CONVENE MEETING OF THE GUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCING CORPORATION**

The Board convened the meeting of the GUSD Financing Corporation at 7:22 p.m. All Board members were present.

Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

There was no communication from the public.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2024:

1. Mr. Silva nominated Mr. Cordeiro as Chair, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

2. Mr. Silva nominated Mrs. Rose as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

3. Mr. Cordeiro nominated Mr. Bloom as Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

The Board appointed Mehdi Rizvi, Chief Business Officer as Treasurer. The slate of officers as approved by the Board for the GUSD Financing Corporation is as follows:

Chair: Kevin Cordeiro

Vice Chair: Loretta Rose

Secretary: Kevin Bloom

Treasurer: Mehdi Rizvi

FINANCIAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Financial Report covering the expenditure of COP funds. The Balance of COP as of December 12, 2023, is \$6,240,944.00 (\$4,979,000.00 principal; \$1,261,944.00 interest).

Mr. Ramos made a motion to adjourn the Financing Corporation meeting, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Ledezma publicly congratulated Miss Alma Medina Tovar for receiving a full four-year scholarship to Cal Poly Pomona.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Warrants** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to ratify the warrants, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- B. **First Interim Report** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the 23-24 First Interim Report, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- C. **Resolution NO. 2023-24-04 Authorization of Signatures for Orders Drawn on Funds**
  1. Mr. Ramos made a motion to waive the reading of Resolution NO. 2023-24-04 Authorization of Signatures for Orders Drawn on Funds, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
  2. Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 2023-24-04 Authorization of Signatures for Orders Drawn on Funds, seconded by Miss Medina Tovar. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- D. **Disclosure Statement of Proposed Agreement with CSEA (Public Hearing/Approval)**
  1. Mr. Bloom opened the Public Hearing at 7:51 p.m. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

2. Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve the Disclosure Statement of Proposed Agreement with CSEA, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- E. Ratification of GUSD/CSEA Tentative Agreement for 2023-2024 School Year** – Miss Medina Tovar made a motion to approve Ratification of GUSD/CSEA Tentative Agreement for the 2023-2024 School Year, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- F. Infinity Communications & Consulting Agreement for E-Rate Funding** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Infinity Communications & Consulting Agreement for E-Rate funding, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- G. Central Kitchen Project Manager – Derivi Castellanos Architects (DCA)** – Miss Medina Tovar made a motion to approve Derivi Castellanos Architects (DCA) as the Central Kitchen Project Manager, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- H. Central Kitchen Project Inspector of Record – Mr. Jim Womack** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to approve Mr. Jim Womack as Inspector of Records for the Central Kitchen Project, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- I. 2022-2023 Developer Fee Annual Report** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Developer Fee Annual Report., seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- J. Five-Year Developer Fee Report** – Mr. Ramos made a motion to accept the Five-Year Developer Fee Report for fiscal year 2018-2019 through 2022-2023, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- K. Board Policy Update October 2023, Second Reading**
1. Mr. Silva made a motion to waive the reading of Board Policy Updates in October 2023, seconded by Miss Medina Tovar. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
  2. Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Board Policy Updates October 2023, seconded by Mr. Silva. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- L. GHS Science Laboratory Supplies Purchase** – Miss Medina Tovar made a motion to approve the GHS Science Laboratory Supplies Purchase, seconded by Mrs. Rose. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

- M. GUSD Booster Club Approval** – Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to approve the Gustine Middle School Parent Teacher Club fundraising activities for the 23-24 school year, seconded by Miss Medina Tovar. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.
- N. Expanded Learning Program Coordinator/District Administrator Job Description** – Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Program Coordinator/District Administrator Job Description, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. Reg. Board Mtg. Jan. 10, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. @ DO  
B. Reg. Board Mtg. Feb. 14, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. @ DO

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Cordeiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Miss Medina Tovar. Student Representative Preferential Vote: Aye. Motion carried, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Zachery Ramos, Clerk of the Board