



GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 15 · 6:00 – 8:00pm
Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

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Our Vision: GVS fosters creative, happy, healthy students who are both thinkers and doers, actively contributing to their community and the world. At GVS, children develop into **well-rounded socially, emotionally and physically intelligent learners**, growing their **creativity, critical thinking** and **craftsmanship** through **engagement with their local communities and the world**.

Our Mission: GVS provides an educational program focused on **agriculture and environment** in a small caring dedicated school community as unique as the rural surrounding in which we live.

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order - 6:03 pm

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Jackie Williams, Amos Mace, Aaron Capps, Cheyenne Griego, Jody Medina, Deborah Tanzy, Ann Riedmiller, Andrea Pacheco, Amanda Salas showed up after meeting was called to order

Guests: Heather Hernandez with World Journal, Denise Johnson

Missing:

1.3 [Our Vision & Mission](#)

1.4 Approval of Agenda 3/15/23

- Motion to approve was made by Amos Mace. Aaron Capps seconds. Unanimous Approval.

1.5 Public Comment (on Agenda topics)

- None

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of minutes 2/21/2023

- Motion to approve was made by Amos Mace. Aaron Capps seconds. Unanimous Approval.

3. Guest presentations (discussion/action as needed)

- None

4. Regular Business

4.1 Officer and committee reports

President's update and committee report

- Board members are asked to forward dates that work in June and July for the board retreat. Discussed bills to watch.

Vice President's Update VP report

- Amanda gave a report of Annual League of Charter School's Conference sessions and discussed a bill that might possibly help pay for RAPTOR services. Amanda will look into the bill more.

Treasurer's financial report

- Amos has no official report. We can start looking at the financial report evaluating Transportation program costs this year.

Secretary's grants and procurement report

- No meeting was held.

4.2 Head of School report

- Jody thanks all who helped make the carnival successful. Student led conferences are rescheduled due to potential weather conditions. Voices of the Past will be held April 13th.
- 4.3 Staff Liaison report- as needed
- No report

5. Executive Session- Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators, in order for the board to discuss negotiations for staff positions;

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h) Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, so the board can be made aware of an incident and the process involved.

- Motion by Amos Mace, Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous Approval.
- Deborah Tanzy and Mrs. Hernandez left the room. Discussion started at 6:31 pm and ended at 6:42pm
- Cheyenne Griego left the room at 6:42pm, Discussion resumed starting at 6:43 and ended at 7:16pm
- Cheyenne Griego & Deborah Tanzy rejoined the room.

6. Discussion and Action Items

6.1 Election of Secretary

- Cheyenne Griego volunteered to fill the secretary position and a motion to approve was made by Amos Mace. Andrea Pacheco seconds. Cheyenne abstains with the rest of the board approving.

6.2 Proposed 2023-24 budget

- Discussion included Jody needing to adjust the errors that were found on the Salary Adjustments. Amos Mace moves to approve the amended budget with the increased salaries and needed adjustments. Aaron Capp seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6.3 Greenhouse Electrical Bids

- A base bid of \$21,500 was submitted and the terms of the proposed bid was discussed. Amos Mace moves to approve the acceptance of the \$21,500 bid from T&T Electric Co. Inc. pending a site visit. Andrea Pacheco seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6.4 Satisfaction Surveys - Parent/Community & Student

- The surveys were reviewed and discussed and recommendations were made by the board. Recommendations included adding a comment section after each survey question for the Student survey, changing the last question from "How satisfied are you..." to "How do you feel you are treated..." and changing the Community survey from "What do you like least..." to "Are there any changes would you like to see..." Amanda recommended simplifying the questions on the student survey to make it easier for the kids to understand.
- Amanda Salas made a motion to approve the survey as amended. Ann Riedmiller seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6.5 Conference update

- Updates were given during reports.

6.6 Middle school (6-8) overnight field trip to camp Jackson May 11-12, 2023

- Deborah Tanzy gave a short explanation of trip details. Amos asked about cost per student. Cost was discussed. Amanda moves to approve the overnight trip. Second by Amos Mace. Unanimous Approval.

6.7 Employee Retention Credit Grant

-Saba needs board approval to talk to an advisor. Service will be paid through a percentage of grant money (80/20). There is no starting cost or fees and money is meant to reward businesses that stayed open

through the pandemic. Payroll taxes for years in question and spreadsheet of staff member data who worked during 2020-2021 is needed. No restrictions apply on funds. Board unanimously agrees Saba should pursue this.

6.8 Gardner Public Improvement District grant letter of support

- Amos signed the letter of support as approval was needed.

6.9 FIT Profile

- Amanda Salas moves to accept. Amos Mace seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6.10 Gift for Saba

- Discussion included the idea of a jacket or vest. Size small. Board agrees on a \$100 budget.

6.11 Head of School Evaluation- need a board designee

- Andrea volunteers.

6.12 Upcoming board member seat(s)

- Will post for availability of 2 seats open in May on website and social media.

6.13 Huerfano RE-1 Board meeting update (as needed)

- Amanda will update the board.

7. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

- Jody asked about the enrollment lottery and it was revealed that the lottery will happen in April. Any staff resignations are needed by the April meeting.

8. Adjournment

- Amos Mace moves to adjourn at 8:34pm, Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous Approval.