



Successful Students Today – Successful Citizens Tomorrow

# French Gulch-Whiskeytown School District

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## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

May 12, 2021 5:00 PM

### OUR DISTRICT MISSION

The French Gulch-Whiskeytown School District is dedicated to building resourceful, respectful, academically strong individuals.

### CALL TO ORDER

5:00 PM

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**ROLL CALL:**

Heather VanHorn, President ☐ Lesley Pearson, Clerk ☐  
Matthew Balch ☒ Sara Wells ☒ Crystal Andersen

**2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Public Comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard. The Board may limit comments to no more than 3 minutes pursuant to Board policy. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific agenda.

*None*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays*

*The board agreed to allow the student presentation to the Board (item 6.2) be moved up in order of presentation as one of the student presenters' parents had arrived to pick him up from Project SHARE a little earlier than anticipated.*

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1 LETTER FROM JESSICA TEGERSTRAND ON THE SECOND INTERIM REPORT FOR 20-21

*FGWS is deficit spending in 2020-21 by \$88,883. Projected deficit spending is projected to increase the next two years if the school's funding band remains the same.*

*The Board was reminded of the process of collective bargaining, required paperwork and need to notify SCOE so ongoing fiscal sustainability can be determined.*

4.2 LETTER FROM MOUNTAIN VALLEY JPA ON THE SECOND INTERIM REPORT FOR 20-21

*The Mountain Valley JPA reported that it can meet its fiscal obligations for this year and the subsequent two years beyond that.*

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

*Required membership at previous meeting not present. Approval deferred to next month.*

**6. REPORTS AND PUBLIC FORUM (if applicable)**

6.1 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

A. Enrollment

**Current enrollment is 26**

**B. TUPE Program Requirements**

***The TUPE program and its benefits were explained. Necessary requirements for renewed inclusion in the program were reviewed.***

**C. Compensation Update for 2020-2021**

***The board was informed that at this time the fiscal uncertainty of our funding band makes ongoing increases on the salary schedule for both certificated and classified staff a bit "risky." A one time off the salary schedule compensation of \$600 per employee was recommended by the school accountant as a safer and more fiscally prudent option.***

**D. Federal Addendum Part A Submission (ESSER III Funding)**

***Although reinstatement as a Title 1 school to take advantage of the third phase of federal covid funding was discussed during several previous board meetings, the superintendent failed to get official board approval before submitting the forms on April 16. It is likely that FGWS will be reinstated as Title 1 school but should have had prior approval to submit. It is requested that board approval be back dated to April 16, 2021. It was also reported that CDE had returned the federal addendum early in the afternoon with required revisions to two sections***

**6.2 STUDENT PRESENTATION ON STUDENT CELL PHONE USE AND POSSESSION AT SCHOOL (SHAWN VANHORN, NOBLE KNIGHT, MARIAH BENNETT)**

***Noble, with the moral support and backing of Shawn and Mariah, presented a letter to the board requesting that students be allowed to retain personal cell phones in their possession while at school. The superintendent presented the section from the student handbook that has this as an option based on following the stated guidelines (turned off unless otherwise allowed by the teacher, etc). In the past, due to numerous violations of these guidelines the teacher has chosen to collect phones at the beginning of class and return them to their owners upon dismissal. Since sneaking phone usage in the past was often done under the "guise" of using the restroom, the students said that phones would have to be placed on desktops or turned into the teacher when students requested to be excused to use the bathroom. A possible 2 minute check for messages right before recess was brought up. A violation of the phone use policies will result in that student's phone being placed in the office for the day.***

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS and/or PUBLIC HEARING (if applicable)**

**7.1 STUDENT PROPOSED CELL PHONE POLICY CHANGE**

***The board felt that students should have the opportunity to prove they are trustworthy and mature enough to follow the phone possession/use policy as stated in the school handbook.***

**7.2 EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY GRANT**

***The ELO Grant was discussed. Allocations of funds was meant to be somewhat general in the document because at this time we don't know what restrictions or guidelines may be in effect at the county, state or federal levels when schools open for the 2021-22 year.***

7.3 DISCARDING DECOMMISSIONED DEVICES

***4 chromebooks and 1 desktop have moved on to green pastures and the school has a need to discard them. The cost of some repairs on the chromebooks exceeds their purchase price.***

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS APRIL 13, 2021 to MAY 7, 2021

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.2 APPROVAL OF BILL AB- 86; COVID 19 RELIEF AND SCHOOL REOPENING

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.3 APPROVAL OF THE Q3 WILLIAMS QUARTERLY REPORT

***Matthew Balch moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Crystal andersen vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.4 APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES:

- BP 1330: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
- AR 1330: USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
- BP 5131.62: TOBACCO
- AR 5131.62: TOBACCO
- AR 3513.3: TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.5 APPROVAL OF THE EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PLAN (ELO)

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.6 APPROVAL OF A ONE TIME, \$600, OFF THE SALARY SCHEDULE, FOR CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED STAFF FOR 2020-21

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.7 FORMAL APPROVAL OF FGWS REINSTATEMENT AS A TITLE 1 SCHOOL THROUGH FEDERAL ADDENDUM SUBMISSION PART A (APRIL 16, 2021)

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

8.8 APPROVAL OF THE DISCARDING OF DECOMMISSIONED DEVICES

***Crystal Andersen moved to approve the agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Balch vote: 3 yeas no nays***

9. PLANNING

9.1 ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: Comments, Suggestions for future meetings, etc.

9.2 Next Regular Meeting of the Board: JUNE 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM

9.3 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD: JUNE 16, 2021  
5:00pm
- LAST DAY & 6:00 PM GRADUATION: JUNE 3, 2021

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

### **10.1 Adjourn Meeting**

**6:02 pm**

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All documents presented to the members of the Governing Board for consideration at this meeting are included in this agenda packet. Documents unavailable at the time of the printing of this agenda are available for public review in the District Office, 11442 Cline Gulch Rd, during regular business hours. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in Board Meetings. Persons wishing to address the Board may do so during the Opportunity for Public Comment. Speakers are limited to three minutes each. Other opportunities to address the Board include the Public Forum and Items from the Floor. By law, the Board is not allowed to take action on matters that are not on the agenda.

