

French Gulch-Whiskeytown School District

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

April 12, 2021 5:00 pm

MINUTES

OUR DISTRICT MISSION

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

**CALL TO ORDER & OPEN SESSION**

5:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER **

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.

***There were no public comments.***

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -**

***Lesley Pearson moved to accept the agenda second by Crystal Andersen Motion passed: ayes 4 nays 0***

**4. CORRESPONDENCE -**

4.1 LETTER FROM OUR AUDITOR, HORTON MCNULTY & SAETEURN

***Letter presented explaining the auditing process by the firm servicing the district- safeguards and assurances regarding the procedures they follow.***

4.2 LETTER FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

***The State Water Resources Control Board advised the district that California is facing another drought year. Drought impact restricts are likely to be issued in the near future,***

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

5.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

***Matthew Balch moved to accept the March 8, 2021 minutes as written motion second by Lesley Pearson. Motion passed 4 ayes 0 nays***

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

6.1 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

a. Enrollment

***Enrollment is holding at 29- child who was scheduled to reenroll has not done so yet***

b. Protest March Follow Up

***Former student who had organized a protest march on April 5, 2021 did in fact walk down from Main St to the school on that day. He was protesting based on his assertion that the school failed to separate its interests with the French Gulch Community Church in some of its policies and actions thus violating the principle of separation of church and state. Claims are based on incidents he perceived to illustrate this point two or more years ago when he was a student at FGWS. There has been Email contact with the student discussing his opinions vs the facts. While both the school and the community church strive to be supportive neighbors and have a commitment to stewardship to the people and environment of French Gulch, they never collaborated on issues of doctrine or religious belief. This individual was given some guidelines on how to give his voice in civic matters more credibility by following protocols such as the Universal Complaint Procedure. The school was on its first day of Spring Break on March 5, so the protester was not met by any school officials.***

c. Testing

***The district will participate in state testing this year but as per a waiver from the federal government not be held for accountability on score and/or participation rate. The test will be half the length it normally is. Mathematics and ELA will be the areas tested. Students in grades 3-8 will participate.***

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

7.1 TRACK & FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

***Heather VanHorn expressed the need for the track to be re-loamed and reseeded. The track itself needs to be releveled. Given the potential water rationing that is anticipated, perhaps sections of the track area can be designated for this first with a plan to eventually redo the entire area. Heather and Matthew will look into some grants to assist in the costs of the project.***

7.2 ELO PLAN: EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

***FGWS summer school was discussed (June 7-July2) as well as Project SHARE’s summer program the month of July both to help mitigate learning loss over the course of the pandemic and to prevent summer learning loss.***

7.3 PARENT & STUDENT SURVEYS

***Both parent and student surveys were presented with disaggregated data. The parent surveys represented about 25% of the student population. Student surveys included students in grades 4-8. Both surveys were generally positive. Results will be posted on the website under the LCAP header.***

7.4 COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES

***The district has not compensated employees for the past two years, other than the mandated minimum wage increase on the classified salary schedule. Patty Blythe is looking into the matter and will get back to the superintendent in this regard. At issue currently is the district’s drop in revenue funding from Band 2 to 1 for the current year and potential maintenance at that lesser funding level for 2021-22 and adding ongoing expenses. A lump sum off of the salary schedule was discussed as one possible avenue to explore.***

7.5 POSSIBLE STAFFING FOR 2021-2022

***Donna Brashears has announced her decision to retire in June. She would like to continue her clay program on Fridays with a PSA. Renay Hill is exploring the possibility of a 3/5 assignment in a job sharing situation. Linda Swayne is exploring employment options as well. Lesley Pearson brought up the idea of using student teachers from Simpson or Chico as a possible way to assist in our multigraded classrooms. Finally, Moira Casey announced that while she would consider sharing the Supt/Principal position in a transition year, she does not want to continue in the same capacity she is in now.***

7.6JUNE BOARD MEETINGS, TWO DATES

***The board decided on the two June Board Meeting dates: June 14, our regularly scheduled meeting date, and June 16. Both are scheduled for 5 pm.***

**8. ACTION ITEMS** -

8.1 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: MARCH 8, 2021 – APRIL 9, 2021

***Lesley Pearson moved to approve the warrants, Matthew Balch seconded the motion. The motion passed: 4 ayes, 0 nays***

**9. PLANNING –**

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

9.2 Next Regular Meeting of the Board:  **MAY 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM**

9.3 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

May 31- **Memorial Day, No School**

**10. ADJOURNMENT-**

10.1 Adjourn Meeting ****

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