



French Gulch-Whiskeytown School District

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MINUTES OF

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

February 28, 2023 5:00 PM

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 5:14 pm
ROLL CALL

Heather VanHorn, President Lesley Pearson, Clerk
Crystal Andersen Sara Wells Keli Laws

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.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

*Sara Wells moved to approve the agenda, second by Crystal Andersen
motion passed 3 ayes 0 nays*

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

4.1 LETTER FROM SCOE REGARDING FIRST INTERIM BUDGET

FGWS has the ability to make its financial obligations 3 years out but must remain mindful of conservative spending. Funding based on ADA is always a consideration since the difference between funding Bands 1 and 2 is significant.

4.2 LETTER FROM SCOE REGARDING MOUNTAIN VALLEY JPA BUDGET

The MVJPA has sufficient funds to meet financial obligations 3 years out.

4.3 **LETTER FROM HORTON MCNULTY & SAETURN REGARDING AUDIT FINDINGS**

Although an audit finding was addressed last month for the academic year ending in June 2022 (recap : There was one understatement of \$2358 which has since been rectified), HM&S sent the complete audit report which will be made available to anyone wishing to review it in greater detail.

4.4 LETTER FROM CA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REGARDING BALLOT
SIGNING

Bruce Ross is the incumbent representative of our area on the state Ca School Board Association. An official ballot from our board approving of his reelection needs to be postmarked by March 15.

4.5 FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER EARLY START SERVICES

Kacie Sanders from Far Northern sent a letter reminding the school of the services Far Northern provides for children under 3 . Their mission is to collaborate with schools in the county to provide the best support for children with special needs. Early intervention is the best intervention.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

5.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Sara Wells moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting, second by Crystal Andersen

motion passed 3 ayes 0 nays

5.2 APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15 , 2022 BOARD MEETING

Approval delayed until the members necessary to approve are in attendance

6. REPORTS AND PUBLIC FORUM: (if applicable)

6.1 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

a. UPDATE ON OPEN POSITIONS

Renee Raley has stepped into Kristin's position as both the office and cafeteria managers. There has been interest expressed in the lower elementary teacher position. That person is planning a trip to the area during her spring break.

b. PULSE PANEL CARDS

Pulse Panel cards needed to be spent by February 15. The remaining cards were converted to "gift cards" so that unspent funds would still be available to us. Two of the pulse panel cards were received as late as February 14 and 15! Several recent expenditures included new glazes and clay tools, \$100 gift card to Maureen Saari as a thank you for the student pickups she has been making lately for parents experiencing transportation issues, and \$150 for Linda Swayne and Bob Brass for their years of service to the school. A number of Lakeshore materials were also purchased for the lower elementary grades

c. SATURDAY SCHOOL

Patty Blythe said that Saturday School could be held to help "mitigate learning loss" but would not be helpful in increasing ADA to funding band 2 based on current enrollment.

d. 4-6th GRADE GIRLS STEM SEMINAR AT SHASTA COLLEGE

AAUW is restarting its GIRLS in STEM CAREERS Program. It is scheduled for March 18

e. JUMP ROPE FOR HEART UPDATE

Successful Jump Rope for Heart event. Kids really got into it at the last moment. Waiting for final jump counts to determine the “Royal Jumper” as well as pledge funds to come in.

f. CUSTODIAL MENTOR FOR JOEY VANHORN

Jessie Lopez, a senior maintenance employee for Enterprise District, was in over the break to guide Joey Van Horn on some of the aspects of the custodial position. He gave him instruction on how to use the floor stripper/polisher. Joey had reached out to Jessie regarding this. He is a long time family friend.

g. UPDATE ON GRANTS

The American Heart Association and Community Fund kitchen cart grant funds have been put into action. Students have made snowflake tortillas, fruit butterflies, George Washington hoe cakes and more. It’s been great to have these experiences for the students without having to disrupt the kitchen operation.

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

7.1 STUDENT/PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Only 3 parent surveys were returned. Results were mostly positive but there were some concerns, especially regarding student behavior. There was some discussion on the limitations that schools can exercise in that regard. Regarding the broken window in the boys’ bathroom, the sheriff’s deputy was asked to talk with the older students regarding vandalism etc, but she said we cannot be used to “intimidate” students. Student surveys are still being tabulated.

7.2 REVIEW OF EOP PLAN

Co-Superintendent Cindy Gonzales was able to edit our EOP and significantly reduce the number of pages in the document making it more manageable. There were a few minor formatting suggestions. The board revisited the idea of flip charts at the entrance of each classroom as a quick review for staff should an emergency occur.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

8.1 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS 1/20/2023 THROUGH 2/15/2023

8.2 APPROVAL OF THE FGWS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PROCEDURE HANDBOOK

8.3 APPROVAL OF HIRING RENEE RALEY TO REPLACE KRISTIN GEORGE’S OFFICE

The action items were voted on as a slate.

Sara Wells moved to approve the action items second by Crystal Andersen

motion passed 3 ayes 0 nays

9. PLANNING:

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

9.2 Next Meeting of the Board: MARCH 21,2023 at 5:00 pm

9.3 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

- FEBRUARY 20 TO 24: PRESIDENTS WEEK
- FEBRUARY 28: 2ND TRI MESTER ENDS

10. ADJOURNMENT: 5

10.1 Adjourn Meeting **5:46 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.