



French Gulch-Whiskeytown School District

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

October 23, 2023 5:30 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

5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Heather Vanhorn, President Crystal Andersen Sara Wells, Clerk 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.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sara moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Crystal. Ayes 3, Nays 0

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter of Interest in Joining the FGWS Board of Trustees

Mr. David Dayton submitted a Letter to the Board on October 12, 2023

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Sara moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Crystal. Ayes 3, Nays 0

6. REPORTS AND PUBLIC FORUM (if applicable)

6.1 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Update on filling teacher position

There have been a couple of applicants in the last month. One of them lives in Anderson and is thinking about a career change, but was put off by current gas prices and the commute. Cindy suggested that perhaps we could offer a gas stipend as an enticement to tis applicant and others. The Board is willing to discuss a Stipend in future meetings, but specific amounts were not discussed.

Cindy suggested that Maureen Saari, current Teacher's Aide and math teacher, and local coordinator for the SHARE after school program, might be interested in furthering her education and career by interning and attending classes that would lead to certification for teaching

Sarah suggested that in addition to our current recruiting efforts, we should also post a notice of the vacancy on brightly colored paper on the Post Office Bulletin Board. David Dayton, member of the public and interested in the open Board Seat, said that the brightly colored notice of the Board opening at the Post Office is what brought him in to apply.

B. Red Ribbon Week October 23-27

Red Ribbon Week was originally created to send an anti-drug message to students, it now encompasses that as well as an anti-bullying message. The new slogan is Be safe. Be kind. And be drug free. The students will participate in the following each day of the week: Monday – PJ Day; Tuesday – Crazy Hair Day; Wednesday – Hippie Day; Thursday will be “Future Occupation Day” and students are encouraged to dress like they would in the career in which they picture themselves. Friday is the day to Wear Red. Each day, activities are planned related to its theme.

C. Veterans Day FG Cemetery cleanup and related activities

Students, Teachers and Superintendents plan to walk from the school to the French Gulch Cemetery one day the week of November 6th to place flags on the resting places of local veterans.

D. Parent Conferences November 7-9

E. Board Member Candidate

Mr. David Dayton submitted a Letter of Interest to the Board on October 12, 2023 and was present at this meeting.

F. Temporary Help in Lunch Preparation

Due to an injury to her shoulder, Renée is not supposed to lift anything with her right arm nor extend it over her head. Former Clerk of the Board and former FGWS employee, Lesley Pearson has graciously agreed to assist in the kitchen while Renée’s arm heals.

G. Title IX Training and Certification

Someone at each school must be certified in Title IX requirements. Cindy Gonzalez is in the midst of taking the online courses involved in Title IX now and expects to complete the training within the week.

H. LCAP Update

General discussion of LCAP-related topics. Math was said to have picked up after the School encouraged teachers to focus on this weak spot. Now we need to focus on reading and writing. Cindy asked for ideas to peak interest in those subject from the Board. Board member said they would think about that.

I. Additional Updates

The construction company that gave us a quote in September for repairs to the Bus Barn has retired. When Cindy called them to tell them we had approval from the Board to go ahead with the project, she was told we would have to find another contractor. We have a contractor currently doing work on the back doors to the school, LDH Construction, and Cindy will ask him to give us a quote on the work, or a referral if this is not in his wheelhouse. Heather mentioned that she is friendly with someone who owns a major paint store in town and is community-minded. She will ask if they might consider donating the paint and manpower to paint the building after repairs are done.

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

7.1 Introduction of Board Candidate O & A

David Dayton is a retired State of California employee. He has served in a variety of positions with different State agencies and was a member of the State Board of Waste Water Treatment. He stated that he understands how Boards work. He is interested in

the wellbeing of children and education in general, and is the grandfather of three children that attend at French Gulch.

- 7.2 November Regular Board Meeting Date Conflict- Consideration of Alternate Date for a Special Meeting.

After consulting their calendars and discussing possible dates, members decided that November 14th would be a better date for the Board to meet than November 21st, which falls in the week of the Thanksgiving break and would have been the regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will convene at 5:30 instead of 5:00 due to schedules and the drive in from Redding for some of the members.

- 7.3 December Regular and Organizational Meeting Dates

Again, after consulting their calendars and discussing possible dates, December 19th was suggested as possible date for the December Regular and Organizations meetings. This will be revisited and voted upon at the November 14th meeting

8. CLOSED SESSION

- 8.1 Board Discussion of Board Candidate and Appointment to the Board

Renée and David left the room so that the Board could discuss David's application to the Board in a closed session. When the regular meeting reconvened, the Board announced they had approved his application and welcomed David to the Governing Board of French Gulch-Whiskeytown School. District.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- 9.1 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 –OCTOBER 16, 2023

- 9.2 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER DATE FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

(November 14th at 5:30 p.m.)

- 9.3 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

As noted in 8.1 above, the Board approved in the closed session and President Heather VanHorn swore David Dayton in.

Sara moved to approve of the items as a block. Seconded by Crystal. Ayes 3, Nays 0

10. PLANNING

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

- 10.2 Next Regular Meeting of the Board rescheduled to **November 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

- 10.3 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

October 31, 2023: Last Day of Trimester 1; School Halloween Carnival

November 7-9 .2023: Parent Teacher Conferences, Minimum Days (1:35pm dismissal)

November 10, 2023: Veterans Day Observed NO SCHOOL

November 20-24, 2023: Thanksgiving Break

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjourn Meeting 6:25 p.m.

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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.