



French Gulch-Whiskeytown School District

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

November 14, 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

ROLL CALL

Heather VanHorn, President

Sara Wells, Clerk

Crystal Anderson

David Dayton

Kelli 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 – AS AMENDED:

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter from Schreder and Associates – Current expenses related to filing reimbursement claims for 2017 modernization.

Schreder and Associates has sent their first hourly billing for time spent to get whatever reimbursement is available for the modernization in 2017. The invoice is an indication that they are working on it!

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

5.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Crystal moved to approve the minutes, seconded by David. Ayes 3, Nays 0

6. REPORTS AND PUBLIC FORUM: (if applicable) ;kj

6.1 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

a. LCAP Update

Cindy reported that there was a one-word change requested on the recently submitted LCAP for the current year, and that she made the change and believes the new LCAP should be approved.

b. Update on advertising efforts on hiring lower elementary teacher

FGWS continues to advertise. Recently added a new sign on brightly colored paper posted on the bulletin board at the French Gulch Post Office. None of our efforts have resulted in any interest so far. Cindy introduced the idea of helping Maureen Saari, current teacher's aide and S.H.A.R.E coordinator, to acquire her credentials. There are a couple of programs currently in place, one at Simpson University, to help individuals to become teachers, as there is a nationwide shortage of teachers (it's not just French Gulch!).

c. Minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2024 affecting classified salaries { \$ 15/hr to \$ 16/hr } 6.75 increase to beginning salary scale

d. Possible certificated salary increase of 3% - 5% across the board.

- e. New technology purchases

Monitors from front office desk replaced. New computer purchased for student testing and for Dr. Casey's work while she is still coming in to help.

- f. Status of Bus Barn Repairs / Contractor

Waiting on a quote from the contractor that worked on the back doors for us. He walked the project with Cindy and Renée and will send his quote after he does some research.

- g. Bus barn freezer concerns

The door gasket on the freezer in the bus barn appears to have been chewed by rats or some other wildlife, and it no longer seals properly. Looking into replacing either the seal or buying a new freezer that is self-defrosting, where this one is not. There is still money available in the kitchen improvement grant that needs to be used or we will lose it.

Crystal suggested that we adopt some "barn cats" to help reduce the rodent population.

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

- 7.1 Setting a date for December Organizational Meeting of the Board and possible change of the regular meeting date for December's meeting.]

After discussion amongst members, it was decided that the meetings be held on the same day, and the meeting was scheduled for December 15th at 5:30 p.m.

- 7.2 Discarding used monitors

Crystal moved to approve, seconded by David. Ayes 3, Nays 0

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- 8.1 Approval of Warrants from 10/23/2023 to 11/14/2023

- 8.3 Approval of discard of outdated technology equipment

- 8.4 Approval of December 12, 2023 for organizational meeting of the board

Crystal moved to approve action items as a block, seconded by David. Ayes 3, Nays 0

9. PLANNING

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

- 9.2 Next regular meeting of the Board: **December 12, 2023**

- 9.2 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break

November 14-16: Parent Conferences

10. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1 Adjourn Meeting **6:12 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.