

Item # 13. A

GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
429 Magnolia Street
Gridley, CA 95948

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the Gridley Unified School District met in Regular Session in the District Office, Ken Olson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL /
QUORUM

Present: Ken Olson, Eric Waterbury, Diadra Cain, Doris Pettersen, Lloyd Pierce

Absent: Linda Wilson, Nicki Herrera Llerenas

Administrator: Clark Redfield

It was established that a quorum was present and that the Board proceed with the order of business.

RECESS TO CLOSED
SESSION

The meeting was recessed into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Nicki Herrera Llerenas arrived during closed session.

RECALL TO ORDER

Ken Olson recalled the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Ken Olson, Eric Waterbury, Nicki Herrera Llerenas, Diadra Cain,
Doris Pettersen, Lloyd Pierce

Absent: Linda Wilson

Administrators: Clark S. Redfield, Chris McIntire, Larry McWilliams,
Jim Walters, Joan Zappettini, Debbie Miller, Cindy Kersahw

Confidential Personnel: Pat Heidman

Classified Management: Maria Sanchez, Heather Naylor, James Carlson

Visitors: Tracy Howell, GTA

Pledge of Allegiance
Order of Agenda

Ken Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance and established order of agenda.

Announcement of
Action in Closed Session

Clark Redfield reported the following items from closed session:

- Reviewed staffing issues relative to a decline in enrollment.
- Reviewed anticipated litigation for STRS audit hearing before the Attorney General

No actions were taken; review items only.

ASB Reports

Sycamore Middle School

Nicole Choate, Sycamore ASB President, addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following:

- Student orientation
- Successful first day of school
- Welcome Back dance, Sept 6th
- Academic rally, Sept 7th
- Hall decorated with pictures of students receiving awards
- Woodleaf
- Spirit Day
- Volleyball

Gridley High School

Denise Caratachea, Gridley High School ASB representative, addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following:

- Beginning of the year rally
- BVL Sportsmanship Clinic
- Welcome Back dance
- Link Crew and Frosh orientation
- Back to School Night
- Key Club

Comments from the Board of Trustees

Nicki Herrera Llerenas commended GHS on a successful frosh orientation and Link Crew's excellent job.

Comments from the Audience

Kathy Wheeler, representative from Concerned Parents group, addressed the Board with an informative report relative to the Curriculum and Technology committees. Items included were as follows:

- Four members currently on the Curriculum Committee
- Compilation of Master Schedules from 8 surrounding schools
- Met with Ms. Zappettini to discuss future plans
- Two surveys to be conducted – teacher / counselors and students
Mr. Redfield recommended conducting a survey to ascertain what students would like offered and to express their interests.
- Job requirements for an entry level position
- Mary McConnell, Technology Committee, was obtaining further information and would present a report to the Board in the future

Ken Olson addressed staffing ratios and budget constraints and the feasibilities of offering certain classes.

Superintendent's Report

Clark Redfield addressed the Board with an informative report which included the following items:

- Thanked the principals and staff for outstanding Back to School nights and Doris Pettersen's support at each site
- Teamwork collaboration at Wilson Elementary School
- Enrollment report: decline in enrollment which could be reflective of Charter School and economic issues
- Changes relative to staffing
- Current status of budgetary issues relative to ADA from last year

Eric Waterbury requested that Mr. Redfield further investigate the reason for the decline in enrollment at the high school and report back to the Board.

**GUSD Technology Plan
2007-2012 Report**

Cindy Kershaw addressed the Board with an informative report on the GUSD Technology Plan for 2007-2012 which outlined goals and objectives identified to support students as they attain proficiency in ELA and Math, as well a technology literacy to achieve proficiency levels relative to NCLB. She further explained that staff development and support for the district-wide infrastructures which were inclusive of API and AYP scores, and were also included in the goals and objectives. Interpretation of data relative to ELA and Math and Technology infrastructure and computer ratio calculations were discussed. GUSD is addressing all sub groups that were not meeting the goals.

This was an informational item; no Board action was required.

**2006-07 Accountability Progress Reports:
STAR, AYP, API**

Cindy Kershaw addressed the Board with an informative overview on the 2006-07 Accountability Progress Reports for STAR, AYP and API and how this information was interpreted serving as an accountability measure that was based on student demonstration of proficiency levels on the California Standards Test, the California High School Exit Exam and graduation rates. Math CST and ELA CST comparisons and AYP yearly progress were presented. The API scores were also used to determine if a school qualified for Program Improvement due to not meeting proficiency levels for any eligible sub-groups. Sycamore is in their second year of the program and Esperanza should be exiting. Program Improvement levels and sanctions were discussed. GUSD is making adjustments relative to meeting the goals.

This was an informational item; no Board action was required.

Healthy Kids Survey

Cindy Kershaw addressed the Board with an informative report and interpreted the results on the Healthy Kids Survey which was administered in the Spring of 2006 to grades 5, 7, 9 and 11. It included key findings secondary and key findings elementary relative to a comparison to state and national student data. The survey was a comprehensive youth health risk and resilience survey which is a mandate to receive funding from Safe and Drug-Free or Tobacco Use Prevention

Education. This report summarized the results relative to substance use, excluding methamphetamine, violence and safety and poor physical health. The survey which will be conducted in November is much more specific. There was discussion of alcohol use, guns on campus, safety on campus, etc. and comparisons from previous years. The survey could be indicative of the need for proactive programs. Report of the November survey may be presented to the Board at the beginning of the year.

This was an informational item; no Board action was required.

Spring 2007 Physical Fitness Test Results

Cindy Kershaw addressed the Board with an informative report on the Spring 2007 Physical Fitness Test results; tests were given annually to students in grades, five, seven and nine. Results were used to assess and plan personal fitness goals, design curriculum and inform parents of their child's fitness level. GUSD showed growth in all areas. There are various ways to assess fitness levels from aerobic capacity, body composition, strength and endurance, strength and flexibility, etc. Guidelines were provided by grade level and age.

This was an information item; no Board action was required.

MOU with UC Youth Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the MOU with UC Youth Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program which provides training of staff in Nutrition education for those that wanted to participate. It addressed GUSD's goals in health and nutrition.

This was an informational item; no Board action was required.

Second Review of Lease Agreement With City of Gridley Randolph Property

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the lease agreement with the City of Gridley for use of a portion of the Randolph property for soccer fields. A map with the location of the proposed soccer fields was presented; inadequate parking was a concern. Indemnification of liability was discussed as well as reimbursement of costs or sales, the future location of a school in relationship to the soccer fields, restrooms and the feasibility of using a portion of the field for GHS projects. Mr. Redfield requested that the Board provide direction to him to meet with the City and for the Board to establish a specific amount relative to reimbursement of costs that would not be exceeded and to discuss issues as restrooms, fencing, parking and to report back to the Board for review or possible approval.

Ken Olson stated he was concerned with the infringement in the surrounding areas and the tremendous burden on the neighbors and the possibilities of removing those fields for development if it was sold or traded; he would vote against it. Lloyd Pierce stated that he was informed that the streets around the area would not be improved.

Clark Redfield stated that he initiated the development of soccer fields because one of the things that school districts should always look at is collaborative efforts that work with the City to provide services to children. Ultimately when a school is built on this property GUSD will be looking for athletic fields and to have them already installed prior to our needs would benefit the district in terms of building that school.

There was a discussion of use of facilities currently by the City.

Lloyd Pierce asked for clarification that if at the end of the 10 years GUSD does not extend the lease, GUSD would not be liable to pay the costs. Clark Redfield clarified that GUSD would not.

This was an informational item; no Board action was required.

Woodleaf Outdoor School Contract

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the contract with Woodleaf Outdoor School which was an annual contract to provide educational services for sixth grader in a unique learning environment.

This was an information item; no Board action was required.

2008 Developer Fee Study Contract

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the 2008 contract with School Works for a developer fee study in which the State Allocation Board adjusts the developer fee rates. Office of Public School Construction routinely evaluates and changes the amount a school district could charge developers for the impact of new students. This study must be completed in order for GUSD to qualify for the new rates. Schools Works had conducted studies previously for GUSD.

This was an informational item; no Board action was required.

Textbooks/Supplementary Materials for GHS

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the use of textbooks and/or supplementary materials for GHS which are aligned with state content standards and Education Code and require all school district's governing Board to approve purchase of textbooks for grades 9-12.

Eric Waterbury motioned to approve the use of textbooks and/or supplementary materials for Gridley High School: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros (Random House, Inc.), *Night* by Elie Wiesel (Farrar, Straus & Giroux) and *Health* by Prentice Hall. Second: Lloyd Pierce. Unanimously carried.

Job Description, Secretary – Health Services

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the approval of a job description for Secretary, Health Services. The District completed a job reclassification request and developed a job description because of different requirements that the current employee had been performing. It was revised and reviewed by the school nurse and the job description was reviewed by CSEA.

The reclassification reflected a 5% increase in salary.

Lloyd Pierce motioned to approve the job description for Secretary - Health Services. Second: Doris Pettersen. Unanimously carried.

2007-08 Five Year Plan for Deferred Maintenance

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the revised 2007-08 Five Year Plan for Deferred Maintenance. The revisions were reflective of proposed and/or completed projects over the summer such as electrical. The plan included district match and state contributions.

Doris Pettersen requested clarification on the asbestos project for 2007-08.

Mr. Redfield addressed the Board and clarified that this was reflective of a project in the Library and office area that had not been completed in the previous year.

Eric Waterbury motioned to approve the 2007-08 Five Year Plan for Deferred Maintenance Program. Second: Diadra Cain. Unanimously carried.

Instructional Aide I Position at Alternative ED Complex

Clark Redfield addressed the Board and made comments relative to the recommendation for approval for a 2.25 hour per day / 4 days per week Instruction Aide I position at the Alternative ED Complex that would provide instructional support to 11th and 12th grade students who have not yet passed the CAHSEE. The position would be funded by CAHSEE Remediation Funds.

Nicki Herrera Llerenas motioned to approve recommendation for a 2.25 hour per day / 4 days per week Instructional Aide I position at Alternative ED Complex, effective October 2007 for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year. Second: Diadra Cain.

Eric Waterbury requested clarification on the timeframe that remediation funds could be carried.

Heather Naylor addressed the Board and clarified that it was currently ongoing.

With no additional questions, the motion was unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda

Lloyd Pierce motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Eric Waterbury. Unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda items as follows:

Minutes 09/05/07

Approved minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 5, 2007

District Expenditure Warrants

Approved District Expenditure Warrants from August 2-30, 2007

Personnel
Certificated

Ratified employment of the following paid coaches for the 2007-08 school year:

- Mike Erickson - 8th grade Boys Basketball
- Michelle LaViolette - 8th grade Volleyball
- Mindy King - Sycamore Cheerleading

Ratified employment of the following paid extra duty stipend positions for the 2007-08 SY:

- Michelle LaViolette - Sycamore Awards Night Coordinator (split)
- Jodi Burr - Sycamore Awards Night Coordinator (split)
- John Haeberle - GHS and Elementary Band and GHS Choir

Approved extra duty stipends for the following Link Crew Coordinators – Gridley High School, effective for the 2007-08 SY:

- Sherie Kermen
- Michael Pilakowski

Approved extra duty stipends for the following Character Education Advisors for the 2007-08 SY:

- Suzanne Robinson - McKinley Primary School
- Pam Wolf - Wilson Elementary School
- Kim Fesler - Sycamore Middle School
- Peggy Ellis - Gridley High School

Approved the following paid extra duty stipends for attending Woodleaf Outdoor School 2007-08 SY:

- Cheryl Argetsinger
- Chris Weaver
- Debbie Graves

Approved extra duty stipend for the following paid walk-on Woodleaf substitute teacher:

- Bob Hoffland

Ratified employment for the following BTSA providers for the 2007-08 SY:

- Karen Rudd
- Barbara Pooler

Ratified employment for the following paid department chair stipends for the 2007-08 SY:

- David Tull - Math
- Bill Brenton - Science
- Debi Durham - English
- Cammie Garnero - P.E.
- Jodie Tull - Counseling
- Sue Taylor - Special Ed

Approved request for medical leave under the federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL) and the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) for Jennifer Charlton, effective September 12, 2007 through approximately December 21, 2007

Classified

Accepted letter of resignation for Scott Smallwood, GHS JV Boys Basketball, effective August 31, 2007

Ratified employment for the following paid coaches for the 2007-08 school year:

Scott Smallwood	-	GHS Head Varsity Boys Basketball
Jamie Spring	-	GHS JV Boys Basketball

Approved reclassification request for Marna Andes, from Clerical Aide II - Health Services to Secretary - Health Services, effective the 2007-08 school year

Approved the following unpaid walk-on volunteer coaches for the 2007-08 SY:

Ernie Haro	-	Football
Brian Fesler	-	Football

Ratified employment for the following stipend positions for the 2007-08 SY:

Jesse Matthews	-	GHS Flag and Elementary Choir
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Fund-Raising

Approved fund-raising request for Sycamore School: Magazine and gift sales, October – November, 2007

Donation and Gifts

The Board and District accepted and appreciates the following donation(s):

- \$ 100.00 from Parents Club to Student Activities Account, Class of 2008
- 100.00 from Parents Club to Student Activities Account, Class of 2009
- 100.00 from Parents Club to Student Activities Account, Class of 2010
- 100.00 from Parents Club to Student Activities Account, Class of 2011
- 250.00 from Parents Club to Student Activities Account, Cheerleading
- 1,320.22 from WBW LLC to Student Activities Account, Wrestling

Surplus

Approved the surplus items from Sycamore Middle School as follows:

- Discard/Donate
 - 31 Saxon Math 65
 - 36 Saxon Math 76
 - 12 Saxon Math 87
 - 135 Spelling and Vocabulary 6th grade
 - 135 Spelling and Vocabulary 7th grade
 - 21 Castle
 - 65 Rumble Fish
 - 64 Ishi, Last of his Tribe
- Discard
 - 1 Spelling and Vocabulary
 - 2 Medieval/Early Modern Times
 - 1 Call of the Wild
 - 1 Johnny Tremain
 - 6 Hatchet

Overnight Fieldtrip

Approved the following overnight fieldtrips:

- GHS: FNL – Youth Development Summit, Richardson Springs, Chico, CA, October 11, 12, 13, 2007
- GHS Marching Band: Marching at Disneyland, Buena Park and Anaheim, CA, April 30 – May 3, 2008
- Sycamore Middle School and GHS – Woodleaf Outdoor School, Challenge, CA, September 16-21, 2007

Adjourn

Ken Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved October 5, 2007

_____ Board Clerk

_____ Superintendent

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