



GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 24 · 6:00 – 8:00pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

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Our Vision: *GVS fosters creative, happy, healthy students who are both thinkers and doers, actively contributing to their community and the world. At GVS, children develop into **well-rounded socially, emotionally and physically intelligent learners**, growing their **creativity, critical thinking** and **craftsmanship** through **engagement with their local communities and the world**.*

Our Mission: *GVS provides an educational program focused on **agriculture and environment** in a small caring dedicated school community as unique as the rural surrounding in which we live.*

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order - 6:05pm

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Jackie Williams, Amanda Salas, Amos Mace, Cheyenne Griego, Andrea Pacheco, Jody Medina, Deborah Tanzy, Denise Johnson

Guests:

Missing: Ann Riedmiller, Aaron Capps

1.3 [Our Vision & Mission](#) - Read by Andrea & Amanda

1.4 Approval of Agenda 5/24/2023 - Added names to 5.5 & Added 5.15 & 5.16. Moved 2.2 to an Action Item

- Amos moves to approve. Amanda seconded. Unanimous Approval.

1.5 Public Comment (**on Agenda topics**)

- The board recognizes Hubert Archuleta for his service to Gardner School.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of minutes 4/19/2023

2.2 Revised Evaluation Policy

- Amos Mace made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda. Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous Approval.

3. Guest presentations (discussion/action as needed)

- None

4. Regular Business

4.1 Officer and committee reports

President's update and committee report

- Pictures and Bios are needed for the website. The Board Retreat will be held at the Lofts in Walsenburg on June 16th & 17th.

Vice President's Update VP report

- Amanda shopped for the student's gifts and mugs & vests were ordered. Amanda has been

- recruiting to fill the open board seat.
- Treasurer's financial report
- Amos and Denise will meet to discuss CSAFE.
- Secretary's grants and procurement report
- Cheyenne met with Jody and Syna to discuss priority needs and hopes to meet with the committee to start moving forward.
- 4.2 Head of School report
 - Jody reported that the Spring Recital and field trips went great. Thank you to Mr. J for all of his hard work organizing the Spring Recital!
- 4.3 Staff Liaison report- as needed
 - Deb Tanzy thanked the school board for approving the overnight field trip. She updated the Board on some of the activities that the kids were able to do and said that they enjoyed the trip! She would like to thank Paul Pacheco for chaperoning!

5. Discussion and Action Items

- 5.1 Board Member Interviews and Appointment
 - Amanda updated the board on a potential candidate and feels like she would be a good fit for the board.
 - Amos Mace moves to reaccept Andrea Pacheco's letter of intent to serve the board as a member at large Amanda Salas seconds. Andrea abstains with the rest of the board approving Amos' motion.
 - Amos Mace moves to accept Elicka Rauber's letter of intent and appoint her to fill Ann's position for the next two years. Amanda Salas seconds . Unanimous approval.
- 5.2 Best Grant Update
 - Jody reported that Mr. Moore did a great job presenting on our behalf but unfortunately we were not awarded the Best Grant for this year. We are on the short list and will find out more in November after elections.
- 5.3 2023-2024 Budget and Appropriating Resolution Approval
 - Amos recommends we approve the budget as is. There is an issue concerning a line item being deleted completely and Jody is working on figuring out why. We are at the 3 year mark with Hinkle & Company. Amos discussed contracting with a new Audit company next year due to the 3 year limit.
 - Amos & Denise will meet to figure out actual costs of transportation fuel.
 - Amos Mace made a motion to approve the proposed budget "as is", pending Mr. Skidmore's counsel. Amanda seconds. Unanimous approval.
 - Amos Mace moved to approve the FY23-24 Final Expenditure Resolution . Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous Approval.
 - Amos will let the board know if a special meeting is needed.
- 5.4 Early Literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) Grant
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- 5.5 Approval of New Teacher Hire - K&1st, Tristan Williams & Part Time P.E. Teacher Jeff Jordan
 - Amos moved to approve the new teacher hire of Tristan Williams for Kindergarten & 1st grade. Amanda Salas seconds. Jackie Williams abstained with the rest of the board approving.
 - Amos Mace moved to approve the new teacher hire for part time P.E. Teacher Jeff Jordan. Unanimous Approval.
- 5.6 Employee Retention Credit (ERC) Grant
 - Jackie updated the board after discussing the matter with Tim. He does not recommend that we apply because we may need to pay it back eventually, due to the way that the state classifies the school. The board discussed the information and asked if it would be worth the risk. The Board agrees that they would not like to risk applying.
- 5.7 CSAFE
 - Discussion included past conversations with Mr. Skidmore. Amos is going to meet with him again to

discuss what amount would be logical. Jackie recommends that Amos get all information needed so that we can get the account open.

5.8 GVS Recruiting and Hiring Policy (1st review)

- Second review will be brought to the board next month.

5.9 Greenhouse Electrical Update

- Another bid was accepted and the work is expected to be progressing.

5.10 Food Service Contract from Huerfano RE-1

- Jackie reported that Tim reviewed the contract and feels that it looks reasonable. Do we need to include financial numbers in this contract? Jackie prefers that we wait to see the attachments and compare this to the contract with the district. After reading more of the contract it seems we would need to amend a section in the Food services contract, which needs to be negotiated with the district, and then would need an updated 5B. Jody will contact the district to see what we need to do.

5.11 DAC Representative

- Discussion included asking, what would our role be and what is expected of us?

5.12 GVS Board Self Evaluation and Self Reflection Survey

- A change was recommended under "Reason for Rating"

5.13 Board Retreat June 16th-17th, 2023

- Dinner is planned at the Golf Course at 5:00pm on June 16th. RSVP is recommended.
- June 17th there will be a CO Charter League Speaker
- Jackie asked if we would like to have Bart visit during our retreat.

5.14 Huerfano RE-1 board meeting update (as needed)

5.15 Hinkle & Company Audit Engagement Letter

5.16 Syna 360 LLC Proposal

- Amos Mace moves to approve the proposal. Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous approval.

5.17 2023-2024 School Calendar

- Discussed a change to make it possible for the teachers to attend the BOCES training as we all feel it would be beneficial. It was suggested to remove the February Teacher day and add a Friday on August 18th.
- Amos Mace made a motion to approve the amended calendar. Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6. Executive Session:

Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) Personnel matters- Head of School Evaluation

- Jody Medina left the room at 8:04pm
- Amos moves to go into Executive Session at 8:04pm. Amanda 2nds. Unanimous Approval.
- Jody rejoined the room at 8:19pm
- Amos moves to adjourn the executive session at 8:30pm.

7. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

Jackie recommends a planter in the preschool playground in memory of Hubert Archuleta. The board agrees that this would be a great way to honor Hubert.

8. Adjournment

Amos Mace moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm Andrea Pacheco seconds. Unanimous Approval.