



## GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 18 · 6:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/ear-ngyg-hte>

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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 at 6 PM

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Jody Medina, Jackie Williams, Amanda Salas, Deborah Tanzy, Aaron Capps, Ann Reidmiller, Cheyenne Griego

Guests: Saba Halaby, Syna Kistler, John Usery, and Leann Pozzi

Missing: Amos Mace

1.3 [Our Vision & Mission](#)

1.4 Approval of Agenda 1/18/23

Amanda Salas motions to approve the amended agenda. Ann Reidmiller seconds. Unanimous.

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

None

### 2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of minutes 12/14/22

Amanda Salas motions to approve the last meeting's minutes. Aaron Capps seconds. Unanimous.

### 3. Guest presentations

3.1 John Usery- Best Grant

Scope and budget options: With BEST grant a larger scope of work will be possible including roof replacement, mechanical upgrades, and a combined budget of roughly \$4.25 M. Without BEST grant the scope would be reduced to roof replacement and a budget of \$1.25 to \$1.5 M. The BEST grant results will be available May 17th, 2023. They would appreciate a letter of support from the GVS board in addition to our blessing to move forward with this approach.

3.2 Syna - Framework discussion

Two amendments to the framework were suggested by the staff upon their review. The board

agrees with those recommendations. Syna brings to the attention of the board that the staff and student wellness survey is one benchmark that will need to be attended to in order to meet this year's goals, as all the other measures are already in motion. The strategic plan will be amended to reflect the changes that the staff has suggested to the framework.

Amanda Salas motions to approve the school goals and governance goals as presented in the framework. Ann Reidmiller seconds. Unanimous.

#### 4. Regular Business

##### 4.1 Officer and committee reports

President's update and committee report

Vice President's Update VP Report

Treasurer's financial report

Secretary's governance and logistics report

##### 4.2 Head of School report

##### 4.3 Staff Liaison report- as needed

Science fair! Judging will be November 2nd, a Thursday.

#### 5. Discussion and Action Items

##### 5.1 Approval of new hire - part time custodian - Leanne Pozzi

Amanda Salas motions to approve the new hire pending background check, Leann Pozzi. Ann Redimiller seconds. Unanimous.

##### 5.2 RAPTOR - drivers license screening program for volunteers

It can be conducted on site. Users are charged per use. It does not continuously monitor from a database. It pulls information from the current date back. For set up and training, it would be \$925, and \$450 per year. It may be worth it since the current volunteer procedures are likely preventing the community outreach inherent in having volunteers.

##### 5.3 Website updates

Looking to update the board of directors page. There is now a "donate" button on the homepage, as well as buttons for Instagram and Facebook.

##### 5.4 FIT Profile- what qualities are desired in hiring GVS staff?

How do we describe the attributes that will make a potential staff member successful at GVS?

##### 5.5 Miller Farmer Carlson Law- name change and rate increase

Their work has been high quality and interactions with them pleasing. The board is unanimous in agreement to continue engaging their services.

##### 5.6 Where to post board meeting agendas and information.

A discussion about getting the word out to the community that the board meetings are open to the public ensues.

Amanda Salas motions to post the board meeting information on social media, outside the office, at the post office, and on the website. Ann Reidmiller seconds. Unanimous.

##### 5.7 Who's going to the CLCS Conference Feb 28-Mar 1? Are you registered? CLCS Sessions

##### 5.8 Greenhouse update- Where's the electricity? What's needed?

Jackie Williams recommends that the electrical portion of the greenhouse project should be put up for bid. Denise offers to look into what the regulations about putting a project out to the lowest

bidder are.

Amanda Salas motions to approve moving forward with finding an electrician to complete the greenhouse infrastructure. Ann Seconds. Unanimous.

5.9 Substitute hire approval

Amanda Salas motions to approve the hire of Tristan Williams pending a background check. Ann Reidmiller seconds. Unanimous. Jackie Williams abstained from vote

5.10 Huerfano RE-1 Board meeting update (as needed)

Tabled until next meeting.

6. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

Working with Amanda on the All Board training coming up in June.

7. Executive Session- as needed

8. Adjournment

Ann Reidmiller motions to adjourn at 730 PM. Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_