

# GARDNER VALLEY SCHOOL

## School Board Regular Meeting

August 30, 2020 2:00 PM via GOOGLE  
MEET

<http://meet.google.com/exv-wqam-xzw>

1. Call to Order 14:05

2. Roll Call

Robert Fogel: present

Saba Halaby: absent

Amy Gonzales: present

Jackie Williams: present

Andrea Garcia: present

Melanie Speer: absent

Amanda Salas: present

Jody Medina: present

Christina Fogel: Present

Also in attendance: Syna Kistler, Janet Kinniry, Liz Schneider,  
Deborah Tanzy

3. Approval of Agenda for 8/30/2020

Motion: Robert Fogel, Second: Andrea Garcia

Aye: all Nay: none

Approval of minutes

Motion: Amanda Salas, Second: Andrea

Aye: all Nay: none

#### 4. Public Comments

none

#### 5. Administrative Status Reports:

5.1 President: nothing to report

5.2 Vice-President: Nothing to report

5.3 Treasurer: absent, no report

5.4 Head of School: Teachers are putting in a lot of work and she is very proud of them. The office staff has been incredibly flexible and supportive. Joe (tech) has been working hard and all tech should be in place by the first day of school. Transportation is in place with a driver and bus monitor.

5.5 Staff Liaison: Teachers are getting excited to get back to teaching. We are making preparations and exploring the new learning tools provided by the grant. We have been participating in collaborative planning and exploring new approaches that we feel will be a better fit for our kids.

#### **6.Sub-Committees:**

6.1. Preschool : Nothing new to report

6.2. School Accountability: Nothing to report

6.3. Union and Teacher Relations: Nothing new to report

6.4. Grants and Outreach: Liz and Kinniry: The final product of the renewed application for year 1 of the CCSP grant is due 9/9/2020 and on 9/3/2020 we will submit the eligibility form. We have to provide all the names, contact info and a brief bio for

each board member. The eligibility form is ready to submit. The superintendent has been contacted to sign assurances for year 1 grant forms. Mike Moore said that a board meeting is not needed and he will obtain the signatures. Rob will need to sign it also, arrangements will be made. The other important aspect is that we need to complete the training modules, we were unable to complete the in-person training due to COVID. Tanesha Bell from the state has compiled a training calendar to complete needed training. Kinniry would like the board to meet with Tanesha to discuss the training matter. She is hoping this can happen at the next board meeting. Rob is asking for confirmation that modules 1-15 need to be completed. We will more than likely be given flexibility due to late approval of the grant. Modules 15-30 needs to be done by the end of year 1. In year 1 the modules need to be done together as a board. The individuals who complete the modules need to communicate the learning to the rest of the board. Rob and Andrea would like every individual on the board to complete the modules. They have good information in them and define the board member's roles. Amanda will meet with Syna on the 7th to complete, Jackie will complete modules from home but will contact Syna if she needs support. Kinniry will send the requirements to the board for training. Kudos to Liz for closing out year 0. Our last reimbursement will be requested 9/15/2020. Year 1 grant ordering starts 9/1/2020.

6.5. Business, Insurance, Inventory: Inspections have been completed for the property insurance and issues have been addressed.

6.6. Tech and Marketing: The website is up and the domain has been transferred. We now have a fully functioning website that we have management authority over. Training can be completed now for management of the website. Eventually, students will have a role in keeping the news updated on that page. Enrollment is full and we have moved to the waiting list. Marketing is not necessary at this time.

## 7. Discussion Items

7.1. COVID 19 Update: Syna and Jody had a positive meeting with the Huerfano county health department. They were excited about our plan and

gave us some adjustments, which have been addressed (restrooms, safer at home verbiage changed to protecting our neighbors). They approved our plan and the health department has emailed us, complimenting the COVID plan. We will be handing a copy of the plan out to parents at our open house tomorrow and students will rehearse this protocol. Jody will share the visual plan with board members soon. It will also be posted on the website under the board page.

## 7.2. Board Professional Development Update

We will get the plan from Kinniry and the state. Rob would like the first 15 done by the next meeting. It is valuable learning for the board and defines board roles. New members will meet and complete.

7.3 Change time for meeting: Amanda would like to discuss moving the meeting time and possible day of the week. Andrea: the discussion prior was to prioritize dinner time and church. That was why 2:00 was chosen. Amanda proposed a weekday meeting at 4:30. The board would like to keep the Sunday meeting time. Jody would like to also change to a weekday to allow community members to participate. This falls in line with Jody's focus on encouraging teachers to keep their weekends free from work duties. Rob would like to board to consider the change for **discussion at the next meeting**.

## **8. Action Items:**

8.1. Approval for Employment Positions: funded by COVID funds

Motion: Andrea Garcia, Second: Amy Gonzales

Aye: all Nay: none

8.1.1. Part-Time

Custodian

8.1.2. Online Curriculum Coordinator

8.2. Approval of New Employees

Motion: Amy Gonzales, Second: Amanda Salas

Aye: all Nay: none

8.2.1. Kristen Schafer, teacher for second and third grade

8.2.2. Robert Schafer, Middle School teacher

8.2.3. Christopher Delmas: Reading Interventionist

8.3. Acceptance of the Resignation of Megan Hanlon

Motion:Andrea Garcia, Second:Rob Fogel

Aye: all Nay: none

**8.4. Approval of Resolution #1 to authorize Head of School Jody Medina and treasurer as a Signatory for the Pueblo Bank & Trust Account:**

**Motion: Rob, Second: Amanda, aye: all nay: none**

8.5. Approval of Grant Renewal Application for Fiscal Year 1

No opposition

8.6. Approval of Board's Training Remediation Schedule

No opposition

8.7 Removal of Brenda Hurtado from the board

Motion: Andrea Second: Rob

aye: all, opposed: none

## 9. Public Comments

Syna would like to commend the founding board and founding committee for opening a school during Covid and for their years of work on this project. Thanks to the founding board for transitioning to an operating board. Our focus must be on engaging the community. Huerfano has included GVS in the bond proposal on the ballot for capital improvements.

Jody would like to know how to hire the custodian and coordinator to start immediately. The board agrees to hold an email vote to ratify at the next meeting.

10. Proposed Next Meeting Date: October 4, 2020 2:00

11. Adjournment

Motion: Amy Gonzales Second: Jackie Williams Aye: all Nay: none