



GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting

Monday, March 17 · Beginning at 6:00pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/oqz-yaqj-wjz>

Or dial: (US) +1 361-459-2187 PIN: 255 231 082#

Our Vision: Striving for excellence, Gardner Valley School empowers students and staff to be creative, healthy, and engaged individuals who actively contribute to their communities and the world.

Our Mission: At Gardner Valley School, we provide a safe, family atmosphere that cultivates well-rounded learners and leaders. GVS supports the individual educational needs of each child, including educationally diverse learners. We overcome barriers posed by poverty, rural isolation, and socioemotional challenges. Through a caring and dedicated small-school setting we offer real life, hands-on learning with agricultural and environmental opportunities, and honor local traditions.

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order

- President Jackie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

1.2 Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Williams, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elicka Rauber, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Salas, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jaime Strickler, Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne Griego, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jody Medina, Head of School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Seat, Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Hannah Andreatta, Staff Liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Capps, Board Member | |

1.3 Our Vision & Mission

- Amanda read our Vision and Elicka read our Mission

1.4 Approval of Agenda 3/17/2025

- Discussion item 4.11 was added to the agenda. Amanda made a motion to approve the amended 3/17/2025 agenda. Elicka seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

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

- No public comment was made.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of Minutes 2/17/2025

2.2 2024-2025 Satisfaction Survey

- Amanda made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jackie seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

3. Regular Business

3.1 Officer and committee reports

President's Update and Committee report

Vice President's Update VP report report
Treasurer's Financial report
Secretary's Grants and Procurement report

3.2 Head of School report

3.3 Staff Liaison report - as needed

- Hannah was not present due to service issues.

4. Discussion and Action Items

4.1 Interview/Appointment for Open Board Member Seat

- Amanda made a motion to appoint Kindra Vargas to the open Board seat. Elicka seconded the motion. unanimous approval. The Board welcomes Kindra to the Board!

4.2 2025-2026 School Calendar Options A, B, & C

- Options were discussed and recommendations were made. The options will be taken to the staff for their recommendations.

4.3 Board Letter to Families & Community Members

- The letter was reviewed and the Board liked the letter. It will be shared on social media after links are attached.

4.4 Staff Positions/Options Discussing Moving a Custodian and one Para to Full-time with Benefits

- Jody explained her thoughts and reasoning to the Board.

4.5 2025-26 Proposed Budget

- The Board reviewed Bart's responses regarding the proposed budget.

4.6 2025-2030 District Contract with Waiver - review

- The Board reviewed the changes that were made to the contract and waivers.

4.7 Board to Board Workshop - April 5th 9-11AM

- There will be an in-person workshop at 501 Main St. in Walsenburg to discuss the final contract proposal.

4.8 Volunteer for Head of School Evaluation

- Cheyenne volunteers to complete Jody's Evaluation. Amanda will complete the evaluation if Cheyenne and Jody cannot find a mutual time to meet.

4.9 Youtube Video

- The Board reviewed the video. The Board requested the Vision & Mission be updated.

4.10 Syna's 2025-26 Contract

- The Board will review the contract proposal and a decision will be tabled until the next meeting.

4.11 Add Daniel Rodriguez to Substitute Teacher List

- Amanda moved to approve adding Daniel Rodriguez to the Substitute Teacher list. Elicka seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

5. Executive Session: Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators, in order for the board to discuss negotiations for staff positions.

- Amanda made a motion to enter the executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators, in order for the board to discuss negotiations for staff positions. Kindra seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

The board then exited regular business at 8:27pm and entered executive session at 8:27pm.

- Amanda moved to exit executive at 8:33pm. Elicka seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- The board exited the executive session and returned to regular business at 8:33pm.

6. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

- No public comment was made.

7. Adjournment

- Amanda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Elicka seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. The meeting was then adjourned by President Jackie Williams at 8:34pm.