

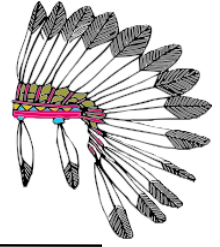
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Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, December 18, 2023

Open Session 6:00 pm, Closed Session TBD

Location: Gazelle Elementary School

Classroom I

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Item 1.0 **Welcome/Call to Order** 6:10pm

Item 2.0 **Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

Diane Welty, President of the Board

Vickie Beltramo, Clerk

Shawn Gordon, Trustee

Rachel Scott, Trustee

Kathleen Nash, Trustee

Term Expiration

December 11, 2026

December 11, 2026

December 13, 2026

December 13, 2024

December 13, 2024

Item 3.0 **Open Session**

3.1 Flag Salute

Item 4.0 **4.1 Public Input** N/A

(No action is taken on Public Input items)

Individual Speakers shall be allowed to address the board on each agenda or non-agenda item. Speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker with a maximum of twenty (20) minutes per topic. Complaints against specific district employees should be resolved through the District's Personnel Complaint procedure. The right to address the Board does not exempt the speaker from any potential liability for defamation. The proceedings of the Board are part of the public record. The law limits the response of Board members and prohibits the Board from taking any formal action on issues raised during public comment time. (An individual who requires disability-related accommodations or modifications including auxiliary aids and services in order to participate in the board meeting should contact the superintendent in writing at PO Box 6, Gazelle, CA 96034).

Item 5.0 Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There is no discussion on these items before the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent agenda. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all Consent items. Each item on the Consent agenda approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2023

5.2 Approval of Warrants Batch 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350

5.3 Approval of Bank Accounts

Motion to approve Item 5.0 in entirety: Rachel, Second: Kathleen, Yes: Diane, Absent: Vickie & Shawn

Item 6.0 Reports

6.1 Superintendent's Report

Discussed Christmas play and dinner, upcoming Sisson Museum mural, Barbara Friedman visit on Wed (student tour of semi-truck), plans to put together a board member/parent/community member team to discuss future plans for GES (LCAP, etc.)

6.2 Board Member Reports and/or comments, requests for information or future agenda items.

Discussed possible tipping danger of bird bath near pumpkin patch, will discuss with groundskeeper

6.3 Teacher Report N/A

6.4 Friends of Gazelle Elementary Report

Discussed our next fundraiser to start after Christmas break; end to correspond with the end of the basketball season. Raffling off a Blackstone griddle and electric "iceless" cooler.

6.5 Secretary Report N/A

Item 7.0 Regular Agenda

7.1 First Interim Report Approval - **Information/Discussion/Action**

Discussed the 1st Interim Report and findings by SCOE. Report is classified as a Qualified Certification, due to a roughly \$18,000 deficit in unrestricted funds in SY 2025-26. Loss of funding due to reporting "zero" Unduplicated Pupil Count in SY 2020-21; no students were identified as FRPM eligible which impacted funding over the 3 year average. Recently discovered that payroll has been coming from unrestricted funds only for the last few years, which has contributed to the depletion of the unrestricted fund balance. Meeting with SCOE in January to discuss restricted fund balances, and the possibility of switching payroll to restricted funds where applicable. This plan should help resolve the deficit in our 3 year projections.

Motion to approve the 1st Interim Report with Qualified Certification: Diane, Second: Rachel, Yes: Vickie, Yes, Kathleen, Absent: Shawn

7.2 Tentative changes to Board Meeting dates - **Information/Discussion/Action**

Discussed changing a few board meeting dates to better align with SCOE's recommendations, per email from Sarah Applegate. Agreed to change March meeting to 3/11, and May meeting to 5/27. Tabled June's public hearing and regular board meeting, as well as December 2024's meeting date, due to unknown schedules that far in advance.

7.3 Robin Nelson Backpay - **Information/Discussion/Action**

Motion to approve Robin Nelson back-pay for 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 in the amount of \$2,284.74: Rachel, Second: Kathleen, Yes: Diane, Yes: Vickie, Absent: Shawn

7.4 Copier overages, find new contract? - **Information/Discussion/Action**

Discussed possible change of copier/fax machine contract based on current contract vs. bids received from alternate companies. Current contract pricing has increased over the last 4 years, and no color copies are allocated in the current contract. High cost to print color copies vs. recent bid which includes 2000 allocated color copies per month. Current copier has not been working properly even after service calls (mis-aligned copies, bent pages, etc.). New contract includes a new machine, as well as a buy-out plan for the current contract. Board agreed that looking into alternate contracts would be beneficial.

7.5 CA Community Schools Partnership Program - Information/Discussion/Action

Information re: CCSPP Grant, guaranteed \$150,000 per year grant for 5 years, with the possibility of another 2 year extension. Should not pass up this grant if eligible for it. New position is created to oversee the program, the rest of the funds can be used at school’s discretion within specified criteria. Benefits community and school with community outreach and growth. Meeting with Michelle Line on Wednesday to discuss more, and possibly team up with SCOE for grant writing process/budget. More information on the CCSPP grant to come.

7.6 Prop 28 Grant Funds - Information/Discussion/Action

Information re: Prop 28 Grant for art and music in schools, another grant we are looking into. More information on the Prop 28 Grant to come.

7.7 SARB continues after Christmas Break - Information/Discussion/Action

Information re: SARB process continuing after the Christmas break Still excessive absences from some students after the first round of SARB letters were sent, will be sending “stern” letters with the second round..

Item 8.0

Closed Session 6:51pm

- 8.1** Personnel Matters Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
 - Public Employee Position
 - Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

Item 9.0

Open Session 6:58pm

- 9.1** Reportable Action taken in Closed Session as per Government Code Section 54957.1 (A)(5) N/A

Adjournment 6:58pm

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for:
Monday, January 22, 2023
6:00 pm Open Session, Closed Session TBD
Gazelle Elementary School