

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 26, 2013

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

c. MODESTO PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

d. MANTECA PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

e. HOMESCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

f. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

g. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 29, 2013

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the 2012-2013 unaudited financials

b. Adoption of the resolution of consent to self-insure worker's compensation liabilities

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Monthly financials

CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel matters

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING- *September 23, 2013*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
August 26, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Swehla, Michael Gianelli, Steve Payne, Susan Nisan, John Kramer, Chad Wolf

Members Absent: None

Great Valley Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Susan Cooper, Russell Howell, Sherry Smith

Audience Present: David Smith, Ken Bondi, Josh Lane

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Communications: None

Public Participation: David Smith asked if there will be guidelines for social media to be included in the employee handbook. He also asked if a 7th board member is going to be added. Mr. Swehla responded that the board has been tasked with finding another member.

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Franklin presented the survey results. Mr. Swehla asked how many families are at GVA. Mr. Franklin responded that he believed there were four to five hundred families. Mr. Wolf asked what the STAR testing numbers were. Mr. Franklin stated that last year's scores were 790 and this year's scores were not yet available. Mr. Swehla asked that the board be emailed with the API numbers. Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that the new parking lot procedures took about 20 minutes from start to finish. He also reported that Resource had been moved into a bigger space for this year. Mr. Ruehle highlighted a few upcoming events, including the Jog-a-Thon, for which a committee is getting together for.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented Manteca's survey results to the board. Ms. Nisan asked what the total number of completed surveys was. Mr. Howell responded that there were 150 families. Mr. Howell explained that Manteca had strong attendance. He outlined a few items that were covered during teacher training.

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Homeschool

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Smith explained that the Homeschool was starting on September 9th. She reported to the board that she was working on contracting for a Spanish teacher for the students. Mr. Wolf asked how many students were enrolled in the program last year. Mrs. Smith stated 38 and that several students left the program to enroll in GVA. Mr. Swehla asked if a parent survey would be given at the end of the year. Mrs. Smith responded yes.

Chief Operating

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre gave the board an update on both campuses. She reported that Homeschool has space on both campuses. Additionally, Homeschool has been building infrastructure by adding an additional part time teacher and part time assistant. Mr. Wolf asked how the new accounting software was working. Ms. Silvestre responded that it will be really good. She continued that this system is built for administrators, not accountants but it comes with great customer service support. Mr. Wolf asked if there was someone local that is trained. Ms. Silvestre replied that no, but there was a person who would come out. She also stated that this was just the transition time, trying to learn it all.

Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Dr. Rosenow presented his report to the board. He stated that his month was full of trainings and that the trainings would continue on a quarterly basis. Mr. Swehla asked if GVA was getting paid for all these trainings. Dr. Rosenow replied that New Jerusalem has to work out this year's contract, our staff trainings are free. In Monterey we are doing a pay as you go and Ceres will be more like what we did in New Jerusalem last year. Mr. Kramer stated that he was going to make a request as to what the innovations are that we are doing. He continued that every month he is interested in hearing the reality of what GVA is doing that is different. He stated that, Dr. Rosenow, said he is going to be in every classroom this year, use this as a line in the sand and from here forward to see if what you are doing is making a difference.

The board then brainstormed ideas on how to market and share what makes GVA unique.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the consent agenda items.

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 29, 2013

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Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the 2012-2013 unaudited actuals.

AYES: Swehla, Gianelli, Nisan, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Ms. Nisan, approving the resolution of consent to self-insure worker's compensation liabilities.

AYES: Swehla, Gianelli, Nisan, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Ms. Silvestre explained to the board that LCFF is the funding that we will be transitioning to. The new formula is geared towards focusing on more equality in education and allowing us to return to prior funding levels. This model is going to take previously categorized items and lump them together. Supplemental money will be paid for qualified free and reduced lunch, English learners and foster children. By 2020 they want to get back to previous 2006 numbers. This year is 11.78% of the funding gap for this year. Nothing is cast in concrete. We will be working towards getting that into the financials and the cash flows.

Ms. Silvestre also gave an overview of the budgets for both schools. She explained that we are on target for budget and the reports only reflected one month worth of budget. Last year in Modesto we had 39% of our money deferred. Under the new model, subject to change, we are down to 23%. We are hoping that the numbers will go up. With Manteca we had 31% deferrals and under this model 23%.

The board moved into closed session.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: September 30, 2013

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:35 p.m.

Great Valley Academy Charter School

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2013

Thursday, 12:00 pm

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Unaudited Financial Statements

4. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
September 12, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Payne, Michael Gianelli (via teleconference), John Kramer, Chad Wolf

Members Absent: Ryan Swehla, Susan Nisan

**Great Valley
Academy Staff
Present:** Leah Silvestre

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Communications: None

**Written
Communications:** None

Public Participation: None

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the Modesto unaudited financial statements.

AYES: Gianelli, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: Swehla, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the Manteca unaudited financial statements.

AYES: Gianelli, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: Swehla, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

**Information and
Discussion:** None

Final Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 30, 2013

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Great Valley Academy

486 Button Ave

Manteca, CA 95336

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g. CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2013

b. Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 12, 2013

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. GVA Unique Aspects-Great Valley Smart

b. Monthly financials

c. Board Member recruitment

d. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)

e. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel matters

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING- *October 28, 2013*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT –Tour of Manteca campus

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
September 30, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Swehla, Michael Gianelli, Steve Payne, Susan Nisan, John Kramer, Chad Wolf

Members Absent: None

Great Valley Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Russell Howell, Sherry Smith, Chris Frost, Pam McElhaney

Audience Present: David Smith, Amy Kelley, Erika Lane, Nancy Lebon, Josh Lane

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Communications: None

Public Participation: David Smith stated that he had noticed that there has been a migration from IVL to GVS and wanted to point out that the website should reflect this change. Mr. Smith then stated that he had heard that the recent teacher migration was caused by bullying and he hoped it would be addressed in the Manteca Principal's report. Mr. Swehla requested that this be addressed later with Mr. Howell.

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that the Bingo Night drew in over 200 people over the 2 nights. The site is ramping up GVA Smart and staff trainings have started. The Get Involved Group, GIG, is a parent involvement group that is starting and solidifying after the Jog a Thon. Ms. Nisan asked about the parent meeting. Mr. Ruehle explained that it is a large group meeting. We will be using Facebook, emails, flyers and word of mouth to let people know about it.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that the outdoor movie night and staff bowling night were a success. He outlined a few items that were covered during teacher training. Mr. Swehla asked when Manteca will be participating in Sutter's Fort and Ms. Frost replied she was working on it.

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Homeschool

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Smith presented her report to the board. She reported that the Homeschool had a successful field trip to the Fresno Zoo and Mr. Gianelli was able to join. She also stated that they were looking forward to participating in the Jog a Thons at both sites. At the Modesto site a few of her Homeschool parents have begun working on garden plots.

Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre gave the board an update on how the Infinite Visions conversion has progressed. She explained that payroll was converted over in July. After a parallel during July for the accounting, it went live in August. She then outlined the DSA progress on both sites with Modesto being finalized and Manteca working towards closure. Ms. Silvestre presented the board with a list of presentations that will be given during each board meeting through June 2014 that will highlight GVA's unique characteristics. Mr. Gianelli asked if we feel like we are on the right time line for common core. Ms. Silvestre responded that we are moving forward and that she was looking at district wide technology. She added that she will be meeting with the SCOE technology department to find out what our options are. Mr. Swehla stated that with the loan coming due in a year, he and Mr. Gianelli were open to being resources in that regard.

Chief Visionary

Officer's Report:

Dr. Rosenow presented his report to the board. He stated that he met with Dr. Borba and they are going to write a paper for a national charter school convention in July. He stated that Dr. Loughton wants us to participate in her research, but her pre and post testing was overwhelming.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the consent agenda items.

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 29, 2013

The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 12, 2013

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

None

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*Information and
Discussion:*

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Dr. Rosenow gave his presentation on Great Valley Smart. He stated that the board had requested to know why we are different. In thinking about it, he thought GVS was a great place to start. We are trying to marry neuroscience and education. Grand Travers was a guide, but he thinks we are going to eclipse that school. Basically, he explained, it's looking at brain development and child development and looking at how that works with child achievement. He doesn't know of another school that uses this to create super learners. After his experience at New Jerusalem, he knows it's possible. Students at that kinder program lost nothing over the summer and there was no review. He knows it's possible and he is just getting warmed up. He then explained various training exercises. The board discussed the idea of posting short videos demonstrating these exercises.

b. Ms. Silvestre presented the financials to the board. She explained that there were no revenue budget number changes yet. She is remaining conservative until we have a better understanding of LCFF, should be a slight uptick, but it's not there yet. Expenses are mostly in line, if anything is off, it's because we haven't paid for curriculum yet. She doesn't see a need to borrow all year.

c. Ms. Silvestre stated to the board that we had talked about having board member recruitment on the agenda monthly. She asked the board to review notes from the previous attempts and see if we have anything we can follow through with. The board is looking for 1-2 more members.

d. Ms. Silvestre explained to the board that there was just a little update, nothing has changed. We know that the 8097, the cleanup legislation will be finalized soon and that it's an 8 year implementation process.

e. Ms. Silvestre presented the board with information on the LCAP. She explained that the plan will need to be updated yearly. There is a template that we have to follow, but the state hasn't given it out yet. The deadline is March, but there is a push to have it by January. This will give us adequate time to implement it. We can request assistance from our authorizers if we need help. A downside is that one of the implementation pieces are that the authorizers can now revoke your charter if you are not showing progress, and there is no definition as to what progress is. Not a worry for us, as we work closely with our authorizers. She will be learning more about it as more is determined.

The board moved into closed session.

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Closed Session: CLOSED SESSION

The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the payment of Dr. Rosenow's supplemental Medicare in lieu of Kaiser health insurance.

AYES: Swehla, Gianelli, Nisan, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Future Agenda

Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: October 28, 2013

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:35 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 28, 2013

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

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g. CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 30, 2013

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve EPA actuals and spending plan

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. GVA Unique Aspects- Character Education
- b. Monthly financials
- c. Political Candidate Endorsement- IRS Regulation
- d. Valley Charter High School open house, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. (faculty is available to speak at 8th grade parent meetings)

CLOSED SESSION

- a. Personnel matters

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *December 2, 2013*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
October 28, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Gianelli, Susan Nisan, John Kramer, Chad Wolf

Members Absent: Ryan Swehla, Steve Payne

Great Valley Academy Staff Present: Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Russell Howell, Sherry Smith, Chris Frost

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Gianelli welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that Modesto is close to the ADA goal of 96%. He discussed the parent meeting that was held on October 10th, stating that roughly 100 people attended. He presented the board with the results from the survey that was given at the meeting. He then outlined a Digital Citizenship course that he taught to the junior high classes. Mr. Ruehle stated that the Jog-A-Thon raised a little over \$31,000.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that Manteca is also close to hitting the ADA goal of 96%. The State of GVA Address had about 70 parents in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for January. He stated that the new teacher evaluation process has been great, informative and rigorous.

Homeschool Principal's Report: Mrs. Smith presented her report to the board. She reported that she was enrolling several new students. She also stated that there were GVS and Spanish classes opening up at the Manteca campus. She spoke of the need to hire a part time teacher by perhaps January, in order to fill the needs of the program.

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Chief Executive

Officer's Report: None

Chief Visionary

Officer's Report: None

Consent Agenda: **CONSENT AGENDA**

The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the consent agenda items.

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 30, 2013

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The motion was made by Ms. Nisan, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the EPA actuals and spending plan.

AYES: Gianelli, Kramer, Wolf, Nisan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Swehla, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Mr. Franklin gave the board a presentation on Character Education. At the end the board discussed offering counseling services or directing people to available services. They then discussed the connecting room, covering how it is used and how to track the data as to how effective it is.

b. No discussion

c. No discussion

- d. Ms. Nisan explained to the board that there will be an open house at Valley Charter High. At this meeting there will be pre enrollment packets handed out. She invited 8th grade students to come to the campus to shadow and stated that if there was a day that GVA wasn't in session perhaps something could be arranged.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: December 2, 2013

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Gianelli at 7:13 p.m.

Great Valley Academy Charter School

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2013

Thursday, 12:00 pm

El Rosal Restaurant

1101 N Carpenter Rd

Modesto, CA 95351

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Board member recruitment

4. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
November 7, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Swehla, Steve Payne, Michael Gianelli , Chad Wolf

Members Absent: Susan Nisan, John Kramer

**Great Valley
Academy Staff
Present:** Leah Silvestre, Eldon Rosenow

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Communications: None

**Written
Communications:** None

Public Participation: None

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**

None

**Information and
Discussion:** **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

The board is looking to expand the board to include people with specific attributes:

- marketing expertise
- community relationships
- philanthropic expertise
- diversity

The names to consider are Pam Harmon, Ralph Ogden, Suzy Powell, Tony Marie Raymus, Amanda Hughes, and Joe Duran.

The board agreed to ongoing discussion and targeted recruitment.

**Future Agenda
Items:** **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

➤ Next Regular Board Meeting: December 2, 2013

Final Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

December 2, 2013

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

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f. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

g. CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 28, 2013

b. Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 7, 2013

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of 2013-2014 revised budgets
- b. Approval of 1st interim reports
- c. Approval of Annual Audit

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Monthly financials

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *January 27, 2014*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Brown Act Training- Young, Minney & Corr, LLP

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
December 2, 2013

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Members Present: Michael Gianelli, Susan Nisan, Chad Wolf, Ryan Swehla, Steve Payne

Members Absent: John Kramer

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Chris Frost

Audience Present: Josh Lane

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that Modesto raised \$444.23 for playground equipment from the Fuddruckers fundraiser. He also reported that the partnership with Soldiers Far From Home was successful and the campus donated 2 large garbage cans full of items.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that Manteca held a collaborative coffee that lasted 2 hours and had great turnout. The Jog-a-Thon has brought in \$37,200 so far and money is still coming in. He also reported that the new peer observation has been implemented and he has found that teacher's want input.

Homeschool Principal's Report: Mrs. Smith presented her report to the board. She reported that parents were able to get donations to get a garden started. She also has had volunteers come in and help to paint a few projects. The field trip to Hilmar Cheese Factory had a large attendance with 52 students signed up.

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Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre reported that Infinite Visions seems to be over the hump. Things are settling down. Mr. Swehla asked if there will be some sort of test this year. Ms. Silvestre responded that we are trying to decide that. We are doing field testing for the new test. If the sites decide to participate in the STAR testing this year we would have to pay for it.

Chief Visionary

Officer's Report:

Dr. Rosenow presented his report to the board. He clarified that in his report he put Stockton Unified, but it should read Tracy Unified.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Ms. Nisan, approving the consent agenda items.

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 28, 2013

The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 7, 2013

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the 2013-2014 revised budgets.

AYES: Swehla, Payne, Gianelli, Wolf, Nisan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kramer

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the 1st interim reports.

AYES: Swehla, Payne, Gianelli, Wolf, Nisan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kramer

ABSTENTIONS: None

- c. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Ms. Nisan, approving the annual audit.

AYES: Swehla, Payne, Gianelli, Wolf, Nisan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kramer

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Information and

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Discussion:

a. Ms. Silvestre reported to the board concerning the monthly financials. She stated that the numbers are through October. There is no appropriation information available for after January. She stated that she took what she knew and took a conservative stance, so this is worst case scenario. She explained that if you look at both cash flows, we are positive through the end of June even with the conservative numbers. She is hoping as more information comes in we will be able to pull over more money and be more positive. Mr. Gianelli stated, so we won't need to borrow from our line of credit. Ms. Silvestre responded no. Mr. Swehla stated that July is usually lean for us. Ms. Silvestre explained that since we moved to an 11 month pay schedule the teacher's salaries won't be paid out in July.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: January 27, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 6:32 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 27, 2014

Monday, 5:30 PM

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 2, 2013

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve revised Manteca Financial Audit
- b. Approve revised Combined Audit

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. GVA Unique Aspects- Homeschool
- b. Monthly financials
- c. Common Core Spending Plan
- d. Update on Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

CLOSED SESSION

- a. Personnel matters

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *February 24, 2014*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
January 27, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Gianelli, Chad Wolf, Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Susan Nisan

Members Absent: Steve Payne

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Chris Frost, Russ Howell, Susan Cooper, Nancy Kuhlman

Audience Present: Suzy Powell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that Modesto held a Depth of Knowledge Workshop for all staff. Junior High had their Winter Formal. Trimester 2 Character report cards had been sent home. The Fire Drill was held and Mr. Ruehle reported that there had been an improvement in time.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that Manteca had their Winter Concerts. Common core libraries had been purchased for every classroom. Mr. Howell stated that there was consideration for enacting mandatory parent participation. Mr. Swehla responded that if this was something that was to be done, it should be applied across both campuses.

Homeschool Principal's Report: Mrs. Smith presented her report to the board. She reported that she held a winter reception that brought in families to sign their Master Agreements. The students attended a field trip to the Carnegie Arts Center for Picasso ceramic and an art lesson.

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Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre reported that she attended the Governor's Budget presentation and there was good news for K-12 education with a proposal to end deferrals. In Manteca the external evaluation was completed. In Modesto the fire inspection final sign off was completed. In Homeschool staff and technology are being prepared for Common Core implementation.

Chief Visionary

Officer's Report:

Dr. Rosenow presented his report to the board. He reported that the GVS training manual has been completed and is now being typed up.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Gianelli, Wolf, Kramer

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 2, 2013.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Ms. Silvestre explained that an auditor had inverted a number and the audit had to be revised. On page 3, on the deferred revenue category, the amount was decreased by \$60,000. She also stated that the current revenue amount, on page 4, went up \$60,000. The other change that was made was the audit had listed all assets as unrestricted, however \$3,000 is restricted. Mr. Swehla clarified that this audit had already been board approved.

The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Gianelli, approving the revised Manteca Financial Audit. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Gianelli, Wolf, Kramer

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the revised Combined Audit. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Gianelli, Wolf, Kramer

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Information and

Discussion:

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Sherry Smith gave her presentation of GVA Unique Aspects- Homeschool.
- b. Ms. Silvestre reported to the board concerning the monthly financials. She pointed out that we are on target for budget. She stated that all of the information from the state has been incorporated into the budget. She also stated that we are in a healthy cash position on both campuses and don't anticipate having to borrow.
- c. Ms. Silvestre presented the board with the common core spending plan. Part of the plan is to contract with a company to implement the technology side of it. This company will help to establish experts on each campus. The funds are being spent with 80% going to technology, 10% to curriculum and 10% to professional development. The reasoning for this was the budget can bear the costs of curriculum and professional development later on. Mr. Kramer asked what types of devices are being looked at and Ms. Silvestre replied Chromebooks. The company she has been working with have partnered with other schools and will be able to bring experience. Mr. Kramer asked the name of the company to which Ms. Silvestre replied, IT Solutions Currie. She also stated that we have access to low cost training through SCOE. Mr. Swehla asked that other companies be looked into and asked Mr. Kramer to provide guidance.

Ms. Nisan arrived at 7:10 p.m.

- d. Ms. Silvestre gave an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan. By July 1 the 3 year plan needs to be in place and updated yearly. Included in the handout she provided the board was a list of the 8 areas of state priority. She explained that part of this was to describe how the services being provided are the most effective use of the funds to meet the goals of unduplicated pupils in the state priority areas.

**Future Agenda
Items:**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 24, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:22 p.m.

Great Valley Academy Charter School

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 30, 2014

Thursday, 12:00 pm

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Common Core Spending Plan

b. Approve revised Manteca Audit (if necessary)

c. Approve revised combined Audit (if necessary)

4. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
January 30, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Payne, Michael Gianelli , John Kramer, Chad Wolf

Members Absent: Ryan Swehla, Susan Nisan

**Great Valley
Academy Staff
Present:** Leah Silvestre

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Communications: None

**Written
Communications:** None

Public Participation: None

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the Modesto common core spending plan. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Gianelli, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: Swehla, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the Manteca common core spending plan. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Gianelli, Payne, Kramer, Wolf

NOES: None

ABSENT: Swehla, Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

**Information and
Discussion:** None

Final Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 24, 2014

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

c. MODESTO PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

d. MANTECA PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

e. HOMESCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

f. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

g. FOUNDER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2014

b. Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2014

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Appointment of Suzy Powell to the board
- b. Approval of 2nd Interim Reports
- c. Approval of construction plan

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. GVA Unique Aspects- GVA and the Whole Child
- b. Monthly financials
- c. Form 700 distribution

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *March 31, 2014*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
February 24, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Payne, Chad Wolf, Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Susan Nisan, Suzy Powell

Members Absent: Michael Gianelli

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Chris Frost, Russ Howell, Susan Cooper

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Out of order. The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the appointment of Suzy Powell to the board. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Payne, Wolf, Kramer

NOES: Gianelli

ABSENT: Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report:

Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that Modesto lots of support for the open enrollment meetings. There were close to 100 participants at the first meeting. He stated that the 2nd trimester parent conferences had taken place. He also informed the board that the GVA picnic had raised about \$500.

Manteca Principal's Report:

Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that Manteca held a collaborative coffee on February 13th. He stated that 200 enrollment forms had been given out over the course of 3 meetings. He also outlined the new Jr. High electives for the next academic year.

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Homeschool

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Smith presented her report to the board. Mr. Swehla asked what kind of marketing is being done. Mrs. Smith responded that she has been speaking with Leah about that. She added that she believes that the website needs work. She is looking into signs for both campuses in addition to the existing ones.

Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre presented her report to the board. She explained that she is currently reviewing 2 IT proposals. She is also working on the Principal and Vice Principal evaluation in conjunction with SCOE. On the Manteca campus the Phase 5 projects and cost estimates are under review. On the Modesto campus SCOE board members have been invited to visit the campus. In Homeschool a technology plan is being created to prepare for Common Core.

Susan Nisan arrived at 6:07 pm.

Founder's Report:

Dr. Rosenow presented his report to the board. He stated that 2 new externs had arrived during the previous week. With the GVS manual being typed up now he is prepared to go out and start working with other schools. Mr. Kramer asked what the goal is with marketing GVS and who is being targeted. Dr. Rosenow replied the target population is Charter Schools.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Payne, Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli

ABSTENTIONS: Nisan

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 2, 2013.

The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2014.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- b. Ms. Silvestre presented the board with the 2nd Interim reports. She explained that we have to submit these reports 3 times a year and these are due in March. They are being presented tonight because this is the last meeting before the deadline. There are no huge changes since the last interim reports. Mr. Swehla asked if what the audit adjustments line was. Ms. Silvestre responded that the line represented depreciation. She added that every year the auditors figure out our depreciation and in addition, this year they found mistakes in past years and fixed that. The line represents those amounts.

The motion was made by Mr. Swehla, seconded by Mrs. Nisan, approving the 2nd Interim Reports. A roll call vote was taken.

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Action Items cont.:

AYES: Payne, Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Powell, Nisan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli

ABSTENTIONS: None

- c. Ms. Silvestre presented the construction plans for Modesto and Manteca. She stated that both campuses will need more classrooms for the next year. In Modesto there will be 3 classrooms added. This will max out the campus as far as space, until we go up. We will have to expand our electrical panel, and have worked with Modesto Irrigation District to get our switch upgraded. The projected cost is \$160,000, which is about what we have budgeted. The following year there will be a need for 1 more classroom. In Manteca we have 5 rental classrooms that we are using now. We will replace those with buildings that we own. We will add 3 more classrooms which will meet the upcoming year's growth. We are also planning to replace the rental bathrooms that we have. Currently we pay \$1,000 a month for each of the bathrooms. We have an opportunity to buy 2 bathrooms for \$20,000 each with some additional costs for the repairs needed. The estimate for all of this is \$250,000.

The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the construction plan. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Payne, Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Powell, Nisan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFOMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Russell Howell presented GVA Unique Aspects- GVA and the Whole Child.
- b. The board reviewed the monthly financials. In Modesto it is projected to have a positive cash flow of 1 million dollars. Mr. Swehla asked about splitting the District costs between the two campuses. Ms. Silvestre responded that we will do it slowly, starting next year. Mr. Swehla also asked if we can see something soon about Homeschool profit and loss. Ms. Silvestre explained that we track the expenses, but we don't see income exactly as it comes in with Manteca monies. She continued on with Manteca. She stated that we ended up not borrowing with a positive cash flow status at the end of the year, which was better than anticipated and better than budgeted.
- c. The form 700s was distributed.

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Future Agenda

Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 24, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:22 p.m.

Great Valley Academy Charter School

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2014

Thursday, 12:00 pm

El Rosal Restaurant

1101 N Carpenter Rd

Modesto, CA 95351

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Closed Session

a. Discussion of administration evaluation/review process

4. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
March 20, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Swehla, Steve Payne, Michael Gianelli , Chad Wolf, Suzy Powell, John Kramer

Members Absent: Susan Nisan

**Great Valley
Academy Staff
Present:** None

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Communications: None

**Written
Communications:** None

Public Participation: None

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**

None

**Information and
Discussion:** **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**Future Agenda
Items:** **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

➤ Next Regular Board Meeting: March 31, 2014

Final Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 31, 2014

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

c. MODESTO PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

d. MANTECA PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

e. HOMESCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

f. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

g. FOUNDER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2014

b. Adoption of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 20, 2014

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Manteca 2014-15 calendar
- b. Approval of Modesto 2014-15 calendar
- c. Approval of classified holiday calendar
- d. Approval of board calendar change to 6-2-14 at 4:30 pm (was 5:30pm)
- e. Approval of board calendar change to 6-23-14 (was 6-30-14)

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. GVA Unique Aspects- Culture and Community
- b. Monthly financials

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *April 28, 2014 on Manteca campus*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
March 31, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Gianelli, Chad Wolf, Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Susan Nisan

Members Absent: Steve Payne, Suzy Powell

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Chris Frost, Susan Cooper

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that the Modesto lottery went smoothly. He outlined a few of the culminating events that have taken place on the campus including 2 physics oriented events in the 8th and 2nd grade. He stated that he would have the book fair profits to report at the next meeting.

Manteca Principal's Report: Ms. Frost presented Mr. Howell's report to the board. She stated that after Manteca lottery was finished they will be left with a waitlist of over 200. She also brought items from Market day to share with the board including a bowl made from records, some hand crafted insects and crayons. Mr. Wolf asked why the talent show was being held in a different venue. Ms. Frost responded that the current place wasn't big enough.

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Homeschool

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Smith presented her report to the board. She explained that her enrollment was up to 43 now. She stated that Homeschool would be going roller skating in Ripon as a reward from the Jog-a-Thon.

Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre presented her report to the board. She explained that in Modesto the technology plan had 2 phases. The 1st phase was to be implemented over Spring Break and the 2nd phase during the summer. In Manteca she reported that the classrooms were already set up and the testing would be completed using the rolling laptop carts. Ms. Nisan asked if carts were purchased for Modesto. Ms. Silvestre explained the carts had been ordered and should be delivered in 2 weeks. She also stated that she was getting proposals from banks for the refinancing of the Modesto campus.

Founder's Report:

Dr. Rosenow's report was given to the board by Ms. Silvestre in his absence.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Gianelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Powell

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2014.

The Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 20, 2014.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Gianelli, approving the Manteca 2014-15 calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Gianelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Powell

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Gianelli, approving the Modesto 2014-15 calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Gianelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Powell

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Action Items cont.:

- c. The motion was made by Ms. Nisan, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the classified holiday calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Gianelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Powell

ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the board calendar change to 6-2-14 at 4:30 pm. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Gianelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Powell

ABSTENTIONS: None

- e. The motion was made by Ms. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the board calendar change to 6-23-14. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Gianelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Payne, Powell

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFOMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Leah Silvestre presented GVA Unique Aspects- Culture and Community.
- b. Ms. Silvestre presented the financials to the board. She presented both at the same time. All of the numbers are the most recent. Ms. Silvestre explained that we continue to see a positive bottom line. She continued stating that on the cash flow on both campuses we have positive cash balances and no borrowing planned for the year. She explained that on the balance sheet you can see cash in our accounts which is indicative of the fact that we are getting paid without deferrals.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 28, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:02 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 28, 2014

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

486 Button Ave.

Manteca, CA 95336

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

c. MODESTO PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

d. MANTECA PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

e. HOMESCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

f. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

g. FOUNDER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 31, 2014

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of 990 Tax Forms
- b. Approval of the refinance of the Modesto campus
- c. Approval of the revised Manteca construction plan

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. GVA Unique Aspects- Mastery & Project Learning
- b. Monthly financials

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *May 26, 2014*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
April 28, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Gianelli, Chad Wolf, Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Steve Payne, Suzy Powell

Members Absent: Susan Nisan

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Russ Howell, Susan Cooper

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that Love Modesto went well on the Modesto campus. Many projects were accomplished, including benches being painted and the garden was cleaned up. He also reported that the job fair had several good candidates come through. The campus had many activities. The Kindergarten classes held a tie dye event and the 8th grade held a simple machines culminating event.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that the smarter balance testing went well. He reported that the Junior High Washington D.C. trip was successful and the students learned a lot. A plan has been developed to help increase parent volunteerism. Mr. Howell stated that SCOE provided the staff with technology training. He also reported the job fair, interviews and demo lessons were successful.

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Homeschool

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Smith reported that the Gallo field trip had 100% attendance. Smarter balance testing had already begun with great success and the students were successful in using the Chromebooks. The May 13th orientation was well attended with 13 families which totals 20 students. She stated that she believes most, if not all that attended the orientation will be attending in the fall.

Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre presented her report to the board. She stated that the infrastructure plan for Modesto has been completed. Phase 1 will be completed over spring break and phase 2 will be completed over summer break. As for construction on the Modesto site, it should all be completed by the start of the next school year. She reported that the infrastructure plan in Manteca is in process. More devices will be purchased for the Manteca campus once the infrastructure cost estimates are finalized. As in Modesto, the Manteca construction should be completed by the start of the next school year. Homeschool has 10 Chromebooks that they are using effectively. The budget process has begun for 2014-15. Ms. Silvestre reported that the district is preparing for the auditor's visit, which is taking place from 4-28 through 5-1. She stated that a textbook inventory system was being purchased.

Founder's Report:

Consent Agenda:

Dr. Rosenow's report was provided to the board by Ms. Silvestre in his absence.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Gianelli, Payne, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

Action Items:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 31, 2014.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the 990 Tax Forms. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Gianelli, Payne, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Action Items cont.:

The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Swehla, approving the refinance of the Modesto campus. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Gianelli, Payne, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. Ms. Silvestre explained that there were concerns on the Manteca campus about where the special education students were receiving services. The issue was lack of space. There is a need to expedite the building plan by 1 year. The estimated construction price would be about the same. She also stated that we would defer our savings from the rentals but it was already built into the budget so it would make sense to do this.

The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the revised Manteca construction plan. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Gianelli, Payne, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nisan

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFOMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Russ Howell presented GVA Unique Aspects- Project and Mastery Learning
- b. Ms. Silvestre presented the financials to the board. She presented both at the same time. All of the numbers are the most recent. Ms. Silvestre explained that there may be a potential STRS increase but that won't be until next year. She also reported that there will be fluctuating health care costs. She stated that we are ahead of projections in both income and revenue on both campuses. The cash flow sheet shows both campuses are ending with positive cash flows.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: June 2, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:49 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 17, 2014

Saturday, 8:30 am

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Strategic Planning

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING- June 2, 2014

6. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
May 17, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Swehla ,Steve Payne, John Kramer, Susan Nisan, Suzy Powell

Members Absent: Chad Wolf, Michael Gianelli

Great Valley Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Dr. Eldon Rosenow, David Franklin, Russ Howell, Christine Frost, Michael Ruehle, Carrie Burrows, Crystal Cowles, Tarah Heilman, Lisa Holcombe

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Communications: None

Written Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Action Items: **ACTION ITEMS**
None

Information and Discussion: **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**
Strategic Planning Session

Final Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 2, 2014

Monday, 4:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. CLOSED SESSION

a. Report on actions taken during closed session

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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c. PRESENTATION OF TEACHER SURVEY RESULTS

d. MODESTO PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

e. MANTECA PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

f. HOMESCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

g. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

h. FOUNDER'S REPORT

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2014
- b. Adoption of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 17, 2014

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Manteca Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- b. Approval of the Manteca Budget 2014-2015
- c. Approval of the petition for renewal of Manteca Campus
- d. Approval of direct payment for Mrs. Rosenow's Medicare
- e. Approval of payment to Modesto Christian for Tully Road property
- f. Approval of contract with New Jerusalem School District for GVS services

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Monthly financials
- b. Strategic Planning

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *June 23, 2014*

9. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
June 2, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Chad Wolf, Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Susan Nisan, Suzy Powell

Members Absent: Michael Gianelli, Steve Payne

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Dr. Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Russ Howell, Susan Cooper

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. after the closed session ended.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Closed Session: The board reported that no action was taken during the closed session.

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Modesto Principal's Report: Mr. Ruehle reported to the board that the Get Involved Group meetings have been going well. He also outlined staff appreciation, stating that there was a lot of parent participation. Mr. Ruehle spoke about events on the campus, including the Junior High social. He explained that the students were very involved in the process of planning this event. He also reported that the 8th graders had a fun trip to Great America.

Manteca Principal's Report: Mr. Howell presented his report to the board. He stated that Manteca has been taking steps in order to improve the attendance. Mr. Howell outlined a few of the events that took place on campus. There was a fun 50's day and a uniform swap. The 8th graders from his campus also went on a trip to Great America. Mr. Howell stated that he spent a day at the Sharpe depot selecting items that will hopefully be donated to the school.

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Homeschool

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Smith reported that it is a career first for her, but the homeschool had 100% attendance for the past reporting period. She explained that Mr. Jillson helped to complete the 5th and 7th grade fitness testing. Mrs. Smith stated that she hired a full time teacher and it has been a tremendous help. She plans to hire a part time administrative assistant, which will eventually grow into a full time position.

Chief Executive

Officer's Report:

Ms. Silvestre presented her report to the board. She stated the Modesto and Manteca infrastructure upgrade will be completed over the summer break. In Manteca there was a portable building shortfall. There is now a search for additional portables. Also, the auditor's visit was successful.

Founder's Report:

Dr. Rosenow reported that he is in talks with Western University to become an intern site. He currently has optometric externs scheduled for next school year.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2014.

The Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 17, 2014.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Ms. Nisan, seconded by Ms. Powell, approving the Manteca Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the Manteca Budget 2014-2015. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Action Items cont.:

- c. The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Ms. Powell, approving the petition for the renewal of the Manteca campus. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. The motion was made by Mr. Swehla, seconded by Ms. Powell, approving the direct payment for Mrs. Rosenow's Medicare. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

- e. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Wolf, approving the payment to Modesto Christian for the Tully Road property. \$300,000 will be pulled from the fund balance to pay.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

- f. The motion was made by Mr. Swehla, seconded by Ms. Powell, approving the contract with New Jerusalem School District for GVS services. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Wolf, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFOMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Ms. Silvestre presented the financials to the board. Ms. Silvestre described the positive nature of the most recent revenue and expense estimates as well as the positive cash flow status on both campuses.

- b. The board decided to have a 4 pm start time for the July and August meetings in order to allow for strategic planning.

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Future Agenda

Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: July 21, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 7:54 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 23, 2014

Monday, 5:30 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

b. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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c. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

d. FOUNDER'S REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 2, 2014

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of 2014-2015 board calendar

b. Approval of the English Learner Reclassification policy

c. Approval of Modesto Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

d. Approval of Modesto 2014-2015 budget

- e. Revision of bylaws
- f. Board member reappointment: Ryan Swehla
- g. Board member reappointment: John Kramer
- h. Board member reappointment: Michael Gianelli

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. GVA Unique Aspects- Looping
- b. Monthly financials
- c. Attendance at GVA events

7. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Personnel matters

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING-** *July 28, 2014 at 4 pm*

9. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
June 23, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Susan Nisan, Suzy Powell, Michael Gianelli, Steve Payne

Members Absent:
Chad Wolf

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Dr. Eldon Rosenow, Mike Ruehle, David Franklin, Russ Howell, Susan Cooper, Christine Frost

Audience Present:
Cathy Rosenow

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:
Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications:

COMMUNICATIONS

Written

Communications:
None

Public Participation:
None

Principals' Report:
The principals presented an annual ADA report.

Founder's Report:
Dr. Rosenow presented his report to the board.

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Ms. Powell, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell, Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the 2014-2015 board calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Gianelli, approving the English Learner reclassification policy. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: None

- c. The motion was made by Ms. Nisan, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the Modesto Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the Modesto 2014-2015 budget. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: None

- e. The motion was made by Mr. Swehla, seconded by Ms. Nisan, approving the revision of the bylaws. There will be 3 year terms, limited to 3 consecutive terms, with 1 year off before re-activation. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Action Items cont.: The motion was made by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Gianelli, approving the reappointment of Ryan Swehla for 3 years. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Kramer, Nisan, Powell, Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: Swehla

- f. The motion was made by Mr. Gianelli, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the reappointment of John Kramer for 3 years. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Nisan, Powell, Gianelli, Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: Kramer

- g. The motion was made by Mr. Swehla, seconded by Mr. Payne, approving the reappointment of Michael Gianelli for 2 years. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell Payne

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf

ABSTENTIONS: Gianelli

Information and Discussion:

INFOMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Ms. Frost presented GVA Unique Aspects- Looping

b. Ms. Silvestre presented the monthly financials. She stated that we have a positive P&L. The cash flow is great and there will be no borrowing.

c. Attendance at GVA events will be added to the strategic planning meetings. It was discussed to create a calendar of events for the board members, particularly graduations.

Closed Session:

CLOSED SESSION

The board approved the following updated time off policy for classified office and maintenance staff:

0-2 years of service 5 day reduction in annual work days and 80 hours of PTO

3-5 years of service 10 day reduction in annual work days 80 hours of PTO

6+ years of service 15 day reduction in annual work days and 80 hours of PTO

School offices must not have complete shut down

The board also approved CEO work agreement:

15 day reduction in annual work days and 120 hours of PTO, 15% salary increase

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Future Agenda

Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: July 28, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 28, 2014

Monday, 4:00 PM

Great Valley Academy

3200 Tully Road

Modesto, CA 95350

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

3. COMMUNICATIONS

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c. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S UPDATE

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 23, 2014

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the 2014-2015 EPA Plans

b. Approval of Independent Study Policy

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

a. 2013-2014 EPA expenditures

b. Monthly financials

c. Preliminary June/Annual Financials

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING- *August 25th 4:00 pm*

8. FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Strategic planning session

GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
July 28, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Susan Nisan, Ryan Swehla, John Kramer, Suzy Powell

Members Absent: Chad Wolf, Michael Gianelli, Steve Payne

Great Valley

Academy Staff Present: Leah Silvestre, Kasie Lahman, David Franklin, Sherry Smith, Russ Howell, Christine Frost, Brianna deVisser, Carrie Burrows, Crystal Cowles

Audience Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m.

Pledge of

Allegiance: Mr. Swehla welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications: **COMMUNICATIONS**

Written

Communications: None

Public Participation: None

Chief Executive Officer's Report: Ms. Silvestre presented the board with an update for both campuses. She outlined the retention rates for teachers on both sites. She also gave updates on the construction for each site. On the Manteca site a 1 year lease was entered to compensate for the portables that were needed. On the Modesto site the MID upgrade is almost completed. Ms. Silvestre stated that both campuses would be ready on the first day of school.

Consent Agenda: **CONSENT AGENDA**

The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Ms. Nisan, approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf, Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Ms. Nisan, seconded by Mr. Kramer, approving the 2014-2015 EPA plans. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf, Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Swehla, approving the Independent Study Policy. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Swehla, Kramer, Nisan, Powell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wolf, Gianelli, Payne

ABSTENTIONS: None

Information and Discussion:

INFOMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Ms. Silvestre explained that all the funds were being used for salaries.
- b. & c. Ms. Silvestre presented the financials to the board. She stated that both campuses are doing very well.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Board Meeting: August 25, 2014

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Swehla at 4:30 p.m.

The board entered into a strategic planning session.