

**GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 8, 2020**

# MINUTES

**Members Present:** Yolanda Meraz, Vince Jamison, Steve Payne, Chad Wolf, Susan Nisan

**Members Absent:** Twila Tosh

**Great Valley Academy Staff Present:** Leah Silvestre, Marisa Meeks, Russ Howell, Michael Ruehle, Christine Frost, Dr. Eldon Rosenow, Kelli Rupe

**Audience Present:** Several parents, staff and community members

**Call to Order/  
Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Payne welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Communications:** **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Written  
Communications:** None

**Public Participation:** Several parents, teachers and members of the community spoke about the waiver allowing schools to reopen.

**Modesto Principal  
Report:** Mr. Ruehle spoke about the outstanding attendance rate of 98%. He also presented some of the parent survey results and what answers were trending in the open ended questions.

**Salida Principal  
Report:** Mr. Howell spoke about some of the challenges with distance learning. He reported that the attendance rate was outstanding at 98.6%. He also reported some of the results from the student surveys.

**Homeschool Principal  
Report:** Ms. Frost reported on the growth in the number of Homeschool students. Currently, there are 109 enrolled with 20 on the waiting list. There was also the highest parent input ever on the survey at 90% participation.

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### Chief Operating

#### **Officer's Report:**

Mrs. Meeks reported that the multi campus support team continues to support GVA staff with technology and many other things. There have been over 1000 Chromebooks as well as several hotspots supplied to GVA families. There has also been a tech support system set up for our families.

### Chief Executive

#### **Officer's Report:**

Ms. Silvestre spoke about working on the LCP plan and getting ready for the public hearing that will take place on September 21, 2020.

### Founder's Report:

Dr. Rosenow gave an overview of the GVSmart intervention system.

### Approval of Agenda/

#### **Order of Agenda:**

The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Jamison, approving the Agenda and Order of Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Meraz, Jamison, Payne, Wolf

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Nisan

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### Consent Agenda:

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AYES:** Meraz, Jamison, Payne, Wolf

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Nisan

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### Action Items:

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

a. The motion was made by Mr. Jamison, seconded by Mr. Wolf approving the Modesto Unaudited Actuals. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Meraz, Jamison, Payne, Wolf, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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b. The motion was made by Mrs. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Jamison approving the Salida Unaudited Actuals. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Meraz, Jamison, Payne, Wolf, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

c. The motion was made by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Homeschool live interaction frequency. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Meraz, Jamison, Payne, Wolf, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

d. The motion was made by Mr. Jamison, seconded by Mr. Wolf approving the 9/21/2020 Public Hearing. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Meraz, Jamison, Payne, Wolf, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### ***Information and***

#### ***Discussion:***

#### **Monthly Financials**

Both campuses have a strong reserve

#### **School Reopening Discussion**

Ms. Silvestre gave a presentation on the school reopening waiver requirements and the guidelines to reopen schools. Several parents and community members made comments and asked questions.

### ***Future Agenda***

#### ***Items:***

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next Regular Board Meeting – September 28, 2020

~4:30 pm via Zoom

### ***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm