

**GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
November 29, 2021**

# MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Steve Payne, Yolanda Meraz, Susan Nisan, Vince Jamison, Twila Tosh via Zoom audio

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Great Valley**

**Academy Staff Present:** Leah Silvestre Franklin, Marisa Meeks, Michael Ruehle, Russ Howell, Tarah Heilman

**Audience Present:** Megan Barajas, Brandon Cornell

**Call to Order/**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Payne welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Communications:** **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Written**

**Communications:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Modesto Principal**

**Report:** Mr. Ruehle presented his report to the Board. He spoke about Jr. High projects and how much the students are enjoying working together.

**Salida Principal**

**Report:** Mr. Howell talked about the Jr. High students and the Culture of Kindness in Middle School book. 8<sup>th</sup> graders are doing multiple acts of kindness on campus and in the community.

**Homeschool Principal**

**Report:** Mrs. Heilman spoke about working with the GVS team and Dr. Rosenow about setting up weekly meetings with the goal being to get new Homeschool families into the GVS program.

**Chief Operating**

**Officer's Report:** Mrs. Meeks spoke about the upcoming parent marketing focus groups. There will be 6 sessions and we have 47 parents signed

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up to attend. We will be marketing directly to 38 preschools in the area as well as doing Facebook advertising and updating our website. There will be no direct mail this year. Enrollment begins February 1<sup>st</sup> with both in person and Zoom meetings.

### **Chief Executive Officer's Report:**

Ms. Silvestre Franklin gave an update on vaccine mandate. The State does not anticipate mandating the COVID vaccines until at least July 1, 2022. The exemptions are still in pace. Testing continues to be a resource and is going well. It is very beneficial to have that access both for the students and the staff.

### **Founder's Report:**

Written report only

### **Approval of Agenda/ Order of Agenda:**

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

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### **Action Items:**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

a. The motion was made by Mrs. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Jamison accepting the Modesto 2020/2021 Audit. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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b. The motion was made by Mr. Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Nisan accepting the Salida 2020/2021 Audit. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

c. The motion was made by Mrs. Nisan, seconded by Mrs. Meraz approving the Modesto Educator Effectiveness Local Plan. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

d. The motion was made by Ms. Tosh, seconded by Mr. Jamison approving the Salida Educator Effectiveness Local Plan. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

e. The motion was made by Mrs. Nisan, seconded by Mr. Jamison approving the Modesto Budget Revision. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

f. The motion was made by Mr. Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Meraz approving the Salida Budget Revision. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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g. The motion was made by Mrs. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Updated COVID Safety Plan. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### *Information and Discussion:*

#### **Monthly Financials**

### *Future Agenda Items:*

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday January 31, 2022

~1209 Woodrow Ave. Suite A4 Modesto, 5:30 pm

### *Adjournment:*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm