

**GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 25, 2022**

# MINUTES

**Members Present:** Steve Payne, Yolanda Meraz, Susan Nisan (via phone)

**Members Absent:** Twila Tosh, Vince Jamison

**Great Valley**

**Academy Staff Present:** Leah Silvestre Franklin, Marisa Meeks, Dr. Rosenow, Russ Howell, Mike Ruehle, Tarah Heilman, Keli Rupe, Megan Barajas, Lindsey Duran, Megan Ybarra

**Audience Present:** Jeremy Coe

**Call to Order/**

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

**Communications:** **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Written**

**Communications:** Letters to the GVA Board were read by Megan Barajas, Megan Ybarra and Lindsey Duran. Discussion followed.

**Public Participation:** None

**Modesto Principal**

**Report:** Mr. Ruehle reported that fundraising for the jog-a-thon is going very well and everyone is very excited about the event. He also spoke about the annual 7<sup>th</sup> Grade project which involved growing trout eggs in class and then releasing them into Lake Don Pedro. It's good to get back to normalcy and routine.

**Salida Principal**

**Report:** Mr. Howell reported that they are getting back to having parents back on campus for drop off once again. Parents are so excited to be able to walk their student's class again. He also said that the parents were excited to join in the Jog-a-thon kick off and that the fund raising goal for the event was hit 1 month before the event. The focus now is on finishing the year strong.

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### *Homeschool Principal*

#### **Report:**

Mrs. Heilman said that they are wrapping up Thursday enrichments. Park Days are being held at Davis Park. It is a great way to build community and get parents networking and connecting.

#### **Chief Operating**

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

Mrs. Meeks highlighted the Kids Care program. Modesto has been without a Kids Care Director for awhile. Effective May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a new Director in Modesto. We are super excited to have filled this position from within.

#### **Chief Executive**

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

Ms. Silvestre Franklin talked about enrollment. ADA is ticking up little by little with weekly ADA being 94% for Modesto and 95% for Salida. Year to date ADA is 90%! Modesto is currently full and we have a good amount on the list to be able to fill in where kids leave. Salida has a number of spots available and some grades have no wait list.

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

Dr. Rosenow reported that GVS is working to finish the year strong!

#### **Approval of Agenda/**

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

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

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

#### **Consent Agenda:**

##### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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### Action Items:

### ACTION ITEMS

a. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the SELPA MOU. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

b. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Updated 2022.2023 Modesto Academic Calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

c. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Updated 2022.2023 Salida Academic Calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

d. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Updated 2022.2023 Classified Holiday Schedule. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

e. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the 2022.2023 Board Meeting Calendar. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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f. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Modesto Student Parent Handbook. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

g. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Salida Student Parent Handbook. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

h. The motion was made by Ms. Meraz, seconded by Mr. Payne approving the Employee Handbook. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh, Jamison

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### ***Information and Discussion:***

#### **Monthly Financials**

Both campuses showed an increase in the bottom line and have a positive cash flow.

### ***Future Agenda Items:***

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday May 23, 2022- 5:30 p.m.  
~1209 Woodrow Ave., Ste A4 Modesto

### ***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. and the Board moved to Closed Session.

### ***Re-open General Session:***

Mr. Payne reported that no action was taken in closed session.

### ***Adjournment:***

Adjourned general session at 7:24 p.m.