

December 11, 2019  
Minutes

**The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.**

**Roll Call**

**Board Members:** Heather Fraser Hurtt, Chair, G'anna Burke, John Hanafee, Jennifer Huetter, Stephanie Parmely, Stephen Quadro, ~~Liz Sheppard~~, Adrianna Wray.

Guests: Amala Easton, Caleb Buckley, Susan Lefkowicz, Barbara Ames, Jeni Walthard, Jennifer Hoover, Susan Gutierrez, Liz Sheppard, Becky Page, Sarah Damerow.

**Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence** – Caleb Buckley read the Purposefulness Virtue card.

**Public Comment** – There were no public comments.

**Approval of the Minutes** – The Board approved the *November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes*. (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Appointment of New Board Members** – The Board appointed Adrianna Wray to the board. (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Annual Audit of GVCS 2018-19** – The Board accepted the annual audit of Golden Valley Charter Schools with the following amendments:

Page 7: Section 1: We became a CMO on February 11, 2015.

- *In 2015, Golden Valley Charter School transitioned from a single site to a central office of a charter management organization in order to support operating three schools.*

Page 15, Item 13: There is no date.

Page 16: June 30, 2019 was the term expiration for the following board members: Jennifer Hoover, Tavia Pagan, Zachary Phillips, Anna Rainville.

Page 16: The verbiage and dates of the Charters should be changed as follows:

- *Golden Valley River [#0946] is a K-8 Charter School and was granted its current charter by the San Juan Unified School District for a five-year period expiring on June 30, 2024, pursuant to the terms of the Charter School Act of 1992, as amended.*
- *Golden Valley Orchard [#1728] is a K-8 Charter School and was granted its current charter by the San Juan Unified School District on July 1, 2017, expiring on June 30, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the Charter School Act of 1992, as amended.*

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- *Golden Valley Tahoe [#1991] is a K-3 Charter School and was granted its original charter by the Newcastle Elementary School District on September 4, 2018, expiring on June 30, 2023 pursuant to the terms of the Charter School Act of 1992, as amended.*

(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, John Hanafee)

**EPA Resolution – Orchard** – The Board approved the EPA resolution for Golden Valley Orchard School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**EPA Resolution – River** – The Board approved the EPA resolution for Golden Valley River School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**EPA Resolution – Tahoe** – The Board approved the EPA resolution for Golden Valley Tahoe School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**First Interim Budget (Orchard)** – The board approved the first interim budget for Golden Valley Orchard School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**First Interim Budget (River)** – The board approved the first interim budget for Golden Valley River School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**First Interim Budget (Tahoe)** – The board approved the first interim budget for Golden Valley Tahoe School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Strategic Plan Report** – The board Chair reported on the progress of the Strategic Plan.

**Orchard Kindergarten** – The Board approved adding a third kindergarten class at Orchard. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Closing 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for 2019/20 at Orchard** – The Board approved closing the current Orchard 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to enrollment for the 2019/20 academic year. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Closing 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for 2019/20 at River** – The Board approved closing the current River 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to enrollment for the 2019/20 academic year. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Conflict of Interest Code** – The Board approved the Conflict of Interest Code. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Public Waldorf Core Principles** – The Board discussed the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education's Core Principles.

**Reports** –

Faculty Chairs: The Faculty Chairs will present items of interest to the board.

Jennifer Hoover (Orchard) – The Mindfulness Room was fully funded through donations; Bowls for Peace is December 18.

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Jeni Walthard (River): Mindfulness Room is established. The faculty is exploring mindfulness in meetings and how they are managing their busy schedules. The Children's Store was held for the children. The faculty and student council is planning their Friday celebration for the day before break.

Bonnie River (Tahoe): Bonnie River was absent. There was no report.

Executive Director: The Executive Director presented items of interest to the board.

Board Chair: The Board Chair presented items of interest to the board. She thanked Liz Sheppard for her service on the board (she has stepped down).

**Community Reports –**

Golden Valley Educational Foundation (GVEF) – ) The Foundation is exploring ways to increase the number/percentage of families giving to the Annual Fund. Currently, participation is about 50%. Though individual donation amounts are up, participation by percentage is down, even though wages are up in the Sacramento area. Other plans are focused on a possible fundraising event before May Festival. The contribution ask has been raised \$90,000 this year, to help with the budget.

Friends of Tahoe Truckee Waldorf (GVEF) – Elves Workshop brought in \$17,000. They are in the process of closing on a property. They will begin a capital campaign soon to help fund the property.

**Closed Session** – The board went into closed session to consider the Principals' annual employee evaluations, according to government code § 54957.

**Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic –**

The healing social life is found  
When in the mirror of each human soul  
The whole community finds its reflection,  
And when, in the community,  
The virtue of each one is living.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.*

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Heather Fraser Hurtt, Chair

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Date