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*This February 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board was held by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.*

### Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.**

2. **Roll Call –**

**Board Members:** Heather Fraser Hurtt, Chair, Suzanne Dick, Jennifer Huetter, Brittany Kilby, Stephanie Parmely, Stephen Quadro, Adrianna Wray (joined at 6:06 pm).

Guests: Amala Easton, Caleb Buckley, Zachary Phillips, Jenni Walthard, Beth Taylor, Samantha Crippin.

3. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Caleb Buckley, Executive Director, read the Trust Virtue Card.

4. **Public Comment –**

Heather Fraser Hurtt, BOT Chair, summarized letters the board has received from the following people:

Meggie Inouye: Requested information about the Executive Director Annual Review Process.

Forest Keating: Expressed his concerns regarding the leadership and communication and about the release of Bonnie River from employment and fundraising and requesting the Board to listen to grievances of the Tahoe School parents.

Tavia Pagan: Expressed gratitude to the Board for their service and leadership and support for encouragement of the parent body to practice safe behavior now so that we can get back to school and stay there.

Emily Brayton: Expressed support to reopen schools and concerns for lack of student socialization.

Shauna Anderson: Expressed support for reopening schools and experiencing Waldorf education as it is meant to be – in person.

Rasa Nasr: Expressed support for reopening schools, missing in person learning and peers.

Sarah Nett: Expressed support for fully reopening schools and missing the in-person interactions in Waldorf education.

Michelle Campbell: Expressed support for reopening schools and all grades asap

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Shirley Thomas: Expressed support for reopening schools, in-person learning, and socialization.

Matthew Rogozinski: Expressed his concerns with returning to school regarding the comfort and willingness of all staff, and the potential risks of COVID infection and illness. He expressed his desire to stay together as a community and get through this together.

Emily Brayton commented in favor of on reopening the school.

Adrienne Anila commented on a safe reopening the schools when counties are out of purple status.

Bri Hickey commented on the board's response to the release of Bonnie River.

Danielle Barron spoke in favor of reopening schools and continuing to offer distance learning for those that do not feel comfortable returning.

Robert Johnson commented that he thought it might be too soon to reopen school.

Ryan Miller commented on the March 1 return and wishes to remain in DL for the remainder of the year due to safety concerns.

Samantha Bruton commented in favor of reopening the schools.

Nathan Larsen commented in favor of reopening the schools.

5. **Consent Agenda –**

Action: The Board approved the following items by consent. (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

5.1 The board approved the **January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

5.2 The board approved the **February 1, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.**

5.3 The board approved the **School Safety Plan for Golden Valley Orchard School.**

5.4 The board approved the **School Safety Plan for Golden Valley River School.**

5.5 The board approved the **2020/2021 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents for Golden Valley Orchard School.**

5.6 The board approved the **2020/2021 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents for Golden Valley River School.**

5.7 The board approved the **2020/2021 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents for Golden Valley Tahoe School.**

6. **Faculty Chair Reports**

**Faculty Chair Report, Orchard:** Zachary Phillips presented items of interest to the board.

**Faculty Chair Report, River:** Jenni Walthard presented items of interest to the board.

**Faculty Chair Report, Tahoe:** Beth Taylor presented items of interest to the board.

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7. **Finance Report –**  
Discussion: The business manager presented an update on the status of the 2020/2021 budgets for Golden Valley Charter Schools.
8. **2020/2021 Employee Bonus**  
Action: The board approved a onetime bonus for all currently active Golden Valley Charter Schools employees. The bonus will be 5% paid only to currently active employees and is based on wages paid out from August 2020 through December 2020. (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)
9. **CBK Enrollment at River –** Action: The board reopened Cherry Blossom Kindergarten TK enrollment for 2020-21. (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)
10. **Reopening Date for GVOS and GVRS –** Action: The board set a reopening date of March 1, 2021 for classes Kindergarten through grade three at Golden Valley Orchard School and Golden Valley River School. (Ayes: 4, Noes: 2 (Fraser-Hurtt, Quadro), Abstain: 1 (Parmely))
11. **Reopening Date for GVTS –** Action: The board set a reopening date of March 1, 2021 for classes Kindergarten through grade five at Golden Valley Tahoe School. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)
12. **Executive Director Evaluation Committee Update –**  
Discussion: The board will receive an update from the Executive Director Evaluation Committee. The committee will be soliciting feedback from stakeholders in an upcoming survey. They will review the feedback at the next board meeting in closed session.
13. **Reports –**  
Executive Director Report: The Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, presented items of interest to the board.  
Board Chair Report: The Board of Trustees Chair, Heather Fraser Hurtt, presented items of interest to the board.
14. **Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation –**  
Discussion: The board went into closed session at 7:42 pm to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case. They ended closed session at 9:12 pm.  
Action: The board charged the Executive Director to open an independent investigation. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)
15. **The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic.**
16. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.*

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Heather Fraser Hurtt, Chair

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