

October 11, 2023

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Vice Chair Meredith Willsen called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Meredith Willsen.  
**Board Members Absent:** Stephen Quadro.  
**Board Members Remote:** Ekaterina Khmelniker.  
**Guests:** Caleb Buckley, AJ Lacoste, Stephanie Lorenz, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Becky Page, Heather Peery, Amala Easton.
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance –**  
**Action:** It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Katie Gerski Keller that the board approve Ekaterina Khmelniker to participate in this board meeting from a remote location in Los Angeles due to business travel as a State of California employee. There were no adults 18 or over in the room while she participated in the meeting, her audio and video is enabled.  
  
**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, Ekaterina Khmelniker)**
4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the Assertiveness Virtue Card.
5. **Public Comment –**  
Janice Oliver Iraci made a public comment regarding fundraisers.
6. **Consent Agenda–**  
It was moved by Adam Errington and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the following items by consent.
  - 6.1 ***The board approved the September 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.***  
  
**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, Ekaterina Khmelniker)**
7. **Status of the 2023/2024 Budget, GVOS –**  
The board discussed the status of the 2023/2024 Golden Valley Orchard budget.
8. **Status of the 2023/2024 Budget, GVRS –**  
The board discussed the status of the 2023/2024 Golden Valley River budget.
9. **CAASPP Report –**  
Stephanie Lorenz presented a report on the 2022/2023 CAASPP results for Golden Valley Orchard and Golden Valley River.

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**10. Returning Employee Bonus –**

It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Katie Gerski-Keller that the board approve a one-time 1% bonus to all permanent 2023/2024 returning employees who earned above \$4,000 as of June 30, 2023, in the 2022/2023 school year and meet the following criteria:

- Bonus applies to current, active, permanent employees
- Bonus does not apply to substitutes or coaches
- Bonus calculated at 1% of gross pay between 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023
- Employed at any time between 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

**(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

**11. Prop 39 Facilities Request –**

The board discussed the Prop 39 facilities request.

**12. Faculty Reports –**

**Faculty Chair Report, Orchard:** Orchard Faculty Chair, Heather Peery, presented items of interest to the board.

**Faculty Chair Report, River:** River Faculty Chair, AJ Lacoste, presented items of interest to the board.

**13. Executive Reports –**

**Board Chair Report:** Board of Trustees Chair, Katie Gerski-Keller, presented items of interest to the board.

**Executive Director Report:** Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, presented items of interest to the board.

**14. The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic –**

**15. Vice Chair Meredith Willsen adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.

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Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

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Date