

January 17, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members Present:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Wilsen.  
**Board Members Absent:** None.  
**Guests:** Caleb Buckley, Amala Easton, AJ Lacoste, Heather Peery, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Becky Page (Orchard).
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance –**  
**Action:** Shall the board approve any board members to participate in this board meeting from a remote location due to unexpected emergencies per AB 2449?

**TABLED/NO VOTE**

4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Executive Director Caleb Buckley, EdD, read the Simplicity virtue card.
5. **Public Comment – 4:35 p.m.**  
There were no public comments at River, Orchard, or via the Zoom platform.
6. **Consent Agenda–**  
All items were removed from consent for individual votes.

6.1 It was moved by Katie Gerski-Keller and seconded by Adam Errington that the board approve the December 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, Stephen Quadro)**

6.2 It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the board approve the 2024/2025 Golden Valley Charter Schools calendar with the following changes:

***October 14 is a local holiday.***

***November 1 is a teacher workday.***

***The last day of school is May 30.***

**(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, Stephen Quadro)**

6.3 It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Adam Errington that the board approve the 2024/2025 Instructional minutes for Golden Valley Charter Schools.

**(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

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6.4 It was moved by Katie Gerski-Keller and seconded by Adam Errington that the board approve the Golden Valley Orchard School School Accountability Report Card (SARC).

**(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

6.5 It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the board approve the Golden Valley River School School Accountability Report Card (SARC).

**(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

7. **GVEF MOU –**

Action/Discussion: Shall the board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Golden Valley Educational Foundation and Golden Valley Charter Schools?

**TABLED/NO VOTE**

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation–**

Action/Discussion: The board will go into closed session to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case.

11. **The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic.**

12. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at**

Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.

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Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

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Date