

September 11, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Board Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**
Board Members Present: Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Willsen.
Guests: Caleb Buckley, Amala Easton, Tavia Pagan, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Geniel Bratton, Darryl Cragan, Becky Page (Orchard remote), Upekkha Evans (Orchard remote).

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 read the Generosity Virtue card.
5. **Public Comment –**
There were no public comments at River, Orchard, or virtually.
6. **Consent Agenda–**
It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Adam Errington that the Board approve the following items by consent:

6.1 The board approved the June 5, Regular Meeting Minutes.

6.2 The board approved the June 5, Special Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 2, K. Gerski-Keller, Ekaterina Khmelniker)

6.3 It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Adam Errington that the board approve the August 21, 2024, Annual Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, S. Quadro)

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the board approve the following items by consent:

6.4 The board approved the 2024/2025 EPA Resolution for Golden Valley Orchard School.

6.5 The board approved the 2024/2025 EPA Resolution for Golden Valley River School.

6.6 The board approved the revised 2024/2025 Calendar for Golden Valley Charter Schools.

6.7 The board closed enrollment for 8th grade at Golden Valley Orchard School for the 2024/2025 school year.

6.8 The board closed enrollment for 8th grade at Golden Valley River School for the 2024/2025 school year.

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

7. 2023/2024 Unaudited Actuals for Golden Valley Orchard (GVOS) –

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Adam Errington that the board approve the 2023/2024 Unaudited Actuals for Golden Valley Orchard School.

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

8. 2023/2024 Unaudited Actuals for Golden Valley River (GVRS) –

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Adam Errington that the board approve the 2023/2024 Unaudited Actuals for Golden Valley River School.

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

9. Faculty Reports –

Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans, presented items of interest to the board.

Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, presented items of interest to the board.

10. Grow Schools Facility Proposal –

Discussion: The board shall discuss a total project proposal from Grow Schools for the construction or renovation of a new school campus.

Action: Shall the board approve an initial contract with Grow Schools for phase one of new project feasibility and design?

11. Golden Valley Educational Foundation Fiscal Report –

Discussion: The president of the Golden Valley Educational Foundation presented a quarterly fiscal report to the board.

12. Returning Employee Bonus –

Action: Shall the board approve a one-time bonus for returning employees – bonus applies to all 2024/25 employees who worked full-time in 2023/2024 and earned over \$4,000 annually; it is calculated as a percentage based on 2023/2024 wages.

- a. 1% - total cost \$37,550
- b. 1.5% - total cost \$56,525
- c. 2% - total cost \$75,100

TABLED/NO ACTION – THIS ITEM WILL RETURN AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

13. Faculty Reports –

Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans, presented items of interest to the board.

Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, presented items of interest to the board.

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14. 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.

15. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation–

The board went into closed session at 7:13 P.M. to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case.

16. The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic

17. Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at

Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.

Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

Date