

October 9, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Vice Chair Meredith Willsen called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members:** Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Meredith Willsen.  
**Board Members Absent:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Stephen Quadro.  
**Guests:** Tavia Paga, Upekkha Evans, Caleb Buckley, Amala Easton, Stephanie Lorenz, Susan Lefkowitz, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Stephanie Lorenz, Jeff Westbrook, Sarah Chase, Darryl Cragun, Jennifer Pratt.
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?  
**Information:** Members must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and if so, the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals; and ensure their meeting participation using both visual and audio technology.  
  
TABLED/NO VOTE
4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the Orderliness virtue card.
5. **Public Comment –**  
  
There were no public comments at River, Orchard, or the Zoom platform.
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 11, Regular Meeting Minutes.***
7. **Status of the 24/25 Budget for Golden Valley Orchard (GVOS) –**  
The board discussed the status of the 2024/2025 Golden Valley Orchard School budget.
8. **Status of the 24/25 Budget for Golden Valley River (GVRs) –**  
The board discussed the status of the 2024/2025 Golden Valley River School budget. Susan Lefkowitz presented an overview of school funding for the board.
9. **CAASPP Review for Golden Valley Orchard (GVOS) –**  
The board received a report on the 2023/2024 CAASPP for Golden Valley Orchard School.
10. **CAASPP Review for Golden Valley River (GVRs) –**  
The board received a report on the 2023/2024 CAASPP for Golden Valley River School.

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**11. Golden Valley Educational Foundation 24/25 Budget –**

Action/Discussion: GVEF President Darryl Cragun presented the board with the 2024/2025 planning budget. Shall the board approve the 2024/2025 budget for Golden Valley Education Foundation?

**12. Suspension and Expulsion Policy (Revised) –**

It was moved by Adam Errington and seconded Meredith Willsen that the board approve a revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy.

**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

**13. Enrollment and Facility Needs –**

The board discussed long range plans for the growth of enrollment and facility needs.

**14. 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.

**15. Executive Reports –**

Board Chair Report: Board of Trustees Vice-Chair, Meredith Willsen, presented items of interest to the board.

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

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

Action/Discussion: The board went into closed session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

**18. Vice Chair Meredith Willsen adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.*

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Vice Chair, Meredith Willsen

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Date