

August 20, 2025

Annual Meeting Minutes

1. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**
Board Members Present: Katie Gerski-Keller, Meredith Willsen, Stephen Quadro, Ekaterina Khmelniker
Board Members Absent: Jennifer Huetter
Guests: Brittany Galles, Jennifer Hoover, Becky Page (remote), Ryan Sutton, Jessica Crew, James Stark, Susan Hixson, Jennifer Pratt, Rachel Barkey, Tavia Pagan, Upekkha Evans, Mindy Kiel
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 ACTION.
4. **Meredith Willsen read the Openness Virtue Card.**
5. **Public Comment –**

There were no public comments.

Chair Katie Gerski-Keller closed public comment at 5:09 p.m.
6. **Consent Agenda–**
It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the following items by consent.

6.1 The Board approved the Dell Technologies quote for Student Services.

Jennifer Hoover made a comment confirming that Title funds will be used for the purchase of the Chrome Books from Dell Technologies for Student Services.
7. **Minutes Approval –**
It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the board approve the July 24, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, E. Khmelniker)

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8. Parsec Education Partnership Proposal –

Accounting Executive Humza Khan and Technical Solution Specialist Ryan Royer gave a presentation to the Board on an overview of Parsec and the services they support specifically around Golden Valley Charter School and its data needs. They provided visuals of their platforms and dashboards that are used, how data is collected and how they directly connect to Golden Valley's local assessments. The Board was presented with pricing of Parsec's services in both a two-year and three-year package breakdown.

Stephen Quadro made a comment regarding certain questions he would like to ask Parsec related to privacy and security review of their services. Stephen and both Humza and Ryan agreed that Stephen will email a list of questions he has to them both, and their Senior Director of Technology will help with answering more detailed questions.

Jennifer Hoover made a comment explaining the price for services would cover both campuses, GVCS would split the cost by ADA using GVCS Title funds.

9. Voting of Community Members to the Board of Trustees –

It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Katie Gerski-Keller that the Board approve to appoint James Stark to the Board of Trustees.

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

It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve to appoint Jessica Crew to the Board of Trustees.

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

10. Election of Officers to the Board of Trustees –

10.1 It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the Board approve to nominate and elect Katie Gerski-Keller as Board Chair for the 2025-2026 school year.

(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, K. Gerski-Keller)

10.2 It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Jessica Crew that the Board approve to nominate and elect Meredith Willsen as Board Vice-Chair for the 2025-2026 school year.

(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, M. Willsen)

10.3 Board Secretary

TABLED. NO ACTION.

11. Formation of Board Committees –

11.1 It was moved by Ekaterina Khmelniker and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the Board approve to appoint Stephen Quadro to the Finance Committee for the 2025-2026 school year.

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(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, S. Quadro)

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by James Stark that the Board approve to appoint Ekaterina Khmelniker to the Finance Committee for the 2025-2026 school year.

(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, E. Khmelniker)

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Jessica Crew that the Board approve to appoint James Stark to the Finance Committee for the 2025-2026 school year.

(Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, J. Stark)

11.2 It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve to appoint Katie Gerski-Keller and Meredith Willsen to the ED Review Committee for the 2025-2026 school year.

(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 2, K. Gerski-Keller, M. Willsen)

12. BOT Oath of Office –

Board members Katie Gerski-Keller, Meredith Willsen, Stephen Quadro, Ekaterina Khmelniker, James Stark and Jessica Crew recited, completed and signed the Board of Trustees(BOT) Oath of Office for the 2025-2026 school year.

13. Board Retreat Date and Agenda Items –

The Board agreed on September 14th, 2025, from 12:00p.m. to 6:00p.m for their annual Board Retreat date. Agreed upon Agenda Items are as follows: GVCS Special Education(SPED) Program, school leadership structure, policy changes and updates, reviewing finances with CSMC (fundraising funds, specific line items, direction on recent changes, SPED spending, cash flow projection for next year) faculty and Parent Circle input for items they would like the BOT to work on and/or address.

14. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS) –

Jennifer Hoover presented the MOU between San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS).

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the MOU between San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Golden Valley Orchard School (GVOS).

(Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

15. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Golden Valley River School (GVRs) –

Jennifer Hoover presented the MOU between San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Golden Valley River School (GVRs).

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It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the MOU between San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) and Golden Valley River School (GVRS).

16. 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.

17. Executive Reports –

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

Executive Director Report: Interim Executive Director, Jennifer Hoover, presented items of interest to the board.

18. The Board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic.

19. Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Galles.

Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

Date