

May 21, 2025

Special Meeting Minutes

1. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.**

2. **Roll Call –**

Board Members Present: Katie Gerski-Keller, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Willsen.

Guests: Caleb Buckley, Brittany Galles, Eileen Worthing, Jennifer Huetter, Ryan Sutton (remote). James Stark, Ryan Miller, Sarah Miller, Alyssa Hellesvig, Cori Phillips, Bri D’Agostini, Julie Gugerty, Marcus Neal

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. **Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the Joyfulness Virtue Card.**

5. **Public Comment –**

Marcus Neal made a comment regarding the SJUSD Board meeting on May 13, 2025.

Sarah Miller made a comment in regard to asking for support to keep the Golden Valley Charter School’s current principals and their current site locations.

Alyssa Hellesvig made a comment regarding swapping Golden Valley Charter School’s principals.

Bri D’Agostini made a comment regarding the omission of Indigenous People’s Day from the 2025/2026 School Calendar.

Teresa Thorman (Zoom) made a comment in regard to keeping Ryan Sutton at Golden Valley River School as a strong leader.

Annie Bosque made a comment that she does not support the swapping of Golden Valley Charter School’s principals.

Jennifer Evans made a comment on behalf of Golden Valley Orchard School’s faculty to not do the principal swap.

Jordan Todd made a comment in regard to keeping Becky Page as the Golden Valley Orchard School’s principal.

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Jessica Haynes made a comment in regards to keeping Ryan Sutton as the Golden Valley River School's principal.

Chair Katie Gerski-Keller closed public comment at 5:30 p.m.

6. Prop 39 Revised Offer Letter 2025-26 –

It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Stephen Quadro that the Board approve the offer of facilities from SJUSD according to Prop. 39.

Meredith Willsen made a comment reflecting the \$21,000 difference to clarify this was a revision for the Orchard School only from the initial offer of facilities letter.

Ekaterina Khmelniker made a comment stating this amount does not include utilities.

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

7. Voting of a Community Member to the Board of Trustees –

It was moved by Stephen Quadro and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve to appoint Jennifer Huetter to the Board of Trustees.

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

8. Voting of Members to the Conflict Resolution Committee –

It was moved by Meredith Willsen and seconded by Jennifer Huetter that the Board approve Katie Gerski-Keller, Sarah Miller and Jamie Larson as members of the conflict resolution committee. Alyssa Hellesvig will be considered as an additional member.

(Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, K. Gerski-Keller)

9. Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (continued) –

The board went into closed session at 5:46 p.m. to discuss the annual review of the Executive Director of Golden Valley Charter Schools pursuant to § 54957.

The board came out of closed session at 8:33 p.m. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

11. Chair Katie Gerski-Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Galles.