

GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:00 PM

Via Teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20

Minutes

In Attendance:

Brian Bauer, Executive Director (non-voting)
Supriya Chakravarty, At Large Member
Lorene Dixon, At Large Member
Jody Dunlap, At Large Member

Chris Hutton, Retired Teacher Member
Joan Lewis, At Large Member
Richard Nolan, At Large Member
Jim Salin, At Large Member (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Jim Salin and roll call was taken by Karla Diamond. Jim Salin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Item #1 – The GHC Governing Board determines that the current State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safety in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. **Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Public comment on non-agendized items was heard from several individuals against the GHC Student COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

In addition, public comment was heard on the agendized item, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, from four employees being recommended for termination and from three others.

LCAP Advisory and Update

- **Action Item #2** – Administrator Frank Tarczynski presented the complete ESSER III Expenditure Plan for approval. The plan was discussed at the last meeting and Mr. Tarczynski reviewed some of the highlights again. He also reported that the plan was reviewed by the Operations Committee, the English Learner Advisory Committee, the PTSA, and the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Jody Dunlap made a motion to approve. Jim Salin seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

- **Action Item #3** – Mr. Tarczynski requested approval for the selected members to serve on our School Site Council which has been expanded to 14 members – five members representing the TK-8 community and nine members representing the grades 9-12 community.

Joan Lewis made a motion to approve the School Site Council membership. Supriya Chakravarty seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

- Mr. Tarczynski updated the Board on the California dashboard local indicators::
 - Basic services and conditions
 - Implementation of state academic standards
 - Parents and family engagement
 - School Climate
 - Access to a broad course of study

- Mr. Tarczynski reviewed the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant – one time funding that has been provided to Offices of Education, School Districts and Charter Schools. The purpose of the grant is to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff in order to promote educator equity, equality, and effectiveness. We are required to create a local plan for how we use the funds, and then there will be a public hearing to allow for comment. Final approval by the Board needs to take place before the end of December. We are not yet sure how much the grant will be, but the funds can be expended over the next five years, with an annual update to the Board.

Executive Director’s Report

- Local and State Updates – Mr. Bauer reviewed several bills that Governor Newsom signed prior to the 15th of October, including the ethnic studies graduation requirement, the independent studies bill, and the Brown Act Emergency Teleconference Extension which allows this Board to continue to meet remotely.
- Our campuses are moving into more phases of reopening that first includes students as spectators at athletic events, and then, beginning November 1, parents and guardians will be able to attend athletic events on campus. Per the GHC Board-approved policy, all guests will need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination before being allowed on campus.
- Next phase will include allowing volunteers on campus providing specific support for programs in classrooms or around campus as well as spectators at other school events such as performances. Again, all volunteers and visitors are required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
- The Open Enrollment process has begun for the 2022-2023 school year, with over 850 applications for the TK-8 and 525 for the high school in just a few short days. Informational meetings are being held for parents interested in the TK-8 program, and the annual Open House for interested high schoolers was held last Saturday.
- More families have submitted proof of student COVID-19 vaccination following the Board’s requirement that all students age 12 and older vaccinate in order to attend in person classes. Some families have also requested independent study for their student(s) and the school may need to conduct a lottery if demand is greater than the capacity. The deadline to submit either proof of vaccination or request independent study is November 19.

Rich Nolan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Board meeting. Joan Lewis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:

Supriya Chakravarty	Yes		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Yes

Adjourned to closed session at 6:06 p.m.

Meeting reconvened to open session at 7:10 p.m. Chair Salin reported that the Board voted unanimously to dismiss certificated employees #2021-001, #2021-002, #2021-003, #2021-004, #2021-005 from employment at GHC effective immediately. The Board also ratified the dismissal of classified employees #2021-006, #2021-007, and #2021-008 from employment at GHC effective October 21, 2021.

Chair Salin also announced that Governing Board member Maribel Campos submitted a letter of resignation. Although her term was set to expire at the end of December, Ms. Campos decided to resign early.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.