

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 18, 2013

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on July 18, 2013, at the Education Center, 2730 N. Del Mar Ave., Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Board President Tony Ramos.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:47 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Robert McEntire, Dr. Mary Suzuki, and Ms. Maria De La Cruz.

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Present as visitors were the persons listed on the attached Register of Attendance who signed the register and whose signatures were legible and which is hereby made an official part of these minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Genaro Alarcon led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Sandra Johnson noted that she and Robert McEntire attended the School Services workshop yesterday regarding the Governor's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for schools, and we were warned that as a high LCFF District, there are also more risks involved. Dr. Johnson indicated that today, all Cabinet members attended a seminar by Steven M.R. Covey based on his book, *The Speed of Trust*, a good follow-up to *The Seven Habits training*.

Bob Bruesch stated he was happy to see that the District has received the licensing for textbooks which brings up some questions about textbook accessibility and the Williams Act. Dr. Johnson noted that a student from Dewey School, who was referred by his teacher Shannon Cross, has been volunteering his time to help the Technology Staff.

Janet Chin talked about LACSTA's K-12 Roundtable held yesterday at the Pasadena City College. Speaking at the event were Senator Carol Liu (SD25), Chair, Education Committee, and Scott Lay, Executive Director, California Community College League. One of the topics was related to remedial courses; more roundtables will be taking place regarding K-12 education.

Tony Ramos noted the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and Board representation. He stated he just returned from a vacation and trip at Yosemite Park; and apologized for not attending the last two Board meetings.

Henry Lo spoke of the recent Rosemead 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with Board and District staff and students participating, including the District bands from Garvey Intermediate School and Temple Intermediate School.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Art Landing, chair of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, presented the Committee's Annual Report to the Community regarding Bond Measure Q.

Mr. Landing provided a written report from the Committee. He stated that the Committee has accomplished its goal of working with the District on the use of bond funds. The Committee inspected every school site and District staff answered all the questions from Committee members. Information on the bond fund expenditures is now available to the public through the District's website. Committee members were interviewed by the bond auditor, Nigro, Nigro and White. Mr. Landing stated that the District is now working to allocate the only remaining funds and that the only item addressed by the auditor was the possibility of placing more items on competitive bids rather than negotiating the costs of the construction projects. Mr. Landing thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve in the last four years, stating the District will need to fill the necessary vacancies for those who have finished their terms.

Dr. Sandra Johnson thanked Mr. Landing and Committee members for their services and commitment. Bob Bruesch commended the report of the Oversight Committee showing the four phases of the construction projects accomplished.

## **REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, expressed disappointment that the Board did not show interest in closing bargaining. He stated GEA will be starting a third year without a contract. Mr. Drange invited Dr. Johnson and Board members to sit in and observe the bargaining proceedings the next day and in the future. Mr. Drange announced that GEA will be endorsing candidates for the 2013 School Board election and interviewing candidates next Friday. Mr. Drange indicated that the Insurance Committee is in the process of reviewing different proposals through the month of August, 2013.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

**REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE:** None

## **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Council PTA:** None

**HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS:** None

## **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

## RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:42 p.m.

## REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Tony Ramos indicated there was no action taken during the closed session.

## CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below:

### Consent Agenda

#### A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Tony Ramos and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the Special meeting minutes of June 21, 2013, as presented.

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Tony Ramos abstained), the Board approved the Regular meeting minutes of June 27, 2013, as corrected.

Bob Bruesch noted a correction: page 3, paragraph 3, change the term to "airspace" lease, vs. "air" space.

2. Conference/Convention Attendance

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.

3. Accept Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept donations from Edison (\$60.00) and from Lifetouch Photography (\$625.00) to Emerson School for field trips and student incentives. Accepted.

4. Accept Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept donations from parents. In the amount of \$2,452.25 for Rice School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education trip to YMCA Camp Surf. Accepted.

5. Accept Donations

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept donations from Bitely School's Student Council and Monies for Lost Books. Total Amount received is \$1,299.93. Accepted.

6. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of the District's membership with the California School Boards Association for 2013-14 as presented. Approved.

7. GAMUT Online Membership Renewal  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of the District's membership for the California School Boards Association GAMUT (Governance and Management Using Technology) Online Service for 2013-14 as presented. Approved.
8. Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the District's membership in the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association for 2013-14 in the amount of \$100. Approved.
9. Williams Quarterly Report  
Receive the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2013; to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Accepted.
10. Contract for Delegation of Operation of Early Head Start/Head Start/State Preschool Program  
It is recommended that the Garvey School District Board of Education approve the Contract for Delegation of Operation of Early Head Start/Head Start/State Preschool Program for 2013-2014 school year. Approved.
11. Contract with the California Department of Education – California State Preschool Program – CSPP 3181 for Program Year 2013-2014.  
It is recommended that the Garvey School District Board of Education approve the Contract with the California Department of Education – CSPP-3181 for Program Year 2013-2014. Approved.

**B. Human Resources**

1. Personnel Assignment Order  
On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Personnel Assignment Report No. 13-14-01 as presented.  
  
On a question from Bob Bruesch, Dr. Mary Suzuki stated that staff is now working with the Pacing Guides and the Common Core State Standards.
2. Renewal of Cooperative Organization for the Development of Employees Selection Procedures (CODESP)  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of membership with Cooperative Organization for the Development of Employee Selection Procedures (CODESP) for 2013-14. Approved.
3. School Employers' Association of California (SEAC) Membership  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the membership with School Employers' Association of California (SEAC) for 2013-14. Approved.
4. Ratify Renewal of agreement for SubFinder ASP System  
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board ratified the renewal agreement for SubFinder ASP System for 2013-14. Approved.

On a question from Tony Ramos, Genaro Alarcon stated that the agreement's annual cost is \$7,649. Robert McEntire stated that this is a historical cost. Dr. Sandra Johnson explained that the system is used to enter employee absences. Mr. Alarcon stated that staff can call in either by telephone or online.

**C. Learning Support Services**

1. Renewal of Contract with Logsdon School, Inc.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the continuing contract with Logsdon School Inc., a non-public school, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Bob Bruesch asked about Logdson plans to remain open. Dr. Suzuki stated that we have not heard that Logdson would be closing for the year 2013-14.

2. Renewal of Contract with Rosemary Johnson & Associates

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of the contract with Rosemary Johnson & Associates for the 2013-2014 school year. Approved.

3. Contract with Steps to Speech, Inc.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract for the 2013-2013 School Year with Steps to Speech, Inc. Approved.

4. Contract with Sign Language and Interpreting Services (LINKS)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract with Sign Language and Interpreting Services (LINKS) at a cost not to exceed \$552.00 to be paid from General Funds. Approved.

5. Renewal of Contract with The Help Group, Sunrise School

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the continuing contract with The Help Group, Sunrise Non-Public School. Approved.

6. Renewal of Contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the continuing contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology. Approved.

7. Contract with Dynamic Therapies, Inc.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract with Dynamic Therapies Inc., for 2013-14. Approved.

8. Contract with Bridges to Educational Excellence

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Bridges to Educational Excellence to provide technical assistance to District staff regarding supporting schools in program improvement for the 2013-2014 school year. Approved.

**D. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.13-14-01 as presented. Approved.

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2. Hillcrest School's Associated Student Body (ASB) Account

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept receipt of funds from the Associated Student Body (ASB) account at Hillcrest Elementary School. Accepted.

3. Monterey Vista School's Associated Student Body (ASB) Account

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept receipt of funds from the Associated Student Body (ASB) account at Monterey Vista Elementary School. Accepted.

4. Sanchez School's Associated Student Body (ASB) Account

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept receipt of funds from the Associated Student Body (ASB) account at Sanchez Elementary School. Accepted.

5. Willard School's Associated Student Body (ASB) Account

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the closure of the Associated Student Body (ASB) account for Willard Elementary School at East West Bank, and accept the receipt of funds. Accepted.

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Henry Lo noted Senator Ed Chau's Open House and invited everyone.

Janet Chin reminded everybody of the Rosemead's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out event on August 6, 2013, at the Public Safety Center.

Henry Lo encouraged District participation, if invited, in the City of San Gabriel's National Night Out Event. He noted that people are invited to join the San Gabriel Police patrols to see how the city's neighborhood watch program operates. Janet Chin asked if the District can ask cities if they would be having an alternative night for more participation.

Janet Chin suggested preparing a plaque commemorating the centennial anniversary for the City of San Gabriel.

Bob Bruesch asked about student council accounts and whether students will be able to **access funds which will be a financial literacy lesson for them because managing a budget is an asset in financial literacy.** ~~have financial literacy lessons in the classroom.~~ Robert McEntire stated that nothing has changed, only that there will be no cash kept on-site. All check disbursements will be made from the District Office. Dr. Sandra Johnson indicated that this will eliminate the audit findings that occur every year.

Bob Bruesch asked about textbooks on laptops if only 1/3 Hispanic students had taken their laptops home. Dr. Mary Suzuki stated that Temple Intermediate had a higher percent of students taking their laptops home than Garvey Intermediate. Mr. Bruesch noted the need to ask CSBA about whether, under the Williams Act (sufficiency of textbooks), includes the student's notebook. Dr. Suzuki will check if the law has changed to include both, textbooks and the electronic version of textbooks.

Tony Ramos asked that Board agenda information on contracts include a breakdown of costs per staff member/student when it is applicable.


Janet Chin asked to move the October 31<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to October 30<sup>th</sup>, if possible.

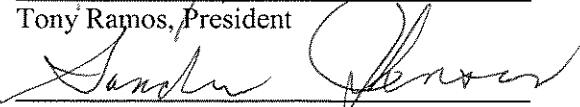
The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Public session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and closed session to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
August 8, 2013	
August 29, 2013	
September 19, 2013	
October 10, 2013	
October 31, 2013	Possibly moved to October 30, 2013
November 21, 2013	
December 12, 2013	Board Reorganization

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

  
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Tony Ramos, President

  
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Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

**REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AT GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

Maureen Bateman

Michael Drange

Arthur W. Landing

Lynette Thomas