

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 4, 2016

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on February 4, 2016, 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 Maureen Chin.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. Maureen Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Ms. Keilley Meng (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Mr. Ronald Trabanino, and Superintendent Anita Chu.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Ms. Grace Garner, 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 are hereby made an official part of these minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Sergei Orloff led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Ronald Trabanino, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:31 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

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| Vote: | Bob Bruesch      | Yes                      |
|       | Maureen Chin     | Yes                      |
|       | Henry Lo         | Yes                      |
|       | Keilley Meng     | Not Present for the Vote |
|       | Ronald Trabanino | Yes                      |

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 7:01 p.m.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Maureen Chin indicated there was no action taken during closed session.

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

Anita Chu reported the sad news of the passing of two valued members of the Garvey Family:

- Teacher Raquel Galan, Willard School, who had been a teacher at the district since 1975. Psychologists and counselors have been available to assist students in her classroom. A memorial will be scheduled soon.

- Retired Teacher Ruth Dunlap who taught at Garvey Intermediate and Willard Schools.

The Board held a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Galan and Ms. Dunlap.

Ms. Chu wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year, the Year of the Monkey. Ms. Chu invited Board members to a celebration breakfast at the District Office. She stated that Monday, February 8, 2016, is a student free day and a district-wide professional development day focusing on two important topics: "Managing Challenging Student Behaviors" and "Creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environment."

Bob Bruesch spoke of the upcoming Youth Summit at Garvey Intermediate free to the public on March 5, 2016. Henry Lo encouraged everyone to attend the Summit. Mr. Lo spoke of the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival held last weekend and the upcoming San Gabriel Lunar New Year Festival.

Mr. Lo shared about a meeting with the Monterey Vista principal and PTA president, the superintendent, Mr. Bruesch, and Thomas Wong, Board President, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, to discuss the Water District's interest in building a community park at the school. Mr. Lo also talked about working together with the Garvey Education Foundation to improve irrigation and the potential for a long-term project on water conservation at Monterey Vista and Hillcrest Schools.

#### **REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**  
Michael Drange, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board stating he looks forward to begin bargaining soon. Mr. Drange indicated that GEA members have some concerns about the discussion tonight regarding a Bond measure.
- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

#### **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Council PTA:**  
Joyce Tamanaha-Ho, GCPTA President, spoke of the upcoming Founders Day Dinner on February 24, 2016. Ms. Chu indicated that Ms. Tamanaha-Ho will be honored at the Golden Apple Award breakfast on February 24 by the Northwest San Gabriel Valley Administrators Association.
- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**  
Ariadna Banuelos, CAC Representative, reported on the CAC meeting held on January 25, 2016. She stated that only five people attended and there was no quorum to conduct business. These meetings are open to the public. A representative from the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) gave a presentation on the importance of addressing mental health matters at the school sites. The next meeting will be in Arcadia Unified School District on March 4, 2016, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Banuelos talked about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Needs Conference at South Pasadena High School on March 12, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bob Bruesch suggested that Ms. Banuelos seek to present CAC information at the upcoming Youth Summit.

#### **REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE**

Anita Chu, Administrator in Charge, Head Start/State Preschool Program, reported that the Head Start Program continues to maintain 100 percent enrollment. There are a couple of vacancies with the State Preschool Program and Family Health Services Workers are conducting interviews with new families. Ms. Chu indicated that a recruitment booth was staffed last weekend at the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival and had successfully generated a contact list of over 30 potential families. Ms. Chu stated that staff are working on the 2016-17 Funding Application. To ensure a quality plan, a series of meetings have been held with parents, Policy Committee, and staff; input surveys were distributed to parents and staff; the administration team has been

working with a consultant to evaluate program needs and identify improvement steps. The application will be presented to the Policy Committee for approval on February 17 and subsequently it will be submitted to the Board for approval.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Ronald Trabanino, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below.

Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes  
Maureen Chin Yes  
Henry Lo Yes  
Keilley Meng Yes  
Ronald Trabanino Yes

**A. Board/Superintendent**

1. Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – January 14, 2016  
Approved.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance - Revised  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.

**B. Human Resources**

1. Personnel Assignment Order 15-16-09 - Revised  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 15-16-09 as presented. Approved.
2. Unrepresented Salary Schedule Revisions  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recommended changes needed to update the unrepresented salary schedule. Approved.

**C. Learning Support Services**

1. 2015-16 Single Plans for Student Achievement  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2015-16 Single Plans for Student Achievement for the following elementary and intermediate schools: Arlene Bitely, Dewey Avenue, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Hillcrest, Monterey Vista, Eldridge Rice, George Sanchez, Frances Willard, Richard Garvey, and Roger Temple; as required by Education Code Section 64001. Approved.
2. Astro Camp Outdoor Education  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of sixty-one sixth grade students, two teachers and eight volunteers from Hillcrest School to attend the Astro Camp in Idyllwild, from February 8, 2016 through February 10, 2016 at an estimated cost of \$16,215.00; to be paid by donations, fundraising via ASB, LCAP and Title I funds. Approved.

**D. Student Support Services**

1. Contract Ratification – Soliant health, Inc. (School Psychologist)  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2015-16 contract with Soliant Health, Inc. to provide one credentialed School Psychologist from February 1, 2016 to June 10, 2016, at a total cost not to exceed \$45,675 plus mileage reimbursement expense. Approved.

2. Contract Amendment – Star of California dba E.R.A. Education (Behavior Intervention Services)  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve to increase funds to the 2015-16 contract with Star of California dba E.R.A. Education for behavior intervention services to a total amount not to exceed \$80,520. Approved.

**E. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report 15-16-09  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No. 15-16-09 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. Agreement Renewal – City of Rosemead (Jess Gonzalez Sports Complex at Temple Intermediate School)  
It is recommended that the Board of Education renew the Agreement with the City of Rosemead on a joint use of the Jess Gonzalez Sports Complex at Temple Intermediate School for community recreation activities for five years commencing February 5, 2016. Approved.

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. District Facility and Technology Needs**

Anita Chu indicated that to realize the District vision of becoming a 21st century learning academy, in addition to quality teaching and learning, it is critical that the District provides a safe and quality facility. Through the collaboration of the facility and technology staff, a comprehensive needs assessment was conducted recently and the results indicated that the District has extensive facility and technology needs; at the same time, the findings also painted an exciting possibility of the District's future.

Grace Garner, Chief Business Officer and Ed Marquez, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations, gave a presentation on the District facility needs, including the following areas: HVAC, lighting, plumbing, roofs, asphalt, electrical, bungalows, student desks, playgrounds, shade shelter, fire alarms, exterior paint, landscape, and solar panels. Mr. Marquez showed photos of many areas in the infrastructure of school buildings many of which are over 60 years old and therefore are in critical need of replacement. Additionally, Ms. Garner explained that energy conservation projects, such as solar panels, should be considered since they would generate 15-20 percent savings in utilities costs. When discussing the urgent need to strengthen the security system, Ms. Garner and Mr. Marquez responded to questions regarding the recent break-in at Garvey Intermediate School.

Bob Bruesch asked for a discussion at a future Board meeting regarding the costs of repairing facilities of the closed sites as opposed to replacing portable buildings.

David Jung, Director of Educational Technology, addressed the infrastructure and the equipment needed to enable all students to experience quality technology integrated learning. He discussed the needs in the following areas: internet access, Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system upgrade, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning centers and multimedia meeting rooms at all schools, and 21<sup>st</sup> century technology equipment for all students.

Anita Chu shared that to address the identified needs in facility and technology, the District would need to generate over \$38 million.

**Motion to Extend the Meeting**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board extended the meeting to 10:00 p.m.

Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes  
Maureen Chin Yes  
Henry Lo Yes  
Keilley Meng Yes  
Ronald Trabanino Yes

**B. Bond Program Overview (by Isom Advisors)**

Greg Isom, Isom Advisors, presented an overview of a District bond program that would generate funds for renovation of school facilities and technology upgrades. Based on a \$30 tax rate maximum, Garvey School District could raise around \$34 million through a bond measure. Mr. Isom indicated that Proposition 39 requires at least 55% voter approval to pass a bond measure. He subsequently discussed the timeline. He indicated that the District would need to conduct a survey to assess the extent of community support for a bond.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Exploration of Bond Measure Feasibility**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved to explore the feasibility of a bond measure for the Garvey School District.

Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes  
Maureen Chin Yes  
Henry Lo Yes  
Keilley Meng Yes  
Ronald Trabanino Yes

**B. Services Agreement – Isom Advisors (Bond Consultant)**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Ronald Trabanino, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the agreement with Isom Advisors to conduct a bond community survey at a cost of \$5,000 to be paid by General Fund, and to provide financial advisory services subsequently upon passage of the Bond at a cost of \$60,000 per series to be funded from Bond proceeds.

Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes  
Maureen Chin Yes  
Henry Lo Yes  
Keilley Meng Yes  
Ronald Trabanino Yes

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD**

Keilley Meng announced a Dinner and Show event at Temple Intermediate School on March 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Maureen Chin asked about the schedule for Read-Across America events at the elementary schools.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS**

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

| Meeting Date                        |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| February 10, 2016 (Special Meeting) | Board Retreat |
| February 25, 2016                   |               |
| March 10, 2016                      |               |

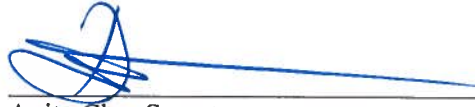
**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the meeting in memory of teacher Raquel Galan and retired teacher Ruth Dunlap. There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



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Maureen Chin, President



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Anita Chu, Secretary

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

Ariadna Banelos  
Michael Drange  
Sergei Orloff  
Angela Rios