

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 12, 2012

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on July 12, 2012, at the Education Center, 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. Tony Ramos, and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Absent from the meeting were Mr. Henry Lo and Mr. John Yuen.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Ron Murrey, 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

Dr. Mary Suzuki led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: None

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson gave follow-up information from the last Board meeting regarding student promotions at Temple Intermediate School. She indicated that the list of students presented was that of students not participating in the promotion ceremonies. Staff needs to review the criteria for promotion participation at the ceremony; there is no knowledge of how the list was released to the public.

Janet Chin reminded the Board of the National Night Out on August 7, 2012, an event held by the Rosemead Public Safety Center, providing Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and emergency preparedness, with free hot dogs for the families.

Bob Bruesch talked about an invitation for a reception for Chinese student ambassadors in Arcadia; a group trying to find partner schools to have groups of 20 junior high students visit and possibly become students in our schools.

Tony Ramos welcomed Ron Murrey, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, addressed the Board regarding Agenda Item 17.A. (Revisions to Board Policy 6111-School Calendar). Dr. Sandra Johnson noted a revision on the agenda as a first

reading with changes to the policy that she believes corrected the issue. Tony Ramos asked that as soon as revisions are made to the agenda and available to Board members, they be posted on the Website.

Mr. Drange spoke about his comments at the last Board meeting regarding the hiring of a Cabinet member during closed session, and the hiring of an English Language Learners (ELL) teacher, Item No. 15.B.1. He indicated he had sent an explanation on GEA's understanding of Education Code 44156 regarding English Language certification, competency, and personnel assignments based on seniority. Mr. Drange stated that there may be up to 22 employees in the District who could cause the District legal troubles due to people being skipped at a recent ELL hiring of a person that will be starting on August 31, 2012. Mr. Drange expressed his concern for association members being "pitted" against each other. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that the District had a response from our attorney stating that the District has the right to proceed with the hiring.

Mr. Drange spoke of the two Garvey bands' participating at the recent Rosemead 4th of July Parade.

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

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE: None

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA:** None
- **Garvey Education Foundation**
Bob Bruesch asked for a Foundation meeting sometime in the summer to discuss with Ron Murrey the Foundation's accounting.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Nancy Kugler addressed the Board regarding Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 5144.1 (Students-Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process). She asked if the Board was planning to remove information regarding zero tolerance, as this is a top concern for the safety of our students. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that there is no intent to delete the information. The revisions to the policy were recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

Julie Leung, parent of Bitely students, addressed the Board regarding the children having priority in the District. She spoke in opposition to cutting the GATE and Honors Classes and asked about funding for the planting of so many trees during the April 30th Beautification Day, and the trees not being watered. Ms. Leung asked that the District spend money in the classroom for teacher aides instead of hiring foreign language teachers and that her daughter's classroom is overcrowded with 22-24 students. Ms. Leung commented on a recent article from the West San Gabriel Journal regarding laptop computers for all students to bring home for their use at home. Ms. Leung's concern is that children will play games in the computer rather than using it to do their homework. She did not feel this was a high priority for the students.

Xiao Hu addressed the Board on behalf of the Shaolin Cultural Center of America, regarding a request to establish a Shaolin center/temple at a closed school campus in the Garvey School District to provide life cultivation, Kung Fu classes, martial arts, and promotion of healthy life styles to the community.

Dr. Sandra Johnson addressed Ms. Leung's comments stating that there has not been a cut to the GATE and honors classes, nor is there any intent of cutting either of these; that we have more students registered in some of the honors classes than last year with 25 teachers participating in GATE training. Dr. Johnson stated that the trees were donated to the District as part of a beautification effort by the City of Rosemead as part of their strategic plan. They provided the trees and staff at no cost to the District. Dr. Johnson stated that the District

has 60 aides and that while not assigned to every classroom, they rotate as needed. Dr. Johnson indicated that 50 percent of the parents have children with no access to laptops, and the District felt the need to provide 7th and 8th grade students with computers. These were purchased with E-rate funds at a very low rate. Dr. Johnson stated that there are already two families requesting to transfer back to the District when they learned about computers being provided to our students.

Janet Chin commented on recently driving through Willard School where the grass is being watered and sprinklers installed at several schools for the first time. Bob Bruesch commented on the laptops being programmed with school textbooks and not having students carrying their heavy books. Dr. Johnson stated that the details of laptop assignments to students have not been worked out.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present), the Board adjourned at 7:08 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 that no action was taken during the closed session:

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present), the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below.

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes 1

The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:
Regular Meeting – June 29, 2012
Approved.

Bob Bruesch noted a correction on page 3, 4th paragraph to read: "...growing the foundation that has raised about \$10,000 per year with almost \$60,000 in the bank."

Bob Bruesch moved, Janet Chin seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present) to approve Item. A.1. as corrected.

2. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal 2

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of the District's membership with the California School Boards Association for 2012-13 as presented. Approved.

3. GAMUT Online Membership Renewal 3

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 2012-13 as presented. Approved

4. Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) 4
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 2021-13 in the amount of \$100. Approved.
5. Williams Quarterly Report 5
Receive the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2012; to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.
6. Certification of Signatures 6
It is recommended that the Board approve the following certification of signatures as presented. Approved.
7. Accept Donation 7
Accept donation from Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program in the amount of 25.00. Approved.
8. Contract for Nutrition Services 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Contract for Nutrition services from Children's Hospital Los Angeles to the Garvey Head Start State Preschool Program. Approved.

Bob Bruesch addressed Items 9 and 10. He asked if the numbers of Individualized Education Program (IEP) requests have increased and requested a future Board discussion on student study teams to clarify procedures for teachers and staff. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that the information is available and the actual numbers have not increased; that the District is in the process of revising these procedures.

9. Contract for Mental Health Services 9
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Contract for Mental Health services from Children's Hospital Los Angeles to the Garvey Head Start State Preschool Program. Approved.
10. Memorandum of Understanding – Disability Services 10
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Garvey School District for Disability Services. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 12-13-01 as presented. Approved.

Bob Bruesch clarified the English Language Learner Interventionist and the required qualifications and problems in interpretation of regulations in the professional development areas. He asked that the qualifications not be too restrictive and not open to interpretation. He asked that this job description be brought back to see if there is language that needs to be changed.

2. Management Regulations 12
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve revisions to the Management Regulations. Approved.

C. Instructional Services

1. California Weekly Explorer, Inc. 13
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the approval of contract with the California Weekly Explorer, Inc., for a program provided to Hillcrest students on February 27, 2012, at a cost of \$685.00; to be paid from Hillcrest School's Economic Impact Aid Program Funds. Approved.
2. Contract-Bridges to Education Excellence 14
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 2012-2013 school year to be paid from Title I funding. Approved.
3. Contract with Red Schoolhouse Software 15
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Red Schoolhouse Software for Online assessment Reporting System (OARS) from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. The estimated cost of \$27,225 to be paid from General Funds. Approved.
4. Contract with Staff Development for Educators – Singapore Math 16
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Staff Development for Educators (SDE) to provide professional development in Singapore Math for 19 Eldridge Rice elementary teachers August 24, 2012 . The training is scheduled to be held on the Rice School campus. Approved.
5. Renewal of Contract with The Institute for the Redesign of Learning
DBA The Almansor Center 17
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the continuing contract with the Almansor Center for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Approved.
6. Renewal of Contract with Center for Developing Kids 18
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the continuing contract with Center for Developing Kids. Approved
7. Renewal of Contract with Dynamic Therapies, Inc. 19
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the continuing contract with Dynamic Therapies, Inc. Approved.
8. Renewal of Contract with Logsdon School, Inc., a Non-Public School 20
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the continuing contract with Logsdon School, Inc., a non-public school, for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Approved.
9. Renewal of Contract with Rosemary Johnson & Associates 21
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the continuing contract with Rosemary Johnson & Associates for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Approved.
10. Renewal of Contract with Solient Health, Inc. 22
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the continuing contract with Solient Health, Inc. for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Approved.
11. Renewal of Contract with Speech and Language Therapy Services 23
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the continuing contract with Speech and Language Therapy Services for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Approved.

12. Revisions to Contract with The Help Group, Sunrise School 24
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract revision with the Help Group, Sunrise School. Approved.

D. Business Services

1. Award of Bid – Hillcrest Painting 25
It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the bid from Painting & Decor, LTD., Orange of California, for in accordance with District's Bid 540 and award a contract to Painting & Décor, LTD, in the amount of \$139,700.00. Approved.

Reports and Information Items

- A. Ron Murrey gave an update on the District Budget. He stated that the State budget was recently adopted. He reviewed the mid-year program assumptions of a Revenue Limit COLA per student average daily attendance (ADA) for 2012-13 at 3.24 percent being reduced to 0 percent. The State is now paying only 78 cents for every dollar owed to the District. If the Governor's or Munger's November ballot initiatives do not pass, there will be additional loss of funding in this school year. The District is budgeting for a (-\$441) State funding reduction due to the uncertainty of the outcome on the election. The District has now been told that in the State's final budget that was approved there will be an additional \$16 per ADA reduction or \$83,559 in 2012-13, and \$81696 in each of 2013-14 and 2014-15. 26

Mr. Murrey spoke of the Board's fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the District will meet the required actions to end the 2012-13 year with a minimum 3 percent reserve fund balance. The recently adopted District's multi-year budget includes reductions of both revenue and expenditures such as staffing, books and supplies due to the reduced State funding for schools.

Mr. Murrey described the District's need for a budget contingency plan should the tax initiatives not pass in November, 2012. He projected not having our required 3 percent reserve in both 2013-14 and 2014-15 without additional expenditure reductions. Districts not meeting a 3 percent reserve fund balance in a school year may not receive an approved budget from the L.A. County Office of Education (LACOE). Districts not meeting the minimum reserves, may be identified as "Qualified and needing to be watched for financial solvency. The District is currently meeting with our bargaining units and reviewing other District operations to identify reduction allowing the Board to meet its fiduciary budget requirements.

Mr. Murrey addressed the District's cash needs due to State cash deferrals that delay payments of revenue to schools requiring the District to borrow money through Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS). Mr. Murrey stated that the District will continue to need to borrow \$5 million dollars for each of the next three years. Mr. Murrey presented a chart showing the 2012-13 cash flow with no reserve that indicated the need for the Board's approval of additional cash borrowing sometime in December, 2012. A monthly two-year forecast of cash flow will be provided to the Board monthly indicating budget changes to revenue, expenditures, and General reserve fund balances.

Bob Bruesch asked about the interest paid on borrowed funds. Mr. Murrey stated that the interest rate could be between 5-6 percent. Mr. Bruesch asked if the continued rise in special education costs can be somehow negotiated to mitigate the encroachment of funds to the General Fund by asking Logdson to pay more of their share. Dr. Johnson stated that Mr. Murrey will look at the encroachment on the General Fund to see if there are any savings to be generated. Mr. Bruesch asked that budget information be posted on the Website for everyone to review.

Action Items

- A. First reading and possible adoption of revisions to Board Policy 6111 – School Calendar – Revised. 27

Dr. Sandra Johnson noted a change to this agenda item as “first” reading of Board Policy 6111-School Calendar. Change made is “as negotiated by representatives of the District Calendar Committee.”

Janet Chin moved, Bob Bruesch seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present) to approve Action Item A. as revised.

- B. Bob Bruesch moved, Janet Chin seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo not present) to adopt the second reading of the revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144 Students – Discipline as presented. 28

Dr. Johnson stated that these revisions will be reflected in the informational hand book given to our parents.

- C. Second reading and possible approval of the revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Students – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. 29

Dr. Mary Suzuki stated that policy revisions were taken directly from the Education Code. She indicated that these were recommended changes by CSBA. Bob Bruesch agreed that language of zero tolerance should be everybody’s goal.

Bob Bruesch moved, Tony Ramos seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present), the Board approved Action Item C. as presented.

- D. Second reading and possible approval of the revision to Board Policy 5145.3 Students – Non-Nondiscrimination/Harassment. Item pulled, not approved. 30

Dr. Sandra Johnson requested this item be pulled to allow for research on requirements regarding parent education.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Janet Chin asked for an update on the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) program. She indicated that their planning committee met this week. Ms. Chin asked about the number of families graduating from the program. Dr. Johnson stated that the program is provided in four languages at a cost of \$90 per graduating parent.


Tony Ramos asked to see what improvements can be made to the information available on the Website to promote the District and the great things that happen here. Bob Bruesch commented on new guidelines posted for Apple computer users on downloading the Board’s agenda package. Mr. Ramos asked for an update on the consultant for a Bond issue and a review of ways to save energy in the District. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that she and Mr. Murrey will be meeting with a representative to get information on energy savings there. Mr. Ramos asked to schedule a Board meeting regarding evaluation of Superintendent and a Board self-evaluation.

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.

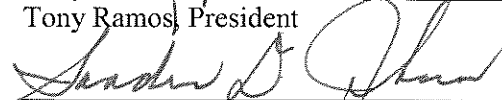
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
August 2, 2012	
August 23, 2012	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Tony Ramos, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Mary Louise Anderson
Ozzie Aguirre
Judy Berger
Susan Byard
Larry Chang
Marleen Chin
Britney Conner
Adriana De Leon
Lucina Gaeta
Eugenia Gainor
Melinda Hernandez
Pat Kasababian
Mike Kenny
Nancy Kugler
Tran Ma
Ava Martinez
Pat Molina
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Mercedes Negrete
Micki Rios
Crystal Rodriguez
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