

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 20, 2014

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on November 20, 2014, 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 Bob Bruesch.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Ms. Maureen Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Ronald Trabanino and Superintendent Anita Chu.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Robert McEntire, 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

Ken Tang led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:34 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Bob Bruesch indicated there was no reportable action taken during the closed session.

RECOGNITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

1) Student Presentation – Dewey School

Wendy Molina, principal of Dewey School, and teacher Lucina Gaeta introduced the students of Dewey School. The students gave a Power Point presentation regarding the Steve Covey's 7 *Habits of High Effective People* and how the students are learning to apply the 7 Habits in their schools and with their families. The students shared about the skills and how they are helping to learn and to become future leaders.

Anita Chu indicated that the Rhythmax Choir led by teacher Marina Tahmizian won first place in the *Bright Night Light* contest. Students received a trophy and \$200 from the City of Rosemead.

Ms. Chu stated that the presentations on Common Core Mathematics have been very well received by parents and they are excited to know about future presentations and the available online resources.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, addressed the Board regarding the latest hiring of administrative staff. He proposed that more GEA members be included on the panel to recruit the director of instruction. Mr. Drange stated the union's desire to resolve the intermediate school's bell schedule issue and indicated that the excess amount of student testing is a big concern to teachers. Mr. Drange invited everyone to the upcoming holiday music events: December 16th at Garvey Intermediate School, December 18th at Garvey Intermediate and at Temple Intermediate Schools, December 4th in the Rosemead tree-lighting ceremony, and December 5th in the Monterey Park tree-lighting ceremony.

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

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Joyce Tamanaha-Ho, president of Garvey Council PTA, addressed the Board regarding the recent PTA meeting that covered important issues related to Federal and State filings for all units, the bylaws renewal and the election process. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho invited the Board to the First District PTA holiday luncheon in December to raise funds in support of the L.A. County juvenile camps. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho stated that all units will be soliciting donations for the L.A. County Education Foundation for incentives for young men and women in the camps, staff development, and gym equipment to build a gymnasium. The donations will be sent directly to the organization.

Ms. Tamanaha-Ho spoke of the LCFF and LCAP review and the re-evaluation process which will require the District to reach out to parents. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho shared information available to help parents understand and how they can participate by visiting the website, www.capta.org. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho indicated that the Schools Smarts Program is also a State PTA effort to train parents on parent involvement.

- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Ariadna Banuelos, CAC Representative, spoke of the recent CAC meeting and the presentations held at the meeting. The next CAC meeting is scheduled on January 5, 2015. Ms. Banuelos stated that donations are being accepted to help children with their wish list of toys, blankets, etc. Ms. Banuelos stated that the SELPA office will be hosting an open house on December 12, 2014, selling art made by special education students.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Carolyn Wong, Director of Head Start/Preschool Services, addressed the Board regarding an expected federal visit for environmental review sometime this year; however, the date has not yet been set. A recent visit showed positive results with the interactions of children in the classrooms and parenting classes. Ms. Wong stated that the Head Start Program is 2/3 in meeting the 10% disability enrollment (29 enrolled out of 44 vacancies). LACOE requires the 10% enrollment to be complete by the end of January 2015 and the Office of Head Start requires completion by the end of the year. Our staff is looking to seek a waiver in case this requirement is not met. Ms. Wong spoke of the educational services team completing CLASS observations of teacher-children interactions.

Ms. Wong indicated that we have been given an extension to the end of December 2014, to complete the data entry relating to education services. Health services is now at over 90 percent completion, hoping to be as close to 100 percent as possible. Ms. Wong spoke of a partnership with the UCLA vision clinic scheduling children who did not pass the initial screening. These children will have the opportunity of a full exam and free eye glasses if needed.

Ms. Wong stated that a recent LACOE visit showed areas of concern in record keeping; all forms are being signed and the staff is working on a program improvement plan to submit for 2015-16 to be used for the larger ERSEA Plan. Ms. Wong said the Policy Committee approved the self-assessment plan for this year. There was a licensing visit made on November 14th at a site, and no findings were noted.

Ms. Wong stated that the Policy Committee elected new officers last week.

Bob Bruesch stated there is wide confusion for parents regarding the new Common core curriculum and how to get information on their children's grades.

Janet Chin asked about the challenges to meet the 10 percent enrollment requirement for special education students. Ms. Wong stated that perhaps it has to do with making some of the connections stronger with the SELPA programs and the regional programs. The Headstart staff is continually working with the Special Education staff and attending all of the IEPs for children enrolled in the preschool program. They follow the process of asking LACOE to waive some of the income requirements for children in need of special education services.

Henry Lo asked if there was some stigma associated with children needing the special education services. Ms. Wong said that across the board, certain parents may take some time to think about whether or not the children need services before they request an IEP process. LACOE offers some support in connecting families, including working with the L.A. Unified School District.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Anita Chu and Al Castillo made a presentation regarding the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Progress Report.

Anita Chu stated that as part of the accountability plan for our District which is in Year 3 Program Improvement, the District is required to submit annually evidence of progress in implementing the action steps, specified in the LEA Plan, to reach three goals: reading, mathematics, and English language development (ELD).

Al Castillo presented the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) results and the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) data for the English learner students. The District has failed to meet the AMAO 1 in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and the AMAO 2 in 2013-14. In addition, Mr. Castillo discussed the achievement gap of the Hispanic English learner students in the CELDT scores and stressed the need to find ways to help this student population in increasing their CELDT scores.

Bob Bruesch asked if students were developing writing and critical skills through vocabulary training. Anita Chu indicated the District has begun re-visiting the importance of academic vocabulary instruction, a key component of the Common Core State Standards. A few schools have started the training and support for teachers on using effective strategies to teach

high utility academic vocabulary that students need to understand and use for oral and written communication.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE: None

Velia Navarro addressed the Board regarding the need for her niece to receive an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for her problem of failing vision. Ms. Navarro stated that the Braille Institute requires the IEP in order to provide the help and support needed for her niece. Ms. Navarro feels that her niece is being discriminated against for her vision problem because of lack of communication between the District staff and her niece's family. Bob Bruesch stated that the newly hired Special Education staff have reviewed the student's case and will continue to follow up on her needs. The family will be contacted regarding next steps.

Ken Tang addressed the Board regarding a concern with not having enough substitute teachers to fill the absence requests, causing some classes to be divided amongst teachers and disruptions in instruction.

Bob Bruesch asked that this discussion be placed in the agenda for January 2015 Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Henry Lo, 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
 Janet Chin Yes
 Maureen Chin Yes
 Henry Lo Yes
 Ronald Trabanino Yes

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – October 9, 2014
Regular Meeting – October 30, 2014
Approved.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance - Revised
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
3. Ratify Settlement Agreement – Case No. CGC 13 534975
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the settlement agreement with *Cal 200 et al. v. San Francisco Unified School District, et al.* in the amount of \$19,525 to be paid from General Funds. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 14-15-07 as presented. Approved.

C. Learning Support Services

1. Approval of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Continued Funding Application For the California State Preschool Program (CSPP)

It is recommended that the Board of Education give authorization to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Continued Funding application (EESD-3704) for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP). Approved.

2. Ratify Agreement with the AVID Center

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify an agreement with the AVID Center to provide professional development in supporting the implementation of the AVID Program at Garvey and Temple Intermediate Schools for the 2014-15 school year at a cost of \$6,970.00; to be paid from Title II Program Funds. Approved.

3. Approval of Catalina Island Marine Institute Outdoor Education Program

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of forty-three (43) students, members of the Richard Garvey Intermediate School National Junior Honor Society and Builders' Club, two teachers and one adult chaperone, to the Catalina Island Marine Institute from February 11 to February 13, 2015. The estimated cost is \$12,222.50; to be paid from teacher and parent donations, Parent Teacher Association (PTA), student fundraising activities, Associated Student Body (ASB) funds, and Garvey Intermediate School, Title I Program Funds. Approved.

4. Approval of Contract with Le Anderson

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Le Anderson, a Common Core Math consultant, to provide training for grades 7-8 teachers and administrators on Common Core Math from December 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The total cost, not to exceed \$7,500, is to be paid from Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Program Funds. Approved.

5. Approval of Supplemental Education Services (SES) Provider Master Contracts

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contracts with the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) providers that are selected by parents of eligible K-8 students from Bitely, Emerson, Garvey, Monterey Vista, Rice, and Temple Schools, beginning December 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. The total cost, not to exceed \$461,694, is to be paid by the District's Title I funds. As the District has not met the number of eligible students to be served, a second application window is scheduled for December 2014.

Bob Bruesch spoke against approval of Action Item C.5., because the State has failed to give parents information that the tutoring services do not have to prove that their services provide an increase in test results. Mr. Bruesch suggested that the State provide a rubric with a yes or no answer to this service that is being provided.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Ronald Trabanino, and carried by a vote of 4-1, the Board approved Consent Item C.5. as presented.

Vote: Bob Bruesch	No
Janet Chin	Yes
Maureen Chin	Yes
Henry Lo	Yes
Ronald Trabanino	Yes

D. Student Support Services: None

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 14-15-06
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 14-15-06. Approved.
2. Ratify Award Bid No. 546
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the bid to replace the south playground equipment at Hillcrest Elementary School – Bid No. 546. Approved.
3. Change Order No. 1 – Hinckley & Associates
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve change Order #1 for Garvey Intermediate School's electrical upgrades at the auditorium stage. Approved.
4. Developer Fees
It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the Developer Fee Report as presented for the 2013-14 developer fee sources and uses. Approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Real Property Consultant

It is recommended that the Board of Education review the qualifications of real property consultants and select one to provide consultation on the use of District properties.

Robert McEntire made a Power Presentation on the proposals received from real property consultants. Mr. McEntire spoke of the Board's guiding principles and the process for making a recommendation on a consultant. Mr. McEntire spoke of the prudent use of District assets and the critical need for having a strategic Asset Management Plan of fiscal sustainability, education excellence, and ways to build public confidence of community members and key stakeholders.

Mr. McEntire listed the vacant sites of Duff, Marshall, and Williams, along with those sites of excess land at Bitely, Rice and the Duff fields.

The real property use options included:

- Sale or lease with option to purchase
- Lease
- Exchange/swap
- Common recreation programs through an agreement
- Joint use

In the process of finding a real property consultant which began on the Board meeting of October 30, 2014, the Board can decide to take out the possibilities of sale and/or exchange/swap and there would be no need for a property consultant; the District staff and an attorney can negotiate all the other options. Should the Board opt for all these options, the District would need to have the expert guidance of real property advisors.

Mr. McEntire gave a list of companies and their proposals along with cost comparisons and level of expertise. Mr. McEntire stated that the administration recommends the Board's approval of the Property Consultant for Schools (PCS).

Bob Bruesch spoke of the need for the Board to move from a District that since 110 years has been expanding and in most recent years is now contracting its schools and the need to develop streams of income independent from relying on issuing of bonds or State funding sources.

Henry Lo indicated that any Board decision needs to ensure that it would be beneficial to the community because of the difficulty on projecting the community population 20 years from now.

Janet Chin indicated the Board needs to be mindful that the school property belongs to community for the purpose of benefiting the students and families in the District. Ms. Chin spoke against selling any of the properties.

Henry lo moved, Janet Chin seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Action Item A. as presented.

Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes
 Janet Chin Yes
 Maureen Chin Yes
 Henry Lo Yes
 Ronald Trabanino Yes

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Ronald Trabanino asked for a Board discussion on proposals for legal firms in January 2015.

Henry Lo asked for Board discussion the District's efforts to deal with the drought and water conservation through effective landscaping and uses of water.

Bob Bruesch asked to review the LCFF funding for students of foster families not being distributed throughout the year and how this affects our District. Janet Chin asked staff to seek clarification from LACOE.

The Board formed a committee of two Board Members, Ronald Trabanino and Maureen Chin, to conduct a preliminary study on the law firm proposals received to date.

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

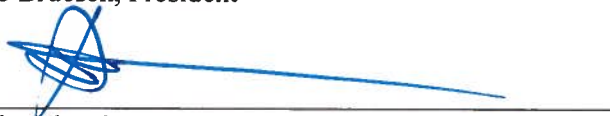
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
December 11, 2014	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Bob Bruesch, President



Anita Chu, Secretary

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

Ariadna Banuelos
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Ken Tang
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