

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 9, 2015

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on April 9, 2015, at the Education Center, 2730 N. Del Mar Ave., Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m., by Board Vice President Maureen Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Ms. Maureen Chin, Mr. Henry Lo (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Mr. Ronald Trabanino (left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.), and Superintendent Anita Chu.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon 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

Gabi Benitez 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 Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Henry Lo indicated there was no action taken during closed session.

RECOGNITIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

• **Student Presentation – Sanchez School**

Principal Gabi Benitez introduced several students from Sanchez School. The group of students addressed the Board and made a Prezi presentation regarding the Leader in Me Program and how they are using it in their school activities, e.g., morning assemblies, coffee with the principal event every first Friday of the month and the development of the students' public speaking skills.

- **Other Communications/Reports**

Anita Chu shared the distinguished accomplishments of Garvey students from all of our school sites. For instance, Tina Vuong, Vice President of Sanchez Student Council, represented the District at the L.A. County Spelling Bee and scored in the top ten contestants. Ms. Chu indicated that there will be a special Board meeting to recognize student leaders who have had outstanding performance in various events and contests.

Ms. Chu reminded the schools' open house events that will be held in April and May.

Ms. Chu spoke of how the District is embracing the principles of the *7 Habits of Highly Efficient People*. Ms. Chu indicated that a district-wide training will be held in June for teachers and office staff.

Bob Bruesch spoke of the upcoming events, Rosemead Young Americans on April 17, 2015, and the scholarships available for about 100 of our students through the Garvey Education Foundation. He stated that the Foundation Board has approved setting aside enough money for each school to have students participating in events such as, History Day L.A., Science Olympiad, as added incentives for students to be involved in community events. Mr. Bruesch announced the Garvey Education Foundation dinner to be held on May 27.

Henry Lo commented on the upcoming History Day L.A. event and our students from Monterey Park being recognized at the recent Monterey Park City Council meeting.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board asking Board members to re-visit the Board Policy 3513.2 regarding parking signs and parking enforcement at different school sites.

Mr. Drange commented on the billing rates from the two attorney contracts in today's agenda. Mr. Drange indicated that GEA and the District held a bargaining session yesterday, and he hopes for an agreement in the near future.

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

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Joyce Tamanaha-Ho, President of Garvey Council PTA, addressed the Board encouraging parents and the community to attend the April 15th PTA meeting to give input on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Ms. Tamanaha-Ho announced that Garvey Intermediate's PTA will be honored at the PTA State Convention for its 100 years of PTA membership. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho stated that the First District PTA leadership training will be held on June 6, 2015, and that the California PTA is sponsoring a webinar to help parents identify tools and resources on how to improve student outcomes. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho spoke about the Schools Smarts Program that supports parents' efforts in becoming leader-partners in the future of their students. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho stated that she has been approached by various crossing guards from Garvey Intermediate and Temple Intermediate schools regarding the parking problems cited tonight. She asked Board members to review the parking policies to help improve the situation.

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

Ariadna Banuelos, SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming CAC events. The next CAC meeting will be on May 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at El Monte Union High School District.

Mr. Bruesch spoke of a recent discussion joined by SELPA Director regarding the children's emergency placement at Maryvale. The SELPA Director is working cooperatively with families in securing resources and support for children with special needs.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Carolyn Wong, Director of State Head Start/Preschool Program Services, addressed the Board regarding the Head Start Program. She spoke of a partnership agreement with the California State University, Los Angeles, which will have nursing students volunteer and assist the District with health related matters. Ms. Wong spoke of a staff development session that took place on March 10, 2015, given by LACOE Head Start Presenters. Another staff development day will be held on May 15, 2015.

Ms. Wong addressed the new federal rules and regulations regarding enrollment and training to be provided on April 17, 2015, to receive further instructions from the Grantee on the upcoming changes. A federal review is being planned next year to address environmental health safety. The Grantee's monitoring visit on March 16, 2015, regarding educational services, reported no concerns or items of non-compliance.

Ms. Wong stated that Head Start staff is planning to visit all the schools during their open house dates. The next Policy Committee meeting will be on April 22, 2015.

Janet Chin asked about the projected changes in federal regulations. Ms. Wong indicated the changes are related to definitions on information being collected and documentation requirements on proof of income, homelessness, and enrollment.

Bob Bruesch spoke about the importance of giving Head Start parents the training they need on their interactions with children at a very young age. Ms. Wong talked about the parent calendars that will be distributed which will include some suggestions for parents to work at home with their children, and these will be provided in four languages, English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Reef Colman, Marketing Director of Jersey Mike's Subs, provided the Board with information about a fundraiser opportunity for school districts across the United States.

Velia Navarro addressed the Board regarding her continued concern for her niece and the request for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in order to get services from the Braille Institute for the blind. Ms. Navarro indicated that she met with the principal and the director of Special Education during the winter break but her concerns are still unresolved.

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.

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 – March 12, 2015
Special Meeting – March 23, 2015
Special Meeting – March 26, 2015
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. Williams Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints
It is recommended that the Board of Education receive the District's Williams Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending March 31, 2015, to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.
4. Contract with Legal Firm – Filarsky & Watt LLP
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Filarsky & Watt LLP to provide legal services to the District. Approved.
5. Contract with Legal Firm – Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to provide legal services to the District. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 14-15-13 as presented. Approved.
2. School Year Calendar – 2015-2016
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar. Approved.

C. Learning Support Services

1. YMCA Camp Surf Outdoor Education – Dewey Elementary School
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the participation of fifty-five sixth grade students and seven chaperones from Dewey Avenue Elementary School in the YMCA Camp Surf, San Diego, from May 27 through May 29, 2015, at a cost of \$10,810.00; to be paid by student contributions, parent donations, and fundraising activities. Approved.
2. Wolf Camp/Brandeis Bardin Outdoor Education – Monterey Vista Elementary School
It is recommended that that the Board of Education approve the participation of one hundred (100) fifth and sixth grade students, five teachers, and ten volunteers from Monterey Vista Elementary School in an outdoor education program at Wolf Camp/Brandeis Bardin Campground, from May 19 through May 22, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00; to be paid by donations, fundraising and, Local Control and Accountability Plan Program Funds. Approved.
3. The Aquarium of the Pacific Education Program –Rice Elementary School
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the participation of thirty-three students, one teachers, and four adults from Eldridge Rice Elementary School, in the Aquarium of the

Pacific education program, from April 8, 2015 through April 9, 2015, at an estimated cost of \$2,108.80; to be paid from PTA, student donations and fundraising activities. Approved.

4. Consultant for Migrant Education Parent Workshops
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract with Martha Navarro to provide three workshops to Migrant Education parents on April 11, April 16 and May 14, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$600.00; to be paid from Migrant Education funds. Approved.
5. National History Day California 2015 – Garvey Intermediate School
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the participation of three students and one teacher from Richard Garvey Intermediate School in National History Day California 2015 in Rocklin, California from May 7 through May 10, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$3,731.96; to be paid by General Funds. Approved.
6. 2014-2015 Single Plans for Student Achievement
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2014-15 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 E Willard, Richard Garvey and Roger Temple; as required by Education Code Section 64001. Approved.

D. Student Support Services

1. Contract with Beacon Day School
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Beacon Day School for a student needing an alternative placement. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 14-15-12
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 14-15-12. Approved.
2. Resolution No. 14-15-19 Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 14-15-19 allowing the District to take advantage of pre-negotiated pricing with SEHI Computer Products Inc. under the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Contract. Approved.
3. Revised Second Interim Report
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the District's revised Second Interim Report (Positive Certification) pursuant to Education Code (EC) Sections 35035(g), 42130 and 42131, certify District's ability to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of current fiscal year (2014-15) and subsequent two fiscal years (2015-16 & 2016-17). Approved.
4. Contract with LNJ Technologies - Blade
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with LNJ Technologies to add a 10 GB blade in the existing Cisco 6509 core switch bundle in the 2015-17 school years. Approved.
5. Contract with LNJ Technologies – Network Switches
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with LNJ Technologies to upgrade network switches in the 2015-17 school years. Approved.

6. Contract with LNJ Technologies – Basic Maintenance
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2015-16 basic maintenance contract with LNJ Technologies. Approved.
7. Contract with LNJ Technologies – Access Points
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with LNJ Technologies to add 20 more access points to the existing District's wireless network in the 2015-17 school years. Approved.
8. Contract with VPLS Solutions
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with VPLS Solutions to add/replace UPS/battery, racks and network drops in the 2015-17 school years. Approved.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Bullying Prevention Program & Protocol

Rene Hernandez, Director II, Student Support Services, gave a Power Point presentation regarding bullying prevention program and protocol. He began with the discussion on the Education Code references related to bullying. New regulation that became effective in 2014, are now addressing cyberbullying which seems to be increasing in the number of incidents. Mr. Hernandez stated that District staff has developed a Bullying Incident Report Form and a Bullying Response Protocol and the related policies are being updated. The newly developed protocols will include the use of parent training and counseling programs to address and correct the needed behaviors and the use of students' suspensions as a last resort. Mr. Hernandez indicated he will be monitoring very closely all the bullying incident reports. Bob Bruesch commented on programs where kids are able to use peaceful ways to avoid conflict.

Henry Lo asked about recent legislation passed requiring neutral restrooms. Mr. Hernandez stated that the law is being implemented and no issues or complaints have come up regarding restroom neutrality. In regards to any student identified as transgender, Mr. Hernandez indicated this is a new situation for the District that will require the District to explicitly include in the Board policies and regulations. Bob Bruesch asked about the students' inappropriate use of cellular telephones. Mr. Hernandez indicated that there is a District policy requiring parents to sign off on appropriate uses of student cellular telephones. Janet Chin commented on the need for programs that create a caring environment in the schools.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

Bob Bruesch reminded everyone of the Garvey Education Foundation gala event on May 27, 2015 at Luminarias Restaurant, honoring Jim Smith, Monterey Park Chief of Police and Garvey's administrative assistants, Diana Sinz and Maria De La Cruz. Henry Lo stated that earlier today, in the Brad Palmer Show of Time Warner Cable, the Foundation's work was highlighted as having raised up to \$63,000 and awarded over 70 mini-grants since its inception. Mr. Lo announced that he was approached by a Board member from the San Gabriel Municipal Water District who offered a donation that could be used for a water conservation project in the District.

Janet Chin asked about information that can be sent to parents about water conservation. Henry Lo asked about information regarding water costs to the District cost-savings measures. Janet Chin suggested to include a Board presentation regarding water conservation and water recycling.

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	Agenda Topic
April 30 - Canceled	
May 14 - Moved from May 21	
May 19 - Special	


ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Henry Lo, President



Anita Chu, Secretary



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

Ariadna Banuelos
Gabriela Benitez
Michael Drange
Joyce Tamanaha-Ho
Meigi Lai
Janie Lewings
Carol Mehochko
Melissa Navarro
Tiffany Nguyen
Delilah Saimenz
Melinda Thai
Tiffany Thai
Tina Vuong
Carolyn Wong