

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2015

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on March 12, 2015, at the Education Center, 2730 N. Del Mar Ave., Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Board President Henry Lo.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Ms. Maureen Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Ronald Trabanino (arrived at 6:33 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**

Janet Chin 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 4 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Janet Chin	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Yes
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Not Present for the Vote

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Henry Lo indicated the following action taken during closed session:

- On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2, the Board voted to give notice that one certificated administrator may be released from administrative assignment at the end of the 2014-15 work year.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Yes
	Henry Lo	Yes

Janet Chin	Abstained
Ronald Trabanino	Abstained

- On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to release two temporary certificated employees at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

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

**RECOGNITIONS:** None

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

- **Student Presentation – Garvey Intermediate School**  
Principal Gema Macias, Teacher Shazia Zaidi and AVID Tutors (Jenny Tran, Mimi Lee, and Alex Chan), as well as, several students from Garvey Intermediate School, made a video presentation on the implementation of the 7 Habits through the AVID program which provides a platform to learn and apply the 7 Habits in school and in their personal lives.

- **Other Communications/Reports**

Janet Chin commented on the great student presentation in a video form. She suggested that the video be available to view online. Ms. Chin asked students about the learning logs being used in the AVID Program.

Bob Bruesch commented on the collaboration skills that students are learning through the AVID Program and the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

Anita Chu spoke about the *Dinner and Show!* Event last week presented by staff and students from Temple Intermediate School. The event was well attended; Ms. Chu thanked everyone for the support. The event raised about \$3,600.

Ms. Chu talked about other student activities, such as:

- Bitely School's first parent and child dance event.
- The Rhythmax Choir received a \$2,000 award at a recent Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) membership meeting.
- Bitely Student Jin Zan Hu recently was presented with an award from First District Supervisor Hilda Solis as winner of a bookmark contest.
- Last Saturday's Youth Summit was a great success with an estimated participation of 400 students, and Board Member Bob Bruesch showcasing a student panel discussion on the 7 Habits.

Bob Bruesch commented on the upcoming Science Olympiad and participation from several of our schools (Hillcrest, Garvey and Temple). Mr. Bruesch also noted the upcoming History Day Competition, and hopes that next year all of the schools will be able to participate if there could be funding support and help from after-school programs.

Henry Lo announced that the Garvey Education Foundation dinner will take place on May 27, 2015, at Luminarias Restaurant, and three special people will be honored at the event. Bob Bruesch indicated that the Foundation has given out mini-grants worth a total of \$6,000 to provide support for many student events.

## REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board stating that bargaining began last Tuesday. Mr. Drange invited everyone to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle Schools Concert by the Garvey, Temple, and Muscatel bands, on March 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Garvey Auditorium. Mr. Drange spoke in opposition of approving Resolution No. 14-15-15 – Local Reserve Cap. Mr. Drange stated that the current law allows for Districts to request waivers in two out of three years for some projects, such as textbook adoptions, roofing needs, and other one-time District needs.

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

## REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA:** None

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

Ariadna Banuelos, SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, addressed the Board regarding an upcoming CAC Transitions Conference to be held at Rosemead High School. Ms. Banuelos stated there will be no CAC meeting in April 2015. The next CAC meeting will be on May 18, 2015, at El Monte Union High School.

## REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Carolyn Wong, Director of State Head Start/State Preschool Program Services, and Mary Francois, Treasurer of the Policy Committee (PC) addressed the Board regarding approval of the Enrollment, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (ERSEA) Plan. Ms. Wong stated that the Program needs about nine (9) children to meet the ten (10) percent Special Education enrollment. Ms. Wong addressed the staffing vacancies. The program is currently at 23 percent (out of the 25 percent required) for non-Federal funds. Staff is working closely with LACOE to ensure that the requirement is met by the end of the school year.

Mary Francois provided information regarding the meals served in the months of January and February 2015, as well as, the average daily attendance of 87.83 percent.

Bob Bruesch commented on the last PC Meeting where parents had a lot of questions about Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Ms. Chu spoke of available resources for parents and a series of parent institutes related to SBAC and Common Core State Standards. Board members commented on ways to reach out to non-English speaking parents regarding SBAC and Common Core. Janet Chin suggested having videos of information available online regarding these subjects.

## HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Debra Arvizo and Nancy Eng addressed the Board regarding the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), an advocacy organization to improve the quality of life for those affected by mental illnesses. Ms. Arvizo invited everyone to a NAMI workshop being held this Saturday in the Rosemead Center for parents, practitioners, and caregivers to learn about ways to get child assessments and available resources, free or at low cost, for families. Bob Bruesch asked about information available to spot the early signs of depression in young children and adolescents. Mr. Bruesch indicated there is some interest in bringing back a community-wide health fair to provide this type of information to our families.

## 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  
Janet Chin Yes  
Maureen Chin Yes  
Henry Lo Yes  
Ronald Trabanino Yes

### A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – February 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. Resolution 14-15-17 – Women’s History Month  
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 14-15-17 recognizing March 2015 as Women’s History Month and encourage all teachers and administrators to commemorate this time with appropriate instructional activities. Approved.
4. Eligibility/Recruitment/Selection/Enrollment/Attendance (ERSEA) Plan for Program Year 2015-2016  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Head Start/State Preschool Program “Eligibility/Recruitment/Selection/ Enrollment/Attendance” (ERSEA) Plan for the Program Year: 2015-2016. Approved.

### B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 14-15-12 as presented. Approved.

### C. Learning Support Services:

1. Contract with Community Matters Organization  
It is recommended that the Board of Education employ Community Matters Organization to provide a two-day Safe School Ambassadors Training on March 17 and March 18, 2015 to Hillcrest Elementary School staff, students and parents in the amount of \$5,000; to be paid by Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Funds. Approved.
2. Ratify Contract with Parent Institute for Quality Education  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify a contract with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to provide a parent training course to Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School parents from March 5, 2015 through May 7, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to be paid from Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Program Funds. Approved.

### D. Student Support Services

1. Mediation Agreement for Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Cases No. 2015020894 and 2015020713

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Mediation Agreement for OAH Cases No. 2015020894 and 2015020713. Approved.

**E. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report 14-15-11

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 14-15-11.  
Approved.

2. Appropriation Transfers

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appropriation transfers as presented.  
Approved.

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Presentation on the 2014-15 Second Interim Report**

Eric Hart, Director I, Fiscal Support Services, gave a Power Point presentation on the 2014-15 Second Interim Report reflecting the financial changes through January 31, 2015. The report included multi-year projections reflecting a positive certification through the current year and the next two fiscal years. Mr. Hart addressed the major changes relating to a reduced restricted fund due to the maintenance flexibility, and an anticipation of a little more encroachment than originally budgeted for Special Education expenses, as well, as the need to restore the original budget with a prudent reserve of three (3) percent.

Mr. Hart stated that transportation expenses are starting to reflect a savings; thus reversing the encroachment, due to the joint use with other Districts of Hemet Transportation. On a question from Mr. Bruesch, Mr. Hart explained that the contra-accounts show some negative numbers as revenue contributions are decreased in the encroachments. Mr. Hart outlined the changes in expenditures and the fund balance and explained the sources of revenue as listed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report. Mr. Bruesch commented on the LCFE accounting for foster youth and the effects on school districts, such as ours (only allowing to count one day for these students). Mr. Lo suggested that Mr. Bruesch work with Superintendent Chu to address this matter with the appropriate agencies.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Second Interim Report**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the District's 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).

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

**B. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board of Education voted to fill up to two vacancies on the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Sub-Region 23-A. Newly elected delegates will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2017. The vote was in support of nominees Adelle Andrade-Stadler and Kenneth Bell.

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

C. Resolution No. 14-15-15 – Local Reserve Cap

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Ronald Trabanino, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 14-15-15 to repeal legislation regarding the Local Reserve Cap.

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

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD**

Bob Bruesch encouraged everyone to plan ahead and avoid furloughs for the years ahead. He asked and received consensus from Board members to write a joint letter with Superintendent Chu asking for additional LCFF funding for the foster children fund.

Janet Chin asked for information regarding maintenance costs comparisons to start planning for projected expenses in the future.

Bob Bruesch asked about the status of maintenance of the fields at all the school sites.

Henry Lo asked for an update on the remaining bond projects.

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
March 23 (Special)	
March 26 (Special)	
April 9	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
Henry Lo, President

  
Anita Chu, Secretary

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

Debra Arviso/NAMI LACC  
Ariadna Banuelos  
Jenny Chuang  
Michael Drange  
Nancy Eng/NAMI SGV  
Mary Francois  
Nicole Hernandez  
Alice Khin  
Mimi Li  
Quyen Ly  
Gema Macias  
Carol Mehochko  
Angela Rios  
Rebecca Torres  
Carolyn Wong