

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
September 3, 2015

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on September 3, 2015, 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 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 7:10 p.m.), Mr. Ronald Trabanino (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), 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**

Grace Garner 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 Janet 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	Not present for the vote
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 7:06 p.m.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Maureen Chin indicated the following actions taken during closed session:

- On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board voted to appoint Larry Atherton, Director II, Facilities.

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

- On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Ronald Trabanino, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board voted to appoint Maricela Barba, Director I, Fiscal Services.

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

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

Anita Chu indicated that this is now the second week of classes and schools are having their Back to School nights showcasing the *7 Habits* and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Ms. Chu indicated that about 800 computer laptops were distributed to Garvey Intermediate and Temple Intermediate schools for the language arts and mathematics classrooms.

Ms. Chu stated that Sanchez School held a student assembly this morning and was visited by Telemundo with their filming team, along with representatives from Woodcraft Rangers and from Curacao. About 200 students were given a backpack filled with school supplies.

Janet Chin stated that she recently met with Sylvia Youngblood, Chairperson of West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC), who expressed her gratitude to our Board and our District for supporting one of the CAC's support groups.

Bob Bruesch acknowledged the presence of Michelle Freridge, Executive Director of Asian Youth Center. Mr. Bruesch indicated he attended two Back to School nights where good information is being provided regarding the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

Maureen Chin commented on her visits to the Back to School nights and the welcoming reception given to all parents at these school events.

Bob Bruesch commented on funding available through the Molina Foundation for a school literacy program. Ms. Chu indicated she will work with a member from Kiwanis to seek this funding for our schools.

## **REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**  
Michael Drange, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board regarding proposed changes to health insurance to enhance equity among unit members. Mr. Drange stated a concern regarding lack of air conditioning at Rice and Dewey Schools. He asked about a timeline to repair and/or replace these units. Mr. Drange commented on today's discussion and possible action on the use of District property. He recommended that the Board seek input from stakeholders in the community and to be cautious about selling property, as there could be an increase of students in future years, and getting the property back may be very difficult.
- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

## **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Council PTA**  
Cathie Camacho, GCPTA Second Vice President, reported on GCPTA matters. Ms. Camacho announced and invited participation in the first GCPTA meeting on September 16, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., at the Parent Center (formerly IPO Building). Monthly GCPTA meetings will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Camacho asked that at least one representative from each school site attend these monthly

meetings. Ms. Camacho indicated that GCPTA will be distributing Baskin Robbins coupons and McDonald's coupons for each paid membership on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ms. Camacho stated that the First District Superintendent and Administrators' Conference will be taking place on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites, Pasadena. More details will become available later. The PTA Reflections Art Contest is accepting winning entries for judging by GCPTA on November 6, 2015. Teachers and students can go to [www.CAPTa.org](http://www.CAPTa.org) for more information on various categories and rules. The theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly."

Ms. Camacho stated that she recently participated in a community committee from the City of Rosemead that involved seeking donations to pass out backpacks to middle school students during Back to School nights.

- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC):** None

**REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE:** None

### **HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE**

Ben Rosen, representative from Mercy Housing, addressed the Board expressing an interest to become a provider of affordable housing and onsite support services, potentially at one of the District's underutilized sites. Mr. Rosen indicated this can be a project to attract new families with children who might attend our District, and it could be a long-term ground lease in a joint-venture fashion, Garvey retaining ownership of the land.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below.

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

#### **A. Board/Superintendent**

1. Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – August 13, 2015  
Approved.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
3. Contract – FranklinCovey Client Sales, Inc.  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with FranklinCovey Client Sales, Inc., for the *Leader in Me* Coaching System at seven schools, effective September 4, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Total cost is \$4,950 per school, plus consultant travel expenses, to be paid from LCFF Funds. Approved.
4. Resolution 15-16-01 – Hispanic Heritage Month  
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 15-16-01, recognizing September 15 – October 16, 2015 as Hispanic Heritage Month. Approved.

**B. Human Resources**

1. Personnel Assignment Order  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 15-16-03 as presented. Approved.
2. Classified Job Description – Behavior Intervention Specialist  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the CSEA Behavior Intervention Specialist position at Range 39 of the CSEA Salary Schedule D. Approved.
3. Reclassification/Reallocation Committee Recommendations  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an increase in Range of pay for the position of Technical Support Technician from Range 16 to Range 19. Approved.

**C. Learning Support Services**

**D. Student Support Services**

1. Contract Amendment – Invo Healthcare Associates  
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the 2015-16 contract with Invo Healthcare Associates that was previously approved on August 13, 2015. Approved.
2. Contact Amendment – Whittier Area Parents’ Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (WAPADH), Inc.  
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the 2015-16 contract with the Whittier Area Parents’ Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (WAPADH), Inc. that was previously approved on August 13, 2015. Approved.
3. Contract – Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. dba Maxim Staffing Solutions  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2015-16 contract with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. dba Maxim Staffing Solutions for nursing services. Approved.
4. Contract – STAR of CA dba E.R.A. Education  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2015-16 contract with STAR of CA dba E.R.A. Education for behavior intervention services. Approved.
5. Mediation Agreement – Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Case No. 2015070479  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the mediation agreement for OAH Case No. 2015070479. Approved.

Bob Bruesch commented on the need to show additional legal costs involved with administrative hearings and mediation agreements for special education. Mr. Bruesch indicated the costly legal costs can be avoided by having a fully staffed department in Special Education.

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried, by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item D.5., as presented.

**E. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report 15-16-03  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 15-16-03 as presented. Approved.
2. 2014-15 Unaudited Actuals  
It is recommended that the Board of Education receive the 2014-15 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report as of June 30, 2015. Approved.

3. Contract – School Webmasters  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contract with School Webmasters for full-service website management. Approved.
4. Contract – Grant Thornton LLP  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contract with Grant Thornton LLP to provide GASB 45 actuarial valuation services for 2014-15, 2016-17 and 2018-19. The total cost for the 3 years is \$15,000 and will be paid from the General Funds. Approved.

## REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results  
Rosa Marquez, Director I, Testing, Assessment, and Information Systems, gave a Power Point presentation regarding the 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results. The assessment data were just released to the District this afternoon on September 3, 2015. Ms. Marquez indicated that the students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> were tested last spring for English Language Arts, mathematics using computer adaptive tests and performance tasks. Science tests were given to Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on CST, paper/pencil tests.

Ms. Marquez explained this is a new assessment system with a newly defined baseline which cannot be compared with the former California Standards Tests (CST) scores. Ms. Marquez showed an example of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Student Score Report which will be sent home after the District receives it from the State. The score report sample together with other parent resources are available through the Website, [www.cassp.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cassp.cde.ca.gov). Ms. Marquez showed graphs showing the percentages of students meeting or exceeding standards in English language-arts/Literacy and mathematics. A comparison of our District scores with the Los Angeles County and State-wide results indicated that the District outperforms the County and the State in both subjects and in all grade levels.

## ACTION ITEMS

- A. Use of District Property  
It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss and possibly take action on the use of District property.

Henry Lo reviewed previous Board meeting discussions regarding use of district property at which time the Board had agreed on the common goals to use property for educational excellence, facility enhancement, and fiscal optimization. The Board also discussed the use the property to enhance the quality of the community. The Board reviewed the most favored options to explore as discussed at previous Board meetings: exchange of property and lease. The Board further discussed the various options and stated the need to inform the community and to solicit input from the stakeholders.

On the motion Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved to continue to contract with Barry Blade to provide consulting service in the use of District property, including planning and facilitating community meetings to inform and solicit input from the stakeholders.

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

### **Motion to Extend the Board Meeting**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to waive the Board Bylaws and extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Janet Chin	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Yes

Henry Lo                      Yes  
Ronald Trabanino        Yes

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD**

Janet Chin asked about the status of the shading structure at Monterey Vista School. Grace Garner indicated the District has looked at different options and is working with the school principal to seek the optimal provision of shade in the school campus. The Department of State Architect (DSA) has approved the plan and materials are being ordered for possible completion within a couple of months. Ms. Chin asked about covering of a fence at Willard School. Ms. Garner stated this was done for safety of the children while in school grounds. Ms. Chu stated that staff will seek different options to balance the safety/security, aesthetics, and accessibility to the school by law enforcement and emergency personnel.

Bob Bruesch asked whether there would be money available through Proposition 39 funds to replace outdated air conditioning units. Ms. Chu indicated that the District is working on long-term solutions for sites that are currently having problems with their air conditioning systems. The District's approved Energy Expenditure Plan has specified the use of the Proposition 39 funding to replace air conditioning units at certain sites. The remaining high-need sites will be funded by the District's modernization funds. Mr. Bruesch recommended seeking to lower replacement costs with a consortium approach.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None


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
September 24, 2015	Superintendent Evaluation
October 15, 2015	
November 5, 2015	
December 10, 2015	Reorganization Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

  
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Henry Lo, President

  
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Anita Chu, Secretary

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

Michael Drange  
Maxine Lau  
Carol Mehochko  
Keilley Meng  
Angela Rios  
Ben Rosen  
Ted Saulino