

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 7, 2011

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on July 7, 2011, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Board President M. Janet Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Michael Coughlin, Ms. Dolores Preciado, 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

Tamara Pang led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson reported that teachers are working hard on developing pacing guides.

Bob Bruesch reported on the progress of the Family Health Fair in partnership with the City of Rosemead, the Boys and Girls Club, and others. There will be many youth events, such as a try-athlon, running, bike riding, and swimming activities. Everyone will have an opportunity to learn how to take the person's pulse before and after these active exercises.

Henry Lo and Janet Chin spoke of the students from Garvey Intermediate and Temple Intermediate music bands that performed in the City of Rosemead's 4th of July Parade. Students were also available to pass out to the public a District scroll with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board gave consensus to proceed to Business Action Item, E, Resolution to Refinance Measure Q Bond.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, commended the students who participated in the Rosemead Parade on the 4th of July.

Mr. Drange addressed the STAR Team (alternative governance) report given to the Board on June 16, 2011, by LACOE Consultant Becky Wetzel. He talked about many issues on the report related to incomplete information and innuendo. Mr. Drange spoke of a timeline since the year of planning for Year 4 Program Improvement on August 2009.

Mr. Drange indicated that at the time of the initial planning steps, testing data was being evaluated to prepare an action plan in anticipation of Year 5 Program Improvement. He described technical problems with the SASI computer system which was felt to be not reliable and the delays in the official notification of Garvey Intermediate School being identified as a Program Improvement School until January, 2010. At that time, various committees were formed and a visit was scheduled to Sanger Unified School District, showing a model of governance that would be an option for our District. This model was one of interest to the staff due to the collaboration time that was being allowed. Since that time, Mr. Drange stated that there has been less discussion among staff and meetings to talk about alternative governance. Mr. Drange felt that his inquiries for collaboration time were ignored. He noted that the official STAR Team meeting was first held on January 2011.

Mr. Drange expressed concerns regarding Ms. Wetzel's interactions with school staff of being very few and a lack of dialogue between the school staff and the District's leadership or with members of the STAR Team. Mr. Drange spoke of the team visit to Sanger, California, where a middle school was showcased in 2009 which demonstrated a model of collaboration that seemed to be working well for the turn-around of a program improvement school. Mr. Drange talked about a STAR form that Ms. Wetzel mentioned at the meeting which neither the school principal nor the staff had any knowledge of. Mr. Drange indicated that in April, 2011, he spoke with the school principal about concerns that the STAR Team was not following the collaboration model seen in Sanger. The response was that what the STAR Team was currently telling the staff is what the principal needed to enforce. Mr. Drange's concern is that the turn-around process of a program improvement school is more about meeting deadlines than to incorporate collaboration goals and the efforts in working together to meet these goals.

Mr. Drange indicated he is disturbed by other parts of Ms. Wetzel's report relating to class sizes for Honors and P.E. Classes, and some issues related to unclear direction on teachers writing objectives, as well as, the writing of a school plan which is to be written by a school site council; and it appears that the blame is put on teachers for the vagueness of the written plans.

Mr. Drange addressed concerns on the process of reaching teacher consensus on whether to establish an 8-period or a 7-period day. There was the appearance that some teachers were coerced to agree. Mr. Drange stated that he hopes that next year's STAR team meetings are not delayed; that the team has a more interactive process with staff; and that teachers have an opportunity to write the school plan. Mr. Drange encouraged Board members to come to the school and ask questions from teachers and observe the activities so they can form their own opinion.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Vicky Walker, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, spoke of the STAR Team report given by Becky Wetzel. She stated that it appears that the STAR Team is jumping into a paradigm that does not address the root cause for a school's program improvement status. Ms. Walker noted the need to increase parent involvement to address the need to increase student achievement.

Ms. Walker reported that the surgery of Cecilia Losoya, chapter executive board member, went well and she will be sent home by July 4th.

Ms. Walker indicated that CSEA supports Michael Bilbrey to fill the seat in the run-off election for the CALPERS Board of Administration.

Ms. Walker reported that CSEA and the District have come to an agreement on the effects of the layoffs and the agreement will be signed off on June 27, 2011. She thanked Mr. Alarcon for being so collaborative and responsive and for making sure that negotiations are done in a way that is fair to everyone involved. Ms. Walker stated that Association members are grieving the loss of many co-workers, and they are very concerned about managing and learning new functions in the coming school

year with less staff which may have an impact on the customer service touch for parents and students; however, she and the association members are committed to the success of the District and its students.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Becky Lam reported that as of the first day of classes on July 5, 2011, the full day Head Start Program is fully enrolled. The classes and the parent orientations went well. The staff in Child Development is working diligently to continue enrollment for the Part-Day classes and hopefully the program will be fully enrolled by the first day of classes in September, 2011.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA:** None
- **Garvey Education Foundation:** None

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Ted Saulino addressed the Board regarding the grand opening of the Garvey Park and conversations he held with members of the Kiwanis Club regarding the history of the community around the Garvey School District. Mr. Saulino asked the Board to think about bringing back pictures of former Board members to the District's Board Room.

Mr. Saulino asked about the cost of refinancing the Measure G Bond. Mr. Coughlin indicated that the refinancing will be at no cost to the District, any attorney fees or legal charges will be paid out of the refinancing proceeds. Mr. Saulino expressed interest on serving on the Bond Oversight Committee, and he talked about the requirement to have an annual independent bond audit.

Art Landing addressed the Board regarding the Bond Oversight Committee. He indicated that he has more names of people interested in the serving in the Committee and recruitment efforts continue. Mr. Landing expressed disappointment on the discussions about Garvey Intermediate School. He noted that the school has been named one of the best middle schools in California, and he suggested that parents in PTA become more involved in the entire process of program improvement

John Yuen stated that he recently received on behalf of the Garvey School District a plaque from the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce commemorating the District's 30-year membership. Mr. Yuen indicated that he has two names to recommend that might be willing to serve on the Bond Oversight Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:43 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 8:41 p.m.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the Board Bylaws and extended the Board meeting to 10:30 P.M.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Janet Chin indicated that no action was taken during the closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below with a correction on the Personnel Assignment Order.

Board/Superintendent

1. Conference/Convention Attendance 1
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
2. Accept Donation 2
It is recommended that the Board of Education accept donation in the amount of \$3,991.05 from Advantedge Solution Inc., (Karen Wong) to Hillcrest School for the purchase of 10 CPUs for the new computer lab. Approved.
3. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Renewal 3
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of the District's membership with the California School Boards Association for 2011-12 as presented. Approved.
4. GAMUT Online Membership Renewal 4
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 2011-12 as presented. Approved.
5. Williams Quarterly Report 5
Receive the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2011 to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Information Only.
6. Head Start Budget Adjustment & Request for Advance Approval 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Budget Adjustment & Request for Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) to redirect savings from a vacancy of the Director's position and re-allocate savings to purchase additional materials and supplies to enhance the classroom environment as required by the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-R). Approved.

Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised 7
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 11-12-01 as presented. Approved with one correction as follows:

Funding for the ratification of employment on extra assignment for Leslie Villarroel is from the General Fund, not the Special Education Fund.

Pupil Personnel Services: None

Instructional Services:

1. Catalina Island Marine Institute – Garvey Intermediate 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance for twenty-nine student members of the Garvey Intermediate School National Junior Honor Society and Builders' Club and two teachers to the Catalina Island Marine Institute from September 28 to September 30, 2011. Approved.

2. SB472 enVision Math Program Training 9
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Pearson Education, Inc. to provide a five-day (40 hours) SB472 Institute on the enVision Math program to K-6 teachers from June 27-July 1, 2011. Approved.

Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 10
It is recommended that the Board approve Purchase Order Report No.11-12-01 as presented. .

On a question from Tony Ramos, Michael Coughlin explained that the District pays for an administrative law judge to come and preside over the layoff hearings and ensure that the District follows all legal procedures. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that in this case, the judge found the District to be in compliance in all areas of the layoffs and that the judge's decisions were in favor of the District.

Henry Lo moved, Bob Bruesch carried, and motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Business Item No. 1, as presented.
2. Appropriation Transfers 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. Contract for Transportation Services 12
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contract with Durham School Services for Home-to-School Transportation as presented. Approved.
4. Federal Mileage Rate 13
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the revised Federal Mileage Rate. Effective July 1, 2011, the current rate of 51 cents/mile will increase to 55.5 cents/mile. Approved.
5. Settlement Agreement 14
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the written settlement agreement between the District and Van Bang and Bovang previously authorized in closed session, as presented. Approved.

Reports and Information Items

- A. Dr. Sandra Johnson made a report to the Board on the re-prioritized Bond Measure Q Projects. 15

Dr. Johnson spoke of the list of bond projects and presented the exact language from the approved bond ballot.

Bob Bruesch spoke on the importance of having the Bond Oversight Committee review the list of approved priorities and ensure compliance to Proposition 39. Mr. Coughlin stated that the Board will be approving names to the Bond Oversight Committee at the Board meeting of July 28th. The quorum required to hold a Bond Oversight Committee meeting is four members present.

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding the pipes for recycled water, Art Reynolds stated that he heard that the work will be starting in the middle of July 2011. Mr. Coughlin will follow-up to see that this work is done without a cost to the District.
- B. Art Reynolds gave an update to the Board regarding the facilities work that will be done across the District during summer 2011. 16

Janet Chin asked questions regarding the placement of double glass on windows at four of the older schools. Mr. Reynolds stated that five portables have been moved to Dewey School and they are currently being put in place and bolted down. The electricity will be connected next week. New concrete ramps are being added to all four of the new portables. Work is also being done in the restrooms at the East side of parking lot of Dewey School. On a question from Bob Bruesch, Mr. Reynolds indicated that this relocation cost is from developer fees. Trenching for the electrical work will start on Monday, including the contract work for the fire alarms.

Mr. Reynolds indicated that demolition of the Home Economics Room in Building 401 of Garvey Intermediate School will take place to turn the room into a science lab. Boxes were supplied for staff at Marshall School to pack and relocate the classroom materials to Dewey School. Fencing and security measures will be done around Marshall School. Dr. Johnson stated that the San Gabriel City will hold a meeting with all agencies regarding the Marshall Park this week.

Mr. Reynolds described some of the window work that started at Monterey Vista School using metal frames to replace some of the rotted timbers at all four of the older schools and protect some of the wood frames from additional damage from water moisture. This method is more cost-effective at this time.

Tony Ramos asked about the inspection of the paint work at Willard School. Mr. Reynolds explained that some paint starts coming off with small paint chips that spread out. When this is discovered, maintenance staff will do the patch work and do as much texture coat as possible. Some of this work is being done over the summer months.

Bob Bruesch expressed concerns regarding water supply and low water pressure at some of the schools. Mr. Reynolds will address this matter with Susan Trevizo, Del Terra, Inc.

Mr. Reynolds talked about painting work done at Rice and Sanchez Schools, as well as, Temple Intermediate School.

- C. David Jung gave an update on Technology in the District. He explained the process of acquiring new computer hardware and software for the needs of District staff and students. This included the way of providing technical support for programs and systems that are standardized for a quick response in a cost-effective manner. 17

Janet Chin asked about computer equipment that quickly becomes obsolete. Mr. Jung stated that he works with contractors in a bidding process that is acceptable in price and the adaptations to the changing markets. The technology strategic plan is tied to the method of purchasing and maintenance of computer equipment and software program applications.

Mr. Jung indicated that the most common platform for the future will eventually require only browsers for a virtual desktop. He gave a history on Apple computers being introduced earlier in the District and later, by 2005, the district was introduced to Hewlett Packard PC's at more reasonable prices. In 2007, the standard practice of purchasing allowed for the introduction of lap tops, Lenovo being the newer model, and one model of Dell desktop computers. Technology staff is continuously seeking to research new technology trends for a better and quicker response time for requests to troubleshoot and diagnose computer and software problems.

Mr. Jung spoke of the benefits of standardizing computer and software equipment that can be acquired in volume, for purchasing within the next six months. This is in an effort to keep the price down and to prevent costly and difficult repairs caused by suspicious and malicious viruses. Mr. Jung talked about security measures with the use of Kaseya, a software program that allows for remote maintenance and the continuous and automated patches and updates for every computer application in the District. Mr. Jung hopes that by the end of this summer, all computers will be in place with the Kaseya program activated.

In some instances, the Technology staff may need to re-image a computer as a way to respond to more challenging computer repairs.

Mr. Jung talked about the disadvantages of introducing MAC computers in the District. He indicated that acquiring these computers will distract from the standardization effort and the approach to maintain a level of quality and timeliness service and support. Mr. Jung stated that the MAC computer is not cost-effective compared to our current pricing and computer application standards. While some staffs have expressed interest in many of the features that MAC computers offer for teaching areas such as music and orchestra production, Mr. Jung pointed out some comparable PC features such as Web 2.0 Tools, and movie making applications found in Windows XP and later versions of PC processors. Mr. Jung indicated that his staff will continue to research the effectiveness and benefits on using MAC computers in the District.

Mr. Jung noted last week's training provided on the use of Google Docs for student lessons and access to student work. For example, a teacher may post the student homework and establish blogs where students can post comments on class work and student projects.

Bob Bruesch spoke in support of narrowing down the choices in platforms for the long-term teaching needs of students. Tony Ramos commented on future trends of using nothing other than a browser, such as the Google browser for all computer applications, keeping in mind that the District has to have its own security and repair/maintenance plan in place.

Janet Chin asked about the Intranet uses for customer service needs and staff meetings or training needs. Mr. Jung described a collaboration model, such as Dropbox, for communication and real-time access to data for analysis, evaluation, and contribution. Dr. Johnson explained how this collaboration model can eliminate the multitude of E-mails sent and received. Mr. Jung explained that he is in the process of creating a Google account for all District staff to be able to use Google Docs for the future needs of staff collaboration.

Action Items

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for Action Items, A-C

- A. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student 10-11-20 from the school district for a period commencing July 8, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan. The student is in 8th grade at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 18
- 48900(c): Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance
- 48900(j): Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- B. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the board approved the recommendation to expel student 10-11-21 from the school district for a period commencing July 8, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in 19

which the expulsion occurred. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan. The student is in 8th grade at Temple Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes:
48900(b): Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive,
or other dangerous object

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- C. On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student 10-11-22 from the school district for a period commencing July 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student is in 8th grade at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 20
48900(c): Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance

- D. On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student 10-11-23 from the school district for a period commencing July 8, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. Evidence must be provided of meeting rehabilitation plan. The student is in 8th grade at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 21
48900(c): Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance

- E. Resolution 11-12-01-Refinance of Measure G Series A General Obligation Bonds. 22

Bruce Kerns, Stone & Youngberg Financial Advisor, addressed the refinancing the General Obligation Bond, Measure G, Series A, and the benefits to taxpayers by the reduction in interest rates, and to show how the District is fiscally prudent on the management of bond funds. Mr. Kerns advised that it makes sense to refinance at lower interest rates to allow the savings achievement in payments over the life of the bonds. In this case, the beneficiary in the savings will be the taxpayers and it translates to lower property taxes. The effective rate of interest for these bonds will be 3.8 percent, down from about 5.1 percent.

Mr. Kerns stated that a number of school districts in Los Angeles County and parts of California are refinancing their bonds because the interest rates are at a to low enough level. Mr. Kerns noted that with the current economic status, municipal bonds are the safest investment available. Mr. Kerns commended the District for its Standard & Poor's credit rating that indicates strength for investors. He stated that the refinancing of bonds is done in cycles over a 10-year period, and that investors keep track of the District's Interim Report to look for consistency in a positive certification. The majority of the proceeds will go to home owners at about \$5 less in their tax bill. Once the refinance is approved, it will take about 3-4 months to conclude the process and bonds will be on sale the following week, to show for the upcoming tax bill on November, 2011.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, John Yuen not present for the vote, the Board recommended to adopt Resolution No. 11-12-01 as presented.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Bob Bruesch asked if there would be any savings in the Special Education encroachment to General Funds should the classes were to move to another campus. Dr. Johnson indicated that the Board will be updated on the recent changes made through SELPA (Special Education Local Planning Agency). Ms. Preciado suggested giving a report on the cost and/or savings on bringing back the County classrooms.

Mr. Bruesch asked for budget information on the Sodexo cost and improvements to the Food Services Program; and whether there will be an encroachment into the District's General Funds.

Tony Ramos asked for an update on the District's mission and on the status of art and music classes or other programs that may have been discontinued. He suggested that the pictures of former Board members be resized for display in the Board Room.

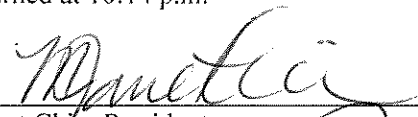
Janet Chin advised of a possible special Board meeting to be scheduled next week.

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.

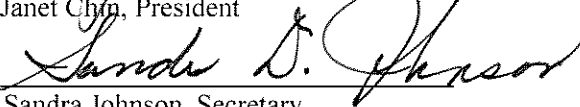
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
July 28, 2011	
August 18, 2011	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Roxanne Contreras

Becky Lam

Art Landing

Jessica Lu

Maro Magallon

Noemi Morales

Amara Pang

Jenny Perez

Maria Ortiz

Jason Otis

Art Reynolds

Ted Saulino

Vickie Walker