

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 6, 2014

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on February 6, 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 Acting Superintendent Dolores Preciado

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Robert McEntire, Dr. Mary Suzuki, 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**

George Woo led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITIONS**

George Woo and students from Temple Intermediate School invited everyone to an upcoming Dinner Show and Performance Arts event on Friday, March 7, 2013, 5:30 p.m., at Temple Intermediate School. This will be a joint effort between the classes of Mr. Chris Spitler and Mr. Woo to raise money for a spring musical, field trips, and a band and choir festival at the end of the school year. Event tickets are \$20, \$25, and \$30. Flyers were made available at the meeting. Bob Bruesch announced that recently, the Rosemead Kiwanis Club approved making a donation for music programs at Temple Intermediate, Garvey Intermediate, Monterey Vista, and Rice Schools.

Bob Bruesch recognized Acting Superintendent Virginia Peterson present at the meeting tonight.

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

Board Members Janet Chin and Henry Lo wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year.

Mr. Lo thanked Dr. Mary Suzuki for helping with the arrangements for the visit being made by the Hong Kong Bureau of Education to Monterey Vista School next week.

Maureen Chin stated she is grateful to be working with Dolores Preciado and Virginia Petersons as Acting Superintendents. Ronal Trabanino thanked everyone for caring about District matters and working in the implementation of the California Common Core Standards. He said he is excited to see parents getting involved and hopes everyone continues in this path.

Bob Bruesch commented that almost 250 parents showed up at the recent Common Core Presentation offered by the District and GEA. Parents asked a lot of questions and were pleased with the presentation. Henry Lo noted a comment made by Rosemead Council Member Steven Ly that "College begins with Kindergarten," and the importance of building a foundation at the beginning of a child's education.

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS: None**

**REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, addressed the Board welcoming Anita Chu to the District working with the program improvement schools. Mr. Drange pointed out that the LACOE letter to the District, dated January 13, 2014, regarding the First Interim Report was sent before new regulations were issued that superseded a lot of the budget assumptions. Mr. Drange stated that the LACOE recommendations to set aside money for LCFF projections are not a mandate. Mr. Drange wished to make a distinction between new money from block, concentration, and supplemental grants, with no specific recommendations given on how this money is to be spent. As for the concern that LCFF is not necessarily ongoing funding and funding that may be gone in the future, Mr. Drange spoke of the commitment of the Governor and the legislature to make LCFF a continuous appropriation in a three-year cycle.

Mr. Drange stated that GEA put forth a salary proposal at the last negotiations session which will be heard in closed session tonight. GEA thinks this is fair and not one that would bankrupt the District. Mr. Drange hopes to hear a response and that the District will go back to the table in hopes of closing the GEA Contract in a timely fashion.

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

Olivia De Leon, president of CSEA, addressed the Board regarding a Head Start situation and LACOE's requirement for all Head Start teachers to obtain a B.A. degree. Ms. De Leon stated that CSEA had been impartial in this situation because CSEA does not hire staff; CSEA only defends its members. In this case, Ms. De Leon pointed to Article 10.3.6 of the CSEA contract relating to filling positions with current, qualified applicants and that LACOE and the District had initially considered that a Head Start candidate was qualified for the position. Ms. De Leon spoke of the process of revising the job description with the approval of the Head Start Policy Committee. Ms. De Leon also compared Garvey Head Start teacher salaries with salaries of LACOE Head Start teachers. She noted that Garvey salaries are approximately \$600 a month less than those of LACOE teachers. In addition, she indicated that Head Start teachers have submitted a request to be considered for re-classification.

**REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE**

Carolyn Wong, Director of Head Start/Preschool Services, addressed the Board regarding the Head Start Re-funding Application due to LACOE on February 10, 2014. Ms. Wong stated that the District was advised the Monterey Park boundary will be shared with South El Monte due to an agreement made between another Head Start Agency and the Office of Head Start. A new map was issued. The Head Start Self-Assessment is near completion with a meeting being held tomorrow with Head Start Staff and the Policy Committee. Ms. Wong invited Board members wishing to attend the meeting. Classroom visits will conclude tomorrow and staff is looking at all files and safety concerns. Staff is working on the 2014-15 plans. The Policy Committee took a vote regarding the Head Start Full-Day job description with a passing vote of 12 to 5, accepting the statement that "Head Start teachers would be required to have a B.A. degree." Ms. Wong stated that LACOE places delegate agencies on Tracks A, B, and C, on performance. The Garvey District has been on Track B for the past few months regarding monitoring and now we have been placed on Track A and will continue to maintain on this Track.

**REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Bob Bruesch noted Founders' Day on February 19, 2014, at the Garvey Cafeteria and a donation of \$15 per person. Everyone is invited.

**HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE: None**

Patricia Kasababian addressed the Board regarding new desk chairs purchased for teachers with the California Proposition 65 warning that the materials of the desk chair, "contain chemicals known to cause cancer." Ms. Kasababian recommended using wooden chairs instead. Regarding the California Common Core Standards, Ms. Kasababian spoke in opposition to the Fast Framework asking how this fits with Common Core Standards.

Cecilia Losoya addressed the Board in favor of the Head Start job description recently approved by the Head Start Policy Committee requiring a B.A. degree.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 7:17 p.m., to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 8:11 p.m.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On the motion of Henry Lo, 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

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Board/Superintendent**

1. Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – January 16, 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. African American History Month  
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 13-14-11 – African American History Month. Approved.

**B. Human Resources**

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 13-14-10 as presented. Approved.

**C. Learning Support Services**

1. Ratify RISE Educational Service Contract

It is recommended that the Garvey Board of Education ratify the contract with RISE Educational Services in the amount of \$24,100; to be paid by each individual school's Title I Program Funds.

Bob Bruesch addressed the concerns of many teachers about the helpfulness of the RISE Educational Services in implementing the Common Core Standards. Mr. Bruesch asked for information on how the program is integrated with Common Core Standards.

Henry Lo moved, Janet Chin seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Item C.1. as presented.

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

2. CogAT GATE Scoring

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Marvin Creech to score CogAT GATE assessments at an estimated cost not to exceed \$625 to be paid from General Funds. Approved.

3. YMCA Camp Surf

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of fifty sixth grade students, two teachers and five volunteers to attend the YMCA Camp Surf in San Diego from May 28, 2014 through May 30, 2014. Approved.

4. Ratify Amended Contract with Lindamood-Bell Learning Centers

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the amended contract with Lindamood-Bell, a non-public agency, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Approved.

5. School Accountability Report Cards

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the publication of the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for 2012-2013 published during 2013-2014. Approved.

6. Approve Contract – Anita Chu

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract with Anita Chu to provide technical assistance to District staff regarding supporting schools in program improvement for the 2013-14 school year at a cost of \$400 per day, not to exceed \$18,000; to be paid from Title I Program Funds. Approved.

**D. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.13-14-10 as presented.

Bob Bruesch asked questions regarding payment to Learn with Laptops. Dr. Mary Suzuki stated that this is one of our supplemental education service providers that parents selected. The

District is obligated to offer services from these providers. Mr. Bruesch asked for additional information on this provider.

Henry Lo moved, Ronald Trabanino seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Item No. D.1. as presented.

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

2. First Interim Report

Receive letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education concurring with the District's 2013-14 First Interim Report's Positive Certification. Approved.

**17. Action Items**

A. Readmission of Student

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to readmit student number 10-11-20 who has completed his rehabilitation plan satisfactorily.

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

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Janet Chin spoke of a conversation with a City of San Gabriel council member regarding the possible joint use property agreement with the City of San Gabriel. Bob Bruesch asked staff to follow-up on Ms. Chin's conversation with the City of San Gabriel.

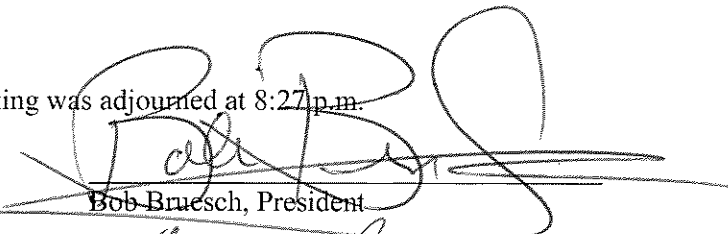
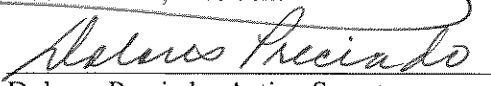
Henry Lo commented on a recent LAUSD demonstration by UCLA about "A Day of Coding", making computer coding a part of the curriculum. Dr. Mary Suzuki will seek more information on this matter.

The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Public session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and closed session to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
February 27, 2014	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

  
 Bob Bruesch, President  
  
 Dolores Preciado, Acting Secretary

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

Christine Calderon  
Olivia De Leon  
Michael Drange  
Evette Estrada  
Somruthai Hayashi  
Gloria Lopez  
Noemi Morales  
Celia Moreno  
Maria Ortiz  
Virginia Peterson  
Ted Saulino  
Carolyn Wong