

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 1, 2016

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on September 1, 2016, 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 Maureen Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. Maureen Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Ms. Keilley Meng, Mr. Ronald Trabanino, 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

Genaro Alarcon 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 Keilley Meng, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:33 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Yes
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Keilley Meng	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Maureen Chin indicated there was no action taken during closed session.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Anita Chu indicated the District had a great start of the school year. This week, three schools have held their back to school night events and classrooms are already filled with students' work. She thanked District's dedicated staff. Ms. Chu stated the Computer Science Immersion Program has started in four schools and everyone is very excited about this new program. The All Day Program at Temple Intermediate and Sanchez School has full enrollment with 100 slots all filled. The English as a Second Language (ESL) adult program by the East Los

Angeles College has received about 200 applications and more are expected. The program will be implemented at each of the elementary school sites and Williams School. Ms. Chu talked about the Dual Enrollment Program at Garvey Intermediate and Temple Intermediate Schools and two information meetings will be held next week.

Ms. Chu announced that a former principal at multiple sites (Rice, Emerson, Hillcrest and Duff), Mr. Hal Gewecke, passed away this week. Bob Bruesch shared his sentiments about Mr. Gewecke.

Bob Bruesch indicated that a meeting took place yesterday with staff from AIO Robotics, provider of 3D printers, to discuss with our staff the uses of 3D printers in the school curriculum that would provide students an opportunity to design and build their entrepreneurial skills and market their school projects. Mr. Bruesch stated that the Kiwanis Club will purchase three 3D printers for our District to support the 21st century learning courses at the two intermediate schools.

Henry Lo applauded the District's programs in place this school year, such as the robotics classes and how students are learning and applying their skills on a daily basis. Mr. Lo talked about the back to school nights which he has attended. Keilley Meng stated she observed the students' work already being displayed in many of the classrooms she visited during the back to school nights. Maureen Chin stated that, at the orientation day and back to school nights, the positive morale and atmosphere was felt all around and she thanked everyone who took part in the planning and preparation for these events.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Ken Tang, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board stating that he saw a lot of happy faces of students, parents and staff during the back to school nights and that everyone is pleased to see the different STEM programs being implemented and the visual and performing arts (VAPA) programs being extended. Mr. Tang talked about flyers that are being distributed in support of the propositions and bond measures that will be placed in the November 2016 ballot. Mr. Tang spoke about some concerns from a few teachers at Temple Intermediate School regarding classroom cleaning and asbestos removal as a result of the installation of the new air conditioning units. Mr. Tang asked for some reassurance to these teachers. Anita Chu stated that the principal and Genaro Alarcon have already communicated with the teachers about their concerns and addressed the issues.

Bob Bruesch asked about CTA's position on the current debate in the state about school of choice. Mr. Tang stated that CTA is taking a neutral, but a watchful, position as this law has an impact on some, but not all districts, in California. Henry Lo suggested to wait until next year when the legislative session re-opens, as there is uncertainty about the disposition of the proposed law.

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

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA:** NONE
- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC):** None

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Anita Chu, administrator in charge of Head Start/State Preschool Program, indicated the Head Start staff has been very busy preparing for the new school year. She reported that the full-day program started on August 22nd with full enrollment for the 90 slots. The part-day program started on August 29th with nine no-shows out of the 332

slots. The no-shows have been dropped from the program and the slots will be filled by students on the waiting list shortly. There are a few staff vacancies that include the Director, a teacher, an office assistant, a family health service worker, and a health specialist. Ms. Chu thanked Diana Hilton, the former health specialist who continues to assist the program after her recent retirement. Recruitment and selection process continues for these positions.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE: None

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
	Maureen Chin	Yes
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Keilley Meng	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 11, 2016
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 Renewal – Woodcraft Rangers (After School Services)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of contract with Woodcraft Rangers for after school services from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019, at an amount not to exceed the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program grant award. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order 16-17-03
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report 16-17-03 as presented. Approved.
2. District Resource Teacher Job Description
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve revisions to the job description for GEA District Resource Teacher.

Bob Bruesch asked for clarification on the job description for the District Resource Teacher. Anita Chu explained that this position works at the District level primarily with focus on Title I (low-achieving) and Title III (English learner) students under the Learning Support Services. The primary responsibility is to provide district-level coordination and resources to support the school programs for the targeted students. It will not include direct student instruction because each school has its English Learners (EL) Interventionist who serve in this capacity. Mr. Bruesch spoke in support of programs to prevent having long-term EL students. He asked for the number of English learner students and their progress/reclassification data. .

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Consent Item 2.B.2., as presented.

C. Learning Support Services – No Items

D. Student Support Services

1. Contract Amendment – Catalyst Speech Language Pathology, Inc. (Contracted Speech Language Pathologists) 2016-2017

It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the 2016-17 contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology, Inc. to include the provision of one additional licensed Speech Language Pathologist, in addition to the four Speech Language Pathologists previously approved, to provide school-based speech therapy services to students as written in their Individualized Education Programs and to provide Speech and Augmentative Alternative Communication/Assistive Technology evaluations and consultation as needed. The additional cost to the contract will be \$131,472.00. The amended total contract cost is estimated not to exceed \$619,552.00; to be paid from Special Education funding. Approved.

2. Ratified Contract Amendment –Catalyst Speech Language Pathology, Inc. (Contracted Speech Language Pathologists) 2015-2016

It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the ratified 2015-16 contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology, Inc. to include the provision of one licensed Speech Language Pathologist to provide school-based speech therapy services to students as written in their Individualized Education Programs during June of Extended School Year 2016. This is in addition to providing Augmentative Alternative Communication/Assistive Technology Consultation Services and on site Speech Evaluations. The additional cost to the contract will be \$2,525.73. The amended total contract cost is estimated not to exceed \$13,515.73; to be paid from Special Education funding. Approved.

3. Contract Ratification – LeafWing Center (Non-Public Agency Services)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2016-17 contract with LeafWing Center for the provision of Behavior Intervention Implementation and Behavior Intervention Development services for one student as part of the settlement agreement for the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Case No. 2015120798. Total contract cost is not to exceed \$79,590.00; to be paid from Special Education funding. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 16-17-03

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 16-17-03 as presented.

2. 2015-2016 Unaudited Actuals

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the 2015-2016 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report as of June 30, 2016. Approved.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2015-2016 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Results

Anita Chu, Carol Mehochko, and Rosa Marquez gave a Power Point presentation regarding the 2015-2016 CAASPP Results. Anita Chu explained that CAASPP has replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program in 2014. The CAASPP system includes the following assessments: Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) for ELA and mathematics, the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)

for students with significant cognitive disabilities, and the California Science Assessments. Ms. Chu indicated that the District just received the official 2015-16 SBAC results and has two years of SBAC data.

Carol Mehochko spoke of the differences between the old California State Standards (CST) and SBAC assessments. The SBAC assessments are able to measure growth in alignment with the State standards by grade level and they are computer adaptive tests.

Rosa Marquez indicated that statewide, approximately 3.2 million students took the SBAC tests in Spring 2016. Our district tested 3,340 students within 4-5 weeks and the process ran very smoothly. Ms. Marquez showed graphs of scores that reflect the percentage of student met or exceeded state standards. She presented comparison of test results showing County, State, and District data for 2014-15 and 2015-16. Ms. Marquez also discussed disaggregated data by grade level and by student subgroup (Latino, Asian, English Learners, Economically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disability). Overall scores showed growth at all levels.

Carol Mehochko indicated that the SBAC assessment data will be shared with principals, school staff, and various parent committees to help staff and parents understand the student data and to identify ways of supporting our students at every level of achievement.

Anita Chu applauded the District staff for the encouraging growth in student performance as indicated in the SBAC results. She discussed the continuous District efforts to close the achievement gaps among schools and student subgroups by providing a strong districtwide support and monitoring system and targeted guidance and support for high need schools and high priority student groups.

Bob Bruesch asked that a letter be sent to each of the school's staff congratulating them for their work in reaching this level of student achievement this past year.

Henry Lo asked if the student results were being presented to parents in the various languages spoken by the families. Ms. Marquez indicated the State has all the parent support materials available in all languages and parents will be provided with the data during the various parent meetings that will be scheduled in the future.

ACTION ITEMS: None

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

Ronald Trabanino expressed concern on security on the campuses over the upcoming holiday weekend. Ms. Chu indicated this concern is being addressed by our staff. Keilley Meng asked for a future discussion on unused property, possible after January 2017. Henry Lo asked if the City of Rosemead and City of San Gabriel can provide a status of housing developments within our district.


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 22, 2016	
October 13, 2016	
November 3, 2016	
December 8, 2016	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Maureen Chin, President



Anita Chu, Secretary

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

Carol Mehochko
Sergei Orloff
Ken Tang