

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 5, 2015

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on February 5, 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, 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**

Henry Lo 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 Maureen Chin, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 7:05 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 Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to appoint Carol Mehochko, Director II, Learning Support Services, effective February 20, 2015.  
Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes  
Janet Chin Yes  
Maureen Chin Yes  
Henry Lo Yes  
Ronald Trabanino Yes
- On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to advance the consideration of the following legal firms:  
Fagen, Friedman, & Fullfrost (F3)

Filarsky & Watt  
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd, & Romo (AALRR)

**RECOGNITIONS:** None

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

- **Student Presentation – Bitely School**

Principal Kitty Louie introduced the students from Bitely School who are serving as officers on the school's Student Council.

The student leaders shared how the application of seven habits helped them accomplish a variety of council activities, including fundraising, publication of the school's year book, and the Royal Math Club functions. The students presented a movie that shows "A Day in Life at Bitely School."

- **Other Communications/Reports**

Anita Chu reported that, through a team effort, last week about 300 computers, 100 tables, and 400 chairs were being brought in to set up additional computer labs at all schools to meet the demands of the new technology-driven Smarter Balanced Assessments which would begin the following week. This was accomplished through the support of the Maintenance Department, Educational Technology Office, and school office staff. Ms. Chu also thanked Genaro Alarcon, David Jung, and Ed Marquez for their leadership in this effort.

Janet Chin stated she recently visited Senator Liu's Office, and that the California Community Schools Institute is planning a two-day workshop on February 26-27, 2015, linking all kinds of partnerships and providing workshops for the community, including teachers, non-profit organizations, and businesses. The event is sponsored by CSBA, California State PTA, and United Way.

Bob Bruesch reminded everyone of the upcoming Young American musical performances on April 17-19, 2015, at Rosemead High School. Mr. Bruesch stated that Superintendent Anita Chu gave a presentation today at the Kiwanis Club which was well attended with a lot of questions made about the Common Core State Standards.

Henry Lo announced, that last week, he joined Superintendents Anita Chu and Laura Tellez, along with Alhambra Board Member Adele Andrade-Stadler, to share updates on programs and services for students in Garvey and Alhambra. They discussed a joint Board meeting in the near future between the two school districts to enhance articulation and coordination in support of student achievement.

Mr. Lo spoke of the January 23 Roundtable hosted by the Office of State Assemblymember Ed Chau. The discussion centered on computer science in the classroom and input on the need for State policy to integrate technology in the classroom. Mr. Lo thanked all those who attended the Roundtable which included some of our teachers. The event included a tour of a Computer Science (CS) Club sponsored by Google which gives students an introduction to coding. The Roundtable materials will be available for downloading by volunteers who would start an after school CS Club in a school district. Locally, two teachers have volunteered to start a club.

Bob Bruesch commented on a recent discussion by CSBA regarding the teacher **technology credential** for special education training.

**REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board stating he is turning in the Initial Bargaining Proposal dated January 29, 2015, and he looks forward to start discussing it soon.

Mr. Drange addressed Agenda Item E3 – Resolution Regarding the Local Reserves Cap, and waivers that can be claimed regarding the District’s reserves as stated in the recent law. Mr. Drange stated that GEA members feel it is in the best interest of the children to keep the law as is and allow school districts to spend the money when needed; and if needed, to ask for waivers in the future. Mr. Drange asked the Board to consider voting against the resolution.

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

## **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Joyce Tamanaha-Ho, President of Garvey Council PTA, invited everyone to the upcoming Garvey Council PTA Founders Day on February 25, 2015, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., at the Rosemead Community Center. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho thanked Cathie Camacho who will be organizing the silent auction at the event to raise funds to pay for Math Field Day and other scholarships.

Ms. Tamanaha-Ho spoke of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Review, reminding the Board that school districts must have 51 percent of input from parents on the use of District funds in reaching its goals.

Ms. Tamanaha-Ho indicated that through the website ed100.org, there are free online courses on K-12 education.

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

Ariadna Banuelos, SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, addressed the Board regarding a SELPA CAC presentation being held in Rosemead High School on February 18<sup>th</sup> regarding bullying, and on March 18<sup>th</sup>, subject to be determined. Ms. Banuelos stated that on February 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on Smarter IEP’s and Due Process, addressing the common mistakes parents make in due process. Ms. Banuelos thanked Superintendent Anita Chu in assisting a new Garvey parent support group for parents of Special Education students by providing a meeting facility, child care and translation assistance.

## **REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE**

Carolyn Wong, Director of State Head Start/Preschool Program Services, and Mary Francois, Treasurer of the Policy Committee (PC) addressed the Board regarding Head Start staff working on enrollment, the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA) Plan and Self-Assessment Report which will be submitted to the PC and School Board for approval at the end of this month.

Ms. Wong stated that Head Start staff will be having a recruitment table at the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Ms. Wong indicated that the Head Start/State Preschool Funding Application for 2015-16 has been submitted and there was a face-to-face meeting with LACOE Staff to address revisions. There were no areas of concern. The revised application will be submitted.

Mary Francois stated that parenting classes started on January 15, 2015, for English and Asian speaking parents. Starting on February 19, 2015, the parenting classes will be held for Spanish speaking parents.

## HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Teachers Chris Spitler and George Woo, along with students from Temple Intermediate School, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming “A Dinner ~~Diner~~ and A Show” event on Friday, March 6, 2015. This is a joint event by the Drama Guild, Temple’s Student Council, and the Temple Arts Society, which showcases the students’ talents and raises funds for student field trips and other student activities. Last year’s event brought in gross funds of \$6,000 and netted more than half this amount.

Henry Lo spoke of a discussion he recently participated in with the L.A. County Arts Commission and the Board of Supervisors regarding the new LCAP Plans and how Districts are working to enhance the arts and music which should be an integral part in curriculum, instead of an ancillary course.

Bob Bruesch stated that in this event at Temple Intermediate School, almost half of the student body is represented and the students work hard to put it on.

Maureen Chin stated she attended last year’s event which was an amazing demonstration of the student talent in the school.

## CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Maureen 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

### A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes  
Regular Meeting – January 22, 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 No. 14-15-14 – African American History Month  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 14-15-14 recognizing February 2015 as “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. 14-15-10 as presented. Approved.
2. School Counseling Supervised Unpaid Field Work Agreement  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify Chapman University’s School Counseling Unpaid Field Work Agreement as presented. Approved.

### C. Learning Support Services:

1. Ratify Parent Institute Quality Education (PIQE) Training

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify employment of Parent Institute Quality Education (PIQE) to provide a nine-week training for parents of Arlene Bitely Elementary School from January 21, 2015 through March 18, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to be paid by Title I Program Funds. Approved.

**D. Student Support Services: None**

**E. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report 14-15-09

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No. 14-15-09. Approved.

2. Appropriations Transfers

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.

3. Resolution No. 14-15-15 – Local Reserves Cap

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 14-15-15 to repeal legislation regarding the Local Reserves Cap.

Bob Bruesch spoke about this resolution indicating that it has been recommended by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). Mr. Bruesch stated that it is always prudent to have extra reserves and it is important to have Board oversight with the special requirements; however, the law is not much in favor of small districts.

Henry Lo stressed that the law regarding Local Reserves Cap was put in place by the voters and the Governor has made a commitment to fund the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Lo stated he would prefer to have, at this time, the attitude of ‘wait and see;’ and the Board has recently sent a letter of appeal to the Governor; that the law is being challenged through the courts.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board tabled Consent Item E.3.

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

4. Health Care Reform/Affordable Care Act Monitoring & Tracking

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the professional agreement with American Fidelity Assurance to provide Affordable Care Act (ACA) evaluation and monitoring services. Amount not to exceed a one-time cost of \$14,995 and an estimated monthly fee of \$600. Approved.

**ACTION ITEMS: None**

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Programs and Services for Foster Youth**

Rene Hernandez gave a Power Point presentation regarding programs and services for foster youth, one of three targeted student populations under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Mr. Hernandez noted that

meeting the needs of transient students is a great challenge for the District. Mr. Hernandez indicated that our District staff is working with the SELPA Director to accomplish short- and long-term plans in addressing the needs of these students.

Mr. Hernandez gave a background on the Maryvale Residential Program and the Emergency Shelter Program at Maryvale for children who were recently removed through abuse, neglect, or abandonment, and placed temporarily for 30 days unless a 10-day extension is granted. Mr. Hernandez spoke of the screening process taking place every morning for Maryvale students in our campuses.

Mr. Hernandez noted the challenges relating to the lack of student information available to staff, such as students' academic history, special education placement status, and discipline records. Many of these students may have been involved in crisis incidents, trauma, abuse, abandonment, or neglect which could require a crisis intervention team while they are in our district. Mr. Hernandez indicated our staff strives to improve communication daily with Maryvale and the SELPA Director to work together to address the important issues and give assistance to these students.

Bob Bruesch asked about the definition of a crisis intervention team. Mr. Hernandez stated the team is composed of a school psychologist, a counselor, the school principal and additional staff from Student Support Services depending on each individual case. The short- and long-term goals are established for each case during the assessment for these students.

Bob Bruesch indicated that the foster youth program for the County of Los Angeles is very unique and that it only affects a few districts County-wide. He asked if the lack of information available on the student can be addressed through the California School Boards Association (CSBA), the L.A. County School Trustees Association (LACSTA), or through the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Bruesch suggested that the Board write a letter to these organizations asking for possible legislation help in obtaining this critical information.

Janet Chin asked about the process of having access to student information through CALPADS (California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System). Mr. Hernandez indicated that this data system is only available to view but our staff is not able to enter or update student information. When the student is discharged, every attempt is made to share our information with the District accepting the student.

Ms. Chin asked about the ways that our District addressed the cultural experience for children coming from different school districts in the County. Mr. Hernandez stated that school sites are using the leadership models, such as the Leader in Me Program to help the students feel welcome and to ensure these students feel comfortable and safe.

Henry Lo asked if there was a needed change in policy regarding student confidentiality. Mr. Hernandez stated that improved communication is needed between the County and the District's information systems, and that the lapse of time in sharing the needed information needs to be shorter. Mr. Lo spoke in support of writing a letter from the Board to the County to address the challenges of the foster youth education program.

Mr. Hernandez further explained the long-term plan in addressing the needs of foster children. He presented the proposal to fund special multi-grade classrooms staffed with content teachers and behavioral specialists to serve foster students with special needs.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD**

Janet Chin shared an e-mail she received asking if the Garvey Education Foundation would provide some funding for the upcoming Young Americans event.

Bob Bruesch suggested to have the Kiwanis Club donate backpacks to be used as welcome gifts for the foster children.

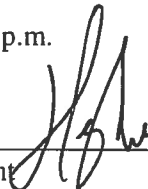
Anita Chu noted the need to schedule a special meeting on March 26, 2015 to conduct a study session with Mr. Barry Blade, property use consultant.


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
February 26, 2015	
March 12, 2015 (moved from 3/19)	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 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**

Ariadna Banelos  
Michael Drange  
Olivia De Leon  
Mary Francois  
Rene Hernandez  
Kitty Louie  
Sergio Martinez  
Keilley Meng  
Christopher Spitler  
Joyce Tamanaha-Ho  
Ken Tang  
Jack Wang  
Oscar Wang  
Carolyn Wong