

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Special Meeting  
July 15, 2010

The Garvey School Board of Education met in special session on July 15, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m. by Board President M. Janet Chin.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Tony Ramos (arrived at 11:15 a.m.), Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 11:24 a.m.), and Interim Superintendent Dolores Preciado.

Also in attendance were Ms. Virginia Peterson, 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**

Virginia Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

Terry Skotnes addressed the Board regarding the selection of a new Superintendent. He offered assistance from both teacher associations (GEA-Garvey Education Association and CTA-California Teachers Association) to research and give input on the potential candidate for superintendent.

Mr. Skotnes encouraged Board Members to continue supporting a good relationship between the unions and the District leadership and work together to approach the different circumstances that will be brought to the table in the near future. Mr. Skotnes listed the many different challenges, many which are out of the control of the Board, related to funding and laws that are passed down to the schools; an environment that is more prone to difficulties and conflict affecting everyone. Mr. Skotnes hopes that the person selected as superintendent will be able to continue the tradition of working together. He stated that Virginia Peterson has shown to be an excellent partner in working together with the Association. Mr. Skotnes added that the association can provide feedback from the Association's point of view and continue a tradition of looking for the best interest for all stakeholders. Mr. Skotnes spoke about rumors regarding the new superintendent's compensation, and how this could have a detrimental impact for bargaining.

Bob Bruesch commented on a recent L.A. Times article from the Editor regarding common core standards and teacher training. He hopes that CTA and CSBA (California School Boards Association) will respond to L.A. Times and address the issue of budget allocations for teacher training to comply to the common core standards and mandates.

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (John Yuen not present), the Board voted to adjourn to a closed session and address those items on the agenda.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 11:14 a.m.

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:59 a.m.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Janet Chin reported that there was no action taken in closed session.

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD:**

Bob Bruesch talked about a recent conversation he had with a school official in Clark County, Nevada, regarding switch board thefts carried out by cutting the alarm and the immediate notification to the local police. Mr. Bruesch asked that staff report whether or not our current security company addresses this type of theft prevention features.

Tony Ramos asked that a cost-comparison be made with Life Touch and another photo company used by the San Gabriel Unified School District.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at the Education Center. Public session will begin at 4:30 p.m. Closed session will begin immediately following the public session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Dolores Preciado, Secretary