

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 17, 2013

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on January 17, 2013, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Board President Tony Ramos.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

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 which is hereby made an official part of these minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mary Suzuki led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: None

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke about teachers starting weekly planning and collaboration meetings that began two weeks ago. She announced a meeting being held tomorrow with local police chiefs and city managers to discuss further improvements of safety and security with the schools. In addition, there will be a meeting at the end of this month with the City of Rosemead to work together to prepare for a disaster so that all citizens learn how to survive.

Bob Bruesch spoke of a letter he received from the Business Industry Association regarding facility needs analysis which they ask every year to make sure that safety factors are met in our schools. Mr. Bruesch talked about schools participating in a new project, a historical monument in the San Gabriel Valley, the Savannah Memorial Park. Mr. Bruesch stated that 4th grade students will have an opportunity to visit the mission and stop at the cemetery where the mural will be in place. There will be an opening ceremony sometime in early fall.

Janet Chin reminded everyone of the upcoming L.A. County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) meeting on January 30, 2013 with keynote speaker Dr. Brice W. Harris, Chancellor, California Community Colleges. Ms. Chin noted the upcoming events, Rosemead Lunar New Year Festival on January 26th and the Lunar New Year celebration in Monterey Park on February 2-3, 2013.

John Yuen talked about a possible funding that may be helpful to our students being provided by West Bank.

Dr. Sandra Johnson gave an update on the recent public hearing regarding opposition to the Clean Water, Clean Beaches initiative. Many local officials and superintendents spoke in opposition to this measure. Our opposition included a letter with all the points previously addressed by our Board members

Tony Ramos spoke of the upcoming Annual Homeless Count held by the City of Rosemead. Volunteers are needed for this event on January 29, 2013 from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Dr. Mary Suzuki gave a report on Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Transition. She gave a background of the nationwide initiative that started in 2009 to make a common set of standards that better prepare students for college and career readiness programs. The way of looking at students thinking will be different as it will be much more product oriented. Dr. Suzuki cited a website, www.corestandards.org, with a wealth of information regarding the Common Core State Standards. For the first time, there will be a mapped plan of content standards from Kindergarten through 12th grade to ensure the students will be ready to enter college. Algebra classes will continue in eighth grade and Garvey students are very competitive in this area.

Dr. Suzuki presented the CCSS Transition Plan for our District, *Preparing for 2014: A Fundamental Shift Toward a College and Career Readiness Focus for K-12 Education*. She addressed the Common College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards along with significant milestones for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects. Dr. Suzuki listed the key shift in English Language Arts from four domains in the 1997 California Standards to four strands in the 2010 Common Core Standards. The new standards place an emphasis on informational text aiming to align instruction with the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) framework.

Dr. Suzuki talked about two types of Mathematics Standards in mathematical practice and mathematical content. She described Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) for English Language Arts and Mathematics in the 2014-15 School Year that will meet the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) assessment requirements. She pointed out that literature and poetry are still seen as very valuable. There will be a shift of having students speaking, collaborating, and synthesizing, as opposed to being only listeners. It is an expectation of the standards to integrate technology in these core subjects. Informational non-fiction text will be introduced at the Kindergarten level.

Dr. Suzuki spoke of the standards for mathematical content. Every grade level will ask students to solve problems using reasoning. She explained the various pre- and post-assessments that will be given to students. Assessments created by the LEA will be correlated with benchmarks. Dr. Suzuki indicated that the online Computer Adaptive Testing will adjust the difficulty of items throughout the assessment. The first test will be in 2014. Information on the CCSS is posted online for the parents and community.

Dr. Suzuki stated that some key areas have already been introduced in language arts and mathematics. The English Language Arts and mathematics pacing guides and benchmarks are being revised. In 2013-14 teacher development will begin for full implementation and alignment to CCSS in 2014-15. Dr. Suzuki indicated that our technology infrastructure is already in place for transition to the CCSS. Much information for teachers regarding the CCSS has already been posted online, including the transition plan.

Bob Bruesch asked about teacher materials and manipulatives, e.g., a program called Math Land that was previously being used in the classroom. Henry Lo asked about funding available to achieve a transition plan in the District. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that the Governor's budget will help address the instructional programs of the District.

Janet Chin asked about the new assessments and how our milestone is being tracked. Dr. Suzuki stated that once the total transition is made in 2015, there will be the local benchmarks with accountability measures. This is the State's transition, and we will align our own transition to the State. There will be meetings with principals and parents to inform them of changes and progress being made. She noted that teachers have already begun looking at daily assessments for this implementation. Henry Lo asked how parents are also

preparing for a smooth transition. Dr. Suzuki talked about parent meetings at each school site and District parent meetings. Bob Bruesch suggested introducing the process testing methods as practice on the new assessment methods in every subject, including having the necessary technology to do this. Mr. Bruesch asked to check with a company called CTB who gave a CSBA workshop regarding science and technology uses for testing.

Dr. Sandra Johnson commended Dr. Suzuki and all the teachers who have worked hard on implementing the Common Core State Standards.

B. Robert McEntire presented a Budget Update.

Henry Lo talked about a meeting he attended recently regarding the Governor's proposal with more questions than answers.

Mr. McEntire explained that the Governor presented his proposal last week and districts are still looking to deconstruct the proposal. Mr. McEntire stated that this was the first time in five years where the revenue projections are expected to go up. A new funding formula known as the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) has been proposed by the Governor. The State's deficit factor is expected not to go up this year. Mr. McEntire pointed out risk factors of the proposal and changes in the way the funding is being distributed, in three major parts; a base grant, supplemental grant, and concentration grants with more local control. Mr. McEntire stated that the passage of Proposition 30 provides opportunities and short-term options, but there are still longer term problems that must be addressed..

Mr. McEntire spoke of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) forecast indicating that the Proposition 98 guarantee will grow from 3.4 percent to 5.3 percent over the next several years. By any measure, all of California's students still receive resources far below the average of other states. The State economy is still fragile, and there are many stakeholders competing for these new funds that will not allow meeting all the expectations and demands. Mr. McEntire spoke the declining enrollments and multi-year projects in the District that make it difficult to make financial projections.

Mr. McEntire stated that the LCFF would replace revenue limits and most categorical program funding. The State Department of Finance is expected to provide estimates of Local Education Agencies (LEA) funding under the Governor's proposal within the next few weeks. The Legislature must enact the Governor's proposal as a change to current school finance statutes,

Mr. McEntire indicated that the District will need to plan for both eventualities: 1) Governor's proposal with increased funding of 1.65 percent COLA plus additional revenues associated with the LCFF factor and deferrals . 2) Mr. McEntire spoke of allocation of Proposition 39 funds factored into Proposition 98 which the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) is protesting as inappropriate use of said funds. Mr. McEntire stated that the State deficit factor will remain above 20 percent and many districts are deficit spending. He reminded the Board that our District has a structural deficit that needs to be addressed.

The District will build a contingency plan with two budgets, using the current revenue limit model, and one with the LCFF model. Mr. McEntire stated that the May revision could be very different from the Second Interim Report.

Bob Bruesch talked about the categorical funds for State (not Federal) that many constituents put in place. He asked questions about ADA estimates and credits for services provided to students in foster care and possible legislation needed for some of these expensive services. Henry Lo suggested checking with CSBA about any developments in this area. He talked about the structural issues in our budget and the necessary timelines. Janet Chin commended the Governor for addressing the California financing which needed much reform and the flexibility on class size reductions. She asked about flexibility for transportation funds. Mr.

McEntire stated that the District is not receiving any, except for a small add-on into the base grant formula model.

Mr. McEntire will provide the Board with any updates regarding the Governor's proposal as information becomes available.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**
Michael Drange, president of GEA, addressed the Board regarding the reinstatement of weekly early release Wednesday for teacher collaboration and issues that are not coinciding with the GEA Contract. He stated that GEA will be having a meeting with GSD administration to come up with some ideas about this matter. Mr. Drange talked about the use of Williams School and reminded the Board of the Surplus Property Committee that the Board may want to reconvene soon. Mr. Drange indicated that GEA (and perhaps CSEA) had no previous knowledge about the resolution being considered tonight regarding support VEBA's Medical Appropriateness Project.
- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Carolyn Wong, Director of Child Development Office, addressed the Board regarding a summary report that she will be submitting monthly to the Board electronically, as well as, a hard copy which is usually submitted to LACOE. This will ensure that the Board is aware of Head Start's information.

Ms. Wong stated that the self-assessment is occurring now with scheduled classroom safety visits, training, and interviews of parents and staff. The self-assessment review will continue through the end of January, 2013. Dr. Sandra Johnson and Board members are invited to participate in the review, and interviews will be conducted to address the Governance section. The final report on the self assessment will be sent to the Board in February, 2013. Ms. Wong spoke of the latest Head Start monitoring summary with items completed last month that are pending verification from L.A. County Office of Education (LACOE). Last month a consultant reviewed the enrollment files which were 100 percent compliant. Ms. Wong reported visits from our Facilities consultant at Willard School and Sanchez school for facilities compliance. The remaining site visits should be completed in March, 2013.

Ms. Wong stated that our District will apply for a one-time funding to address issues of health and safety that are awaiting PC approval and then Board approval. Plans are underway to start the recruitment for July 2013 next month. Flyers are being sent home as well as communicating to the community. The recruitment plan will be sent to Board members.

For December 2012, the non-Federal Share match was \$84,279, including 4,164 hours of service in the classroom and on the Policy Committee. The administrative cost is at 7.5 percent of the budget; the requirement is at 15 percent or below. Ms. Wong acknowledged Mr. Nathaniel Elkins, previous PC Chair and now Vice Chair of the Policy Committee.

Brenda Fong, newly elected Policy Committee Chair, addressed the Board regarding the Head Start summary for December, 2013. There are no vacancies throughout the program. The average daily attendance minimum requirement is at 85 percent; we are at 90 percent.

The meals served were as follows:

	<u>November 2012</u>	<u>December 2012</u>
Breakfast	5,277	4,150
Lunch	8,887	6,844
Snacks	5,103	4,144

The next Policy Committee Board meeting will be on February 20, 2013.

Dr. Sandra Johnson stated she will send information to Board members regarding the self-assessment review schedule. Dr. Johnson acknowledged Ms. Wong and Becky Lam for proposing that our new vehicle be used to advertise the Head Start enrollment.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

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

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Roger Campoverde addressed the Board regarding the recent incident in Newtown, Connecticut, and steps being taken in our District that would involve police agencies, parents, and the community. He listed a number of suggestions to implement in the District. Mr. Campoverde talked about pictures he took at Monterey Vista School showing an area in need of repair to avoid a child getting hurt. Mr. Campoverde asked the Board about the status of art classes and sports activities in the District. Dr. Johnson will follow-up on these matter with Mr. Campoverde.

Ted Saulino addressed the Board a crisis situation last Friday involving a student at Temple Intermediate School.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board extended the meeting to 12:00 midnight.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 8:51 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 10:21 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Tony Ramos indicated that no action was taken during the closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below:

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:
Reorganization meeting – December 13, 2012

Bob Bruesch moved, Tony Ramos seconded to approve Item A.1. as corrected relating to Election of Board Officers, and Item No. C.6.

2. Conference/Convention Attendance - Revised

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.

3. Williams Quarterly Report

Receive the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2012; to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.

4. Approval of Legal Services Agreement

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Legal Services Agreement between the Garvey School District and Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost LLP.

Dr. Johnson addressed the reasons for this recommendation, Item A.4, hoping to reduce legal costs in special education and having a second opinion.. She indicated that interviews were conducted two two different law firms and Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP was selected. Dr. Johnson described the services offered by the two firms being evaluated.

John Yuen moved, Bob Bruesch seconded, and the motion to approve Item A.4. The motion failed by a vote of 2-3 as follows:

Bob Bruesch	No
Janet Chin	No
Henry Lo	No
Tony Ramos	Yes
John Yuen	Yes

5. African American History Month

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 12-13-13 Recognizing February 2013 as African American History Month in the Garvey School District. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 12-13-12 as presented. Approved.

C. Learning Support Services

1. Single Plan for Student Achievement

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Hillcrest School as required by Education Code sections 52853 and 52855. Approved.

2. Approve Contract with Sign Language and Interpreting Services
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract with Sign Language and Interpreting Services (LINKS) at a cost not to exceed \$552.00 to be paid from General Funds. Approved.
3. Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) – Rice School
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve of a contract with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to provide a nine-week training course to parents of Rice Elementary School from January 29 through April 2, 2013. Approved.
4. Parent Representative for West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee
It is recommended that the Board approve Hing Chow as the second parent representative for the West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Garvey School District. This will be a two-year term of service. Approved.

D. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.12-13-09 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. First Interim Report
It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education concurring with the 2012-13 First Interim Report's Qualified Certification. Approved.
4. Revised Contract – School Innovations & Advocacy
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contract revision due to name change on service contract, which was approved on September 30, 2010, from School Innovations & Advocacy to School Innovations & Achievement. Approved.
5. Renew Contract with School Innovations & Achievement
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of contract with School Innovations & Achievement for services in connection with the filing of mandated cost claims for 2013-14 at a cost of \$10,800. Approved.

Action Items

- A. On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, the Board appointed John Yuen as of Representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) for 2013.
- B. On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board appointed Henry Lo as District Representative to the Los Angeles County Committee School District Organization for 2013.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the Board bylaws to disclose the student name in public for Action Item C.

- C. 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 12-13-01 from the Garvey School District for a period

ending June 14, 2013. The student is in 8th grade at temple Intermediate School, for violation of the following Education Code: 48900(c); unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, 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 by June 14, 2013.

- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contract with ISOM Advisors to engage in a survey for the potential levying of a Parcel Tax on behalf of the District.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, to approve Action Item D. with a provision to have the Board review the survey plan before signing of the final contract.

- E. It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss and give direction to administration on usage of Williams property.

Henry Lo moved, Bob Bruesch seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved having a Board discussion regarding Action Item E.

Board members made suggestions about the potential uses of the Williams property. They agreed there was a need for short and long term property lease plans. Board members asked whether the discussion of lease plans would include addressing the matter with the District's Surplus Property Committee. Another area of discussion involved the substantial renovation costs involving District property leases.

- F. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt resolution No. 12-13-14 endorsing the Medical Appropriateness Project (MAP), designed to identify specific cases of fraud, waste and abuse in health care.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved having a Board discussion regarding Action Item F at the next meeting..

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board postponed Action Item F.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Bob Bruesch asked for information on signs written in Chinese only hanging off the fence of Bitely School. He asked if these are in compliance with Board policy and/or city ordinance, and whether there is a potential for the District to be compensated by the agencies posting their signs in school fences.

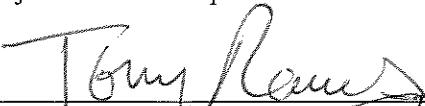
Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of a possible special Board meeting to be scheduled next week.

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.

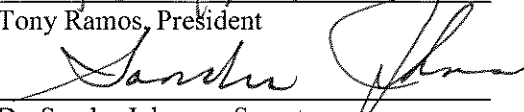
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
February 7, 2013	
February 28, 2013	
March 14, 2013	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.



Tony Ramos, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Marilyn Arellanes
Jane Campoverde
Roger Campoverde
Olivia De Leon
Tam Dinh
Michael Drange
Ted Saulino
Terry Skotnes
Michele Yamarone
Carolyn Wong