

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
April 4, 2013

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on April 4, 2013, at the Education Center, 2730 N. Del Mar Ave., Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m., by Board President Tony Ramos.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:36 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**

James Schofield, principal of San Gabriel High School, led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

James Schofield, San Gabriel High School Principal, along with Alhambra Unified School District Superintendent Laura Tellez-Gagliano, and Alhambra Unified School District Board Clerk Chester Chow gave special recognition to Garvey School District for the success seen of Garvey students who enter 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Alhambra Unified School District.

Mr. Schofield spoke highly of our students, stating that approximately 75 percent of San Gabriel High School have come from Garvey and they are following the same course of study from Alhambra when they enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Schofield noted the past challenges that have been overcome by San Gabriel High School, and now becoming a school 5<sup>th</sup> on Statewide rank and 2<sup>nd</sup> on similar school scoring. Over the past years, the scores have gone up by 110 points. San Gabriel High School is the only high school in Alhambra that has ever received a similar score of 10 points. Mr. Schofield spoke of the discussions taking place at Alhambra Unified School District regarding implementation of the Common Core Standards. Dr. Sandra Johnson thanked Mr. Schofield for inviting the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> teachers from Garvey School District to discuss the implementation of the Common Core Standards.

Bob Bruesch commented on the work that went to having middle school students taking Algebra 2 and some who are taking Geometry, with the help of the Jaime Escalante Program offered by East Los Angeles College. Henry Lo commented on the long time relationships that the Garvey District has had with the Alhambra District in implementing such programs as the higher level mathematics and the Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program. John Yuen commended the teachers of Alhambra and Garvey for making improvements in the math classes even when there are language barriers for many of the students. Tony Ramos noted the many gold medals and achievements that students have been awarded, and he hopes that both districts continue to collaborate with the new standards and help the student move forward.

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

Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that this past week, she attended the annual Superintendents' Roundtable sponsored by Senator Ed Hernandez, giving the latest information on what is happening in Sacramento with some of the compromises and issues facing the school districts in California.

Dr. Johnson thanked everyone for the efforts in a really successful Math Field Day in which some of our students won gold medals and will be participating in the County Math Field Day this month. Dr. Johnson indicated that one team of students from Hillcrest School will be competing at the State level in History Day Competition. Dr. Johnson stated that an admiral from the U.S. Navy will visit the District later this month because of the student work he saw at the recent Science Olympiad. John Yuen commended the teachers for these accomplishments in the District.

Bob Bruesch said he attended one for the first Back to School Nights at Garvey Intermediate School, and he is excited to hear that a U.S. Navy admiral will be visiting the science department regarding a project, Sea Perch, that the Navy is starting to get young men and women involved in technology. This program will put together an underwater robotic machine with a camera. Mr. Bruesch stated that a demonstration was given today at the Kiwanis Club meeting.

Henry Lo stated he attended the open house at Garvey Intermediate and had an opportunity to speak to teachers. He also spoke with parents who attended a parent conference last week. Mr. Lo updated the Board on a recent meeting he attended on the 710 Freeway Coalition of cities in the West San Gabriel Valley. The meeting focused on having a footprint that will be impacted by the gap in the 710 Freeway that ends in Valley Boulevard, Alhambra. Mr. Lo spoke of a recent resolution passed by our Board and encouraged Board members from Alhambra School District to write a resolution in support of this project that will benefit the parents and students travelling through this section of the 710 Freeway.

Janet Chin commended the superintendents who attended the recent Superintendents' Roundtable with discussions about local funding formulas and some political aspects of education reform. About 26 superintendents attended the Roundtable and gave their insight on the issues discussed. Ms. Chin thanked principal John Turmes, Rice Elementary School, for having a group of students participate in the creation of a video addressing water reclamation. Ms. Chin suggested that Mr. Lo become the Board's liaison and to give updates on the extension of the 710 Freeway. Ms. Chin congratulated the Parent Involvement Quality Education (PIQE) staff for continuing to graduate classes of parents in our District.

Tony Ramos commented on today's consent item of the Surf Camp for students from Dewey School who will be participating in outdoor activities. He thanked the donors who are contributing to the camp. Mr. Ramos indicated he will be donating \$25 for this year's camp. Mr. Ramos hopes to encourage all students to learn of better fitness and nutrition to prevent obesity, and he hopes that the District will have some health-related programs in the month of May. Mr. Bruesch stated that every year the Garvey Education Foundation provides \$500 to each elementary school to participate in an outdoors camp. Dr. Mary Suzuki stated that most of the schools will be participating in a camp this year.

John Yuen stated that he will be participating in the Rosemead's 5K run on July 4, 2013, and he hopes that our students will be able to participate free of charge. Ms. Chin stated that recently Hillcrest School did a most fantastic fundraising walk and the funds were split between teachers and PTA.

Henry Lo announced the Alhambra Education Foundation annual dinner, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence. He invited everyone to support this Foundation event this Saturday at 6:00 p.m.; the cost is \$60 per person.

Bob Bruesch announced a forum being held at the Whittier College regarding the Common Core Standards. The forum will be on April 27, 2013; cost is \$20 per person. Mr. Bruesch will be providing flyers regarding this event.

## **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Report from Community Advisory Council (CAC) Representatives, Mr. Hing Chow and Ms. Ariadna Banuelos.

Mr. Chow presented the report as CAC Representative. He indicated that the Council met on March 18, 2013, and discussed getting the SELPA Local Area Educational Plan approved with input from the community of schools that will no longer be LACOE funded as of August 1, 2013. After this summer, all students will be turned over to their district of residence. By May 1, 2013, all parents will be informed of which school their student(s) will be attending in the fall of this year. The next Council meeting will be on April 22, 2013, to finalize the plan.

Mr. Chow indicated that the Council was provided with SELPA information that is available at the library of the Regional Center. Information was given on 311 and 211 directory assistance regarding doctor and counseling referrals, and food supply and resources for parents. The Council is working to develop a quick reference guide for some of the Special Education students that schools can have available in their front offices. The Council received input from parents and suggestions for community training regarding basic rights for parents and homework help that can be presented sometime next year.

Janet Chin recommended having the proposed check list or resource guide as a Web page or link on our District Website that can be readily accessible. She offered to provide 211 directory brochures that have been updated and translated in other languages.

Bob Bruesch talked about the main reason of relocating the SELPA classes was to have more local control and as a cost-savings for the districts being served by SELPA. Mr. Chow stated he will provide the Board with the finalized local plan that will address Mr. Bruesch's concern about billing and reimbursement. Mr. Bruesch hopes that the District staff will look closely at the SELPA reimbursement issues that have been a problem in the past. Dr. Johnson indicated that various groups in the SELPA structure, e.g., the Administrator Council and the Fiscal Directors Group, from the 14 districts being represented, meet on an ongoing basis and discuss the various issues addressed by Mr. Bruesch. Mr. Chow stated that there are continuing discussions with HR Directors in relocating the LACOE teachers to their respective districts and things such as furniture relocation that will be given final approval by the Administrative and Superintendent's Council.

Janet Chin asked about information given to parents regarding the return of SELPA classrooms to the local districts. Mr. Chow stated that while this is a very emotional issue for parents, the most important thing that will be considered will be the needs of every child and the disability involved. The decisions will be driven by the child's IEP (Individualized Education Program).

Dr. Johnson stated that the primary goal for SELPA is to provide better quality service hoping to have a cost-savings and cost-containment as well. Mr. Chow stated one of the goals is also to provide a much less restrictive environment and much more integrated in-home districts dealing with all aspect of education for the student, including the transportation needs of the student.

## **REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, addressed the Board regarding bargaining discussions. He stated that GEA has set up sub-committees that will report back to the Board. The Insurance Committee has met with four vendors and will meet with three others. The Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss the best road for the District. The Peer Review Joint Panel of teacher mentors met recently and progress is being made on the issues related to finances. Mr. Drange talked about a concern addressed at the last Board meeting regarding the political rights of teachers and the clarification made by the District's legal counsel. He talked about several unfair labor cases pending and the legal costs for the District, noting that tonight the Board is voting to increase legal costs by 50 percent.

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

## **REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE**

Carolyn Wong, Director of Child Development Office, gave the Head Start Program report on meeting school readiness and each class receiving 12 children books through Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) as part of a literacy program. Recruitment flyers have been distributed at the Rosemead City events last week, and information is listed in the Monterey Park Cascade News, the Monterey Park TV electronic bulletin board, and the West Valley Journal. Flyers will also be distributed this Friday afternoon at Wal-Mart, and LACOE has invited agencies to distribute flyers at the upcoming Walk for Autism event on April 20, 2013. Flyers will also be available at the District, including during the District's Beautification Day on April 20.

Ms. Wong reported on the Self-Assessment and the District meeting the 10 percent mandated enrollment for children with IEP's. Staff continues to attend IEP meetings for pre-school aged children as part of self-assessment. The staff is now collecting fees for the California Preschool Program. The assessment also looks at purchasing supplies for classrooms that meet environmental standards. Ms. Wong indicated that LACOE has been preliminarily selected to receive a five-year grant from the Office of Head Start and negotiations are beginning this week with the agencies and LACOE as the first Cohort, hoping to hear good news soon. Ms. Wong stated that the California Department of Education visited one of the classrooms at Emerson School to evaluate the activities and interactions of students and teachers. Ms. Wong reported that the class met the requirements for the California Department of Education - California State Preschool.

Tony Ramos asked about the health status of Stacy Stewart who gave the Head Start report last week. Ms. Wong indicated that Ms. Stewart is feeling better now. Ms. Wong was unable to attend the meeting last week due to her own daughter's open house on that day.

Bob Bruesch asked for a copy of the Head Start fee schedule. Ms. Wong will provide copies to the Board the State fees that are based on family income and size. Janet Chin asked if the information is available online. Ms. Wong responded that they are.

## **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

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

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

**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 7:40 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

## **RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 8:35 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 Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, 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 meeting are submitted for approval  
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2013  
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. Williams Quarterly Report  
Receive the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending March 29, 2013; to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.
4. Accept Donation  
Accepted donations from various Rice School parents in the amount of \$4,436.50 for Rice School's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Trip to YMCA Camp Surf.
5. California State Preschool Program Family Fees Policies and Procedures  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the California State Preschool Program Family Fees Policies and Procedures as presented. Approved.

### B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order (Revised)  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 12-13-15 as presented. Approved.
2. Memorandum of Understanding  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Proposed Retirement Notification Stipend Agreement with California School Employee Association, Chapter 292 for the 2012-2013 School Year. Approved.

### C. Learning Support Services

1. Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) – Sanchez School  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify a contract with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to provide a parent training course to Sanchez Elementary School parents from April 2, 2013 through May 28, 2013. Approved.
2. Camp Surf  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of forty-four 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, two teachers, and six chaperones from Dewey Avenue Elementary School to attend Camp Surf from May 29 through May 31, 2013. Approved.
3. National History Day  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of three students and one teacher, from Hillcrest Elementary School to participate in the National History Day California 2013 State Finals to be held in Sacramento April 26 through April 28, 2013. Approved.

4. SES Providers  
On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 4-1-0 (Bob Bruesch opposed), the Board approved the increased amount from \$1,175.24 to \$7,051.44 for Alternative Unlimited, an SES Provider. The amount of \$1,175.24 was Board approved on December 10, 2012.

**D. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.12-13-13 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. Ratify Contract with AMS.Net  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with AMS.Net to create a centralized video-on-demand infrastructure in the 2013-14 school year. Approved.
4. Ratify Contract with Blueprint Technologies  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with Blueprint Technologies to upgrade the Mitel controllers and maintain the Mitel voice over IP (VOIP) phone system. The contract term is July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. Approved.
5. Ratify Contract with IOnet Services – Network Infrastructure Upgrade  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with IOnet Services to upgrade the District's network infrastructure and add/replace network drops in the 2013-15 school years. Approved.
6. Ratify Contract with IOnet Services – Network Maintenance  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with IOnet Services to maintain the District's network, from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. Approved.
7. Ratify Contract with LACOE for Network Services and Support  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with LACOE to continue network services and support from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016. Approved.
8. Ratify Contract with SharpSchool  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with SharpSchool to continue hosting the District's website from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Approved.

**Action Items**

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for Action Item A.

- A. Expulsion  
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student 12-13-03 from the School District for a period ending June 14, 2013. The student is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Garvey Intermediate School, for violation of the following:

Education Code: 48900(j): possession of drug paraphernalia.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, 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.

B. Resolution No. 12-13-19 – Governing Board Elections

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-13-19, declaring that qualified voters who run for the Governing Board election scheduled for November 5, 2013, shall bear the full cost of printing, handling, translating and mailing candidate statements filed pursuant to Elections Code 13307 and Board Bylaw 9220.

C. Resolution No. 12-13-20 – Ordering Biennial Governing Board Election

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-13-20, authorizing the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools to Order a Biennial Governing Board Election on November 5, 2013 to fill three Board seats.

D. Board Policy 5131.2-Bullying

John Yuen moved, Bob Bruesch seconded, to approved the First reading of new Board Policy 5131.2 - Bullying.

Bob Bruesch talked about the implementation of this policy that includes the strongest legislation that has ever been in place and additional things that school districts programs for those that are bullying and being bullied. He asked for a future agenda to have some type of idea on how the District will implement the policy and a synopsis on the types of programs available at each of our schools. John Yuen asked for some type of assembly for the students and for staff to be aware on how they conduct their business being role models to the students. Dr. Johnson proposed an administrative regulation

Tony Ramos wished to include clarification on cyber bullying and teaching students the appropriate use of electronic devices. Dr. Mary Suzuki indicated that all students and teachers have been made aware of the Cyber Protection Act with video clips and real incidents, as well as programs that were implemented this year. Mr. Ramos recommended a recent movie available on Netflix that shows the effects of creating a fake profile to post and damage one person's reputation. Janet Chin proposed a revision on Page 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, adding, ".Cyberbullying also includes hacking and/or utilizing that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation or another person's reputation.

The motion to approve the first reading and revisions noted passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

The revised Bylaw will be brought to the Board for approval of a second reading.

E. Public Hearing

A public hearing opened at 8:57 p.m., and closed at 8:58 p.m. regarding the use of funds to be received in 2013-14 from the state for Tier III categorical programs under authority given local school agencies by SBX3 4 (the State Budget Trailer Bill). There were no requests to speak.

F. Tier III State Categorical Funds

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, to approved approve Receipt and Use of 2013-14 Tier III state categorical funds under authority given to local school agencies by SBX3 4.

Bob Bruesch asked if these figures would be affected by the Federal Sequestering. Mr. McEntire stated that most of these State funds would not be impacted. They are projected as flat figures based on current information. Many of these programs are included under the LCFF (local control funding formula), not currently in legislation. The purpose is to allow school districts for flexibility in case they

become part of the LCFF. Janet Chin asked about the pupil retention block grant. Dr. Johnson stated that this fund is to prevent retention of a student and from staying in one grade twice.

The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

G. Revised Management Salary Regulations

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Revised Management Salary Regulations for 2012-2013.

Dr. Sandra Johnson clarified that the revisions in the Management salary regulations would eliminate taking of furlough days since these have not been negotiated with other groups and the passage of Proposition 30, and includes a revision on retiree benefits since it is now clear that there would be no cost to the District for retirees to buy health benefits if they so desire.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

Bob Bruesch indicated that the Board received information on the way that parent complaints are handled; however he wishes to bring this matter as an agenda item for a Board discussion on how the policy is being implemented and address a question on the federal laws of civil rights of teachers.

Bob Bruesch asked to adjourn the Board meeting in memory of the brother of Elizabeth McClure who was a Garvey student and very involved in the Rosemead Little League. He also provided a lot of services to our students in the 80's and 90's.

Tony Ramos asked to adjourn the Board meeting in memory of the families of a Dewey student involved in a traffic accident.

Dr. Sandra Johnson announced a special Board meeting scheduled this Saturday, 8:00 a.m., to hold a Vision workshop. She indicated that about 30 individuals have been invited to attend. This is a very representative list that includes parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the Board.


**FUTURE MEETINGS**


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
April 6, 2013 8:00 a.m. (Special)	Workshop: Creating a Vision for the District
April 25, 2013	
May 16, 2013	
June 6, 2013	
June 27, 2013	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

  
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Tony Ramos, President

  
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Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary



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

Hing Chow  
Michael Drange  
Gloria Lopez  
Terry Skotnes  
Laura Tellez  
Mark Vega, Sr.  
Carolyn Wong