

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 4, 2012

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on October 4, 2012, 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 6:45 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**

Dr. Mary Suzuki led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** None

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

Dr. Sandra Johnson thanked Tony Ramos and Janet Chin for their outstanding job in representing the District last Monday at the press conference. She thanked Bob Bruesch for attending the press conference.

Bob Bruesch stated he attended three Back to School Nights and was impressed with the creative ways that teachers are getting the students to learn.

Janet Chin thanked the teachers for doing a great job during Back to School Nights. She indicated she had an opportunity to meet the teacher who is teaching Chinese at Garvey and Temple Intermediate Schools. Ms. Chin thanked the District staff for posting information on the Web site regarding the West Nile virus.

John Yuen commended Board members and the Superintendent for sending information on the press conference, and he asked that the information be available on the Web site.

Tony Ramos stated he attended the Back to School Night at Temple Intermediate School and was very impressed with the classrooms he visited. He spoke with some teachers and parents, and saw a couple of classes a little overcrowded. Mr. Ramos said he will continue to work on making those class sizes smaller. Mr. Ramos said he is looking forward to working with teachers and trying to find solutions and move forward.

Bob Bruesch asked about a delay in Spanish class textbooks. Dr. Mary Suzuki stated they have been ordered after officially adopting a curriculum, *Realidades*. The textbooks are expected to arrive in about two and a half weeks. Dr. Suzuki stated that a number of Spanish teaching materials are accessible on the Web site.

John Yuen asked everyone to have open dialogue about the way that business is conducted, to keep thinking about what is best for students, and to let the Board know about these ideas.

## REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Budget update report given by Robert McEntire, Chief Business Officer.

Mr. McEntire reviewed the two-year cash flow and a three-year multi-year projection. If the initiatives do not pass, there will be trigger cuts in addition to deferrals. Mr. McEntire indicated that the District borrowed \$5 million to meet the cash flow needs for last year. This year, the District may need to borrow \$7 million in TRAns in March, 2013, and need to borrow \$9 million for the 2013-14 school year.

Dr. Johnson stated that it is very important for the Board and the community really understand the dire financial situation.

Henry asked about Inglewood Unified School getting a loan from the State and the causes for their District to be in the situation they are in. Mr. McEntire stated that Assembly Bill 1200 mandates that a district maintain a three percent reserve for economic uncertainties and demonstrate an ability to borrow money. When Districts are no longer compliant, they are subject to State intervention and this can have dramatic consequences. Dr. Johnson indicated that when this happens, the State takes over the responsibilities of the Superintendent and the Board.

Bob Bruesch stated that currently we are in an economic crisis and that the District needs to dip into its reserves and lower the threshold to two percent. Mr. McEntire indicated that many districts over the last three to four years have had significantly higher reserves than three percent and that the idea of having a reserve is to allow District to cover for normal volatility. John Yuen spoke in support of maintaining a three percent reserve. Dr. Johnson stated that maintaining a three percent is minimal and the Board would not want to deplete these funds in case there is an emergency. Tony Ramos asked about the amount for payroll expenses that the reserve would cover. Mr. McEntire stated that it would cover approximately eight days of Payroll expenses.

### B. 1:1 Laptop Update given by Dr. Mary Suzuki, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support Services.

Dr. Suzuki presented information regarding the 1:1 Laptop Initiative for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Bob Bruesch noted how the Board has been discussing this type of technology in the District for many years. John Yuen asked that the Board recognize David Jung and the Technology Department staff for the great job they are doing.

Henry Lo asked whether there has been a concern raised regarding students who may have difficulty having online access for homework assignments. Dr. Suzuki stated that every student is allowed to take their computer home and have full internet access. Mr. Lo asked who would be paying for the internet access. Dr. Suzuki stated that E-rate funds will pay 90 percent of this cost for Temple and Garvey Intermediate students. The District will pay about \$4 per student per month.

Bob Bruesch expressed a concern for overheating of the laptops. Dr. Suzuki stated that these are meant to be used longer and that she will forward more information to the Board regarding this concern. Mr. Bruesch asked about students having printer access. Dr. Suzuki noted that students will submit their final Google Docs projects to their teachers for printing of their final project only.

Janet Chin asked to recognize one of our crossing guards present tonight, Norma, who escorts students on the streets at Fern and Walnut Grove.

#### **REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA):** None
- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

**REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE:** None

#### **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

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

#### **HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE**

Hortencia Enciso spoke in opposition to the press conference at Temple Intermediate School. Ms. Enciso stated that the parents should be the first to know about the matter and not the news media. She stated that parents were not asked to give input on whether or not the Superintendent deserves a salary increase. Ms. Enciso stated that improvements have been going on for a long time before Dr. Johnson came to the District.

Bob Bruesch asked why he was not informed of anything happening at Temple Intermediate School until five minutes before the press conference. Mr. Bruesch stated he believes there was a violation of the Brown Act because there were three Board members present. Tony Ramos stated that there was no violation of the Act. Mr. Bruesch asked to have a legal opinion on whether the press conference was an illegal meeting of the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS:** None

#### **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

Prior to adjournment, Tony Ramos stated that there will be Town Hall meetings scheduled to address the concerns of parents in today's Board meeting.

#### **RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 8:56 p.m.

#### **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Tony Ramos indicated that the following action was taken during the closed session:

On the motion made by Bob Bruesch and seconded by John Yuen, with a 5 to 0 vote, the Board voted to appoint Carolyn Wong, Director I of Child Development.

#### **MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the Board Bylaws and extended the meeting to 11:00 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

##### **A. Board/Superintendent**

1. Conference/Convention Attendance

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

2. Red Ribbon Week

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 12-13-0 recognizing October 23-31, 2012 as Red Ribbon Week in the Garvey School District. Approved.

3. Resolution No. 12-13-07 – 710 Gap Closure

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 12-13-07 in support of the 710 Gap Closure. Approved.

4. Acceptance of Gift

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a donation totaling \$1,089 from Temple students to Temple Intermediate School for student agenda books. Approved.

##### **B. Human Resources**

1. Personnel Assignment Order (Revised)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 12-13-07 as presented. Approved.

##### **C. Learning Support Services - No Items**

##### **D. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.12-13-05 as presented. Approved.

2. Appropriation Transfers

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

3. Merge Risk Management Joint Powers Authority Representatives

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 12-13-07 appointing Robert McEntire as primary representative and Genaro Alarcon as alternate representative to MERGE Risk Management Joint Powers Authority. Approved.

**Action Items**

- A. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-13-03 adopting the GANN Limit and the District's annual report on the GANN Appropriation Limits for 2011-12 and estimated limits for 2012-13.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS**

Bob Bruesch asked that at a future meeting, the Board review the Special Education funds to be sure that the District can meet the needs of students at Maryvale with funds received from the County.

Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that the next Board meeting will be a workshop with Government Financial Services providing various ways to bring additional funding for the District, including parcel tax and other funds that the District is eligible for. The other part of the discussion will be on grant opportunities that the District could pursue.

Tony Ramos indicated that he and members of the Board are willing to stay after tonight's meeting to answer any questions from members of the audience. Mr. Ramos announced that there will be Town Hall meetings scheduled at various school sites to address any concerns from parents.


**FUTURE MEETINGS**

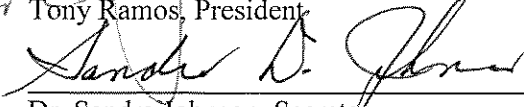
The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Public session will begin at 7:00 p.m., and closed session to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
October 18, 2012	
October 25, 2012	
November 15, 2012	
December 13, 2012	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

  
for Tony Ramos, President

  
Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Blanca	Gloria Duran	Gema Macias	Ercilia Ramierz
Guillermo Aguilar	Jesus Duran	Cesar Mancillas	Patricia Ramirez
Marilu Aguilar	Paul Duran	Laura Martinez	Blanca Rios-Quiroz
Nelida Aguilar	Hortencia Enciso	Lourdes Martinez	Laura Robles
Rocio Aguilar	Nancy Eng	Raymond Martinez	Suzana Romo
Ozzie Aguirre	Sofia Florez	Manuel Medina	Jaime Ruiz
Rigo Andrade	Brigida Francisco	Alba Merino	Maria Elena Ruiz
Susie Arroyo	Lucina Gaeta	Guadalupe Meza	Laura Sakamoto
Rosa Benitez	Luis Gallardo	Columba Morales	Roberto Reyes
Zoila Caldera	Ingrid Gallegos	Maria Morales	Salinas
Anabell Cardenas	Marbella Gallegos	Lucy S. Middleton	Candelaria Segura
Janet Casas	Enrique Garcia	Esperanza Mota	Elizabeth C. Silva
Reina Caselin	Guadalupe Garcia	Concepcion Muñoz	Veronica Tellez
Claudio Castillo	Fernando German	Mercedes Negrete	Ana Torres
Erika Castillo	Rose Godinez	Sandra O'Brien	Maria Torres
Robert Castillo	Enriqueta Gomez	Armando Olvera	Tonie Tran-Wang
Wilfredo Castro	Olimpia Gonzales	Joana Ornelas	Emily Valentin
Brinda Lee Chavez	Fabiola Guzman	Jennifer Orozco	Mayte Valle
Chen Xiu Chi	Jose Hernandez	Antonio Palafox	Norma Vargas
Maureen Chin	Minerva Jimenez	Gumesindo Palafox	Evelia Vergara
Vilma Cortez	Li Ying Juan	Eliz. Pantoja	Carolyn Wong
Adriana De Leon	Sylvia Lee	Angela Peña	Laura Zuniga
Olivia De Leon	Helen Leung	Modesta Ponce	
Erika Delgadillo	Maria Lima	Alma Porras	
Gilbert Duran	Minerva Lopez	Cao Man Qian	