

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 18, 2010

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on November 18, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., by Board President M. Janet Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Not present at the meeting was Mr. Bob Bruesch.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Ms. Anita Chu, Mr. Michael Coughlin, Ms. Dolores Preciado, 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

Genesis Cabral, student of Monterey Vista, 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 Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 6:35 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Janet Chin indicated that the following action was taken during the closed session:

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved a 10-day unpaid suspension for a Head Start Teacher.

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved the dismissal of one Head Start Instructional Assistant effective immediately.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Monterey Vista School Bell Choir performed the Star Spangled Banner directed by Sue Byard.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson addressed the College Spirit Day today and tomorrow through school assemblies. She encouraged everyone to wear college T-Shirts. Dr. Johnson stated that she had the opportunity to meet with Assemblymember Mike Eng this week.

Henry Lo suggested to invite the new State Senator taking office in December 2010 who will be replacing Senator Gloria Romero.

Tony Ramos stated he is looking forward to attend the upcoming CSBA (California School Board Association) conference on December 3, 2010.

Janet Chin talked about the Veteran's Day assembly at Monterey Vista. Also in attendance were Bob Bruesch and John Yuen.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Michael Drange, president of GEA, talked about GEA's bargaining proposal. He is looking forward to begin negotiations sometime in January 2011. Janet Chin thanked the Association for the invitation to Board members at the GEA's annual Board dinner.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Alicia Saulino reported that the Head Start Program is 100 percent fully enrolled. Ms. Saulino stated that at today's Directors' meeting it was reported that the Office of Head Start (OHS) made an unannounced visit to 17 local districts. Garvey was not one of them. The results were not very good; some were out of compliance with under-enrollment and their recruitment practices. The reviewers may visit our District on the first week of December, 2010. The new PC Committee has established its new parent committees and training has been provided to them. Ms. Saulino acknowledged the presence of a past chairperson of the PC.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Garvey Council PTA: None

Garvey Education Foundation

Michael Coughlin stated that the Foundation is welcoming donations. A Foundation meeting will be scheduled shortly.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below:

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes

The revised minutes of the following meeting are submitted for approval:
Regular Meeting - October 28, 2010. Approved.

2. Conference/Convention Attendance 2
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
 3. LACOE Contract #C-11407-Amendment #1 3
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the LACOE Contract #C-11407 – Amendment #1 with the Garvey School District – Head Start/State Preschool Program for services provided in connection with enrollment, child assessments for 2010-2011. Approved.
 4. Transportation Contract with LACOE 4
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify Contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education for Regional School Transportation Services for Individual with Exceptional Needs, San Gabriel Valley Service Area. Approved.
 5. Single Plans for Student Achievement 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2010-11 Single Plans for Student Achievement as required by Education Code sections 52853 and 52855. Approved.
- B. Human Resources**
1. Personnel Assignment Report 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised Personnel Assignment Report No.10-11-07 as presented. Approved.
- C. Pupil Personnel Services**
1. Contract with Alvin Lopez 7
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Alvin Lopez in the amount of \$12,000 to provide software programming and technical support to the Health Services and CHDP programs and staff. Approved.
 2. Contract with Lydia A. Tan, O.D. 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Lydia A. Tan, O.D. in the amount of \$5,000 to provide visual examinations, treatment of ocular diseases and prescription lenses and frames to students with a demonstrated need. Approved.
 3. Contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology 9
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify a revision to the contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology to include the addition of more hours to meet the needs of the District. Approved.

John Yuen asked for clarification on the cost differences between the speech and language assistant and the supervisor positions. Dolores Preciado explained that the supervisor position will be an hourly position not to exceed the amount of the contract. Approved.

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved Item C.3, Contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology. Approved.
 4. Contract with Leeway School for Education Therapy 10
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify a revision to the contract with Leeway School for Education Therapy to include the cost of lunch for a student. Approved.

D. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.10-11-06 as presented. Approved.

Tony Ramos discussed the payment to the Del Terra Group. John Yuen noted that the District pays Del Terra a fee of 10% of total construction costs and asked if there would be any financial penalty for canceling this construction management contract. Michael Coughlin explained that this cost is related to bond money spent on construction and architectural fees for interior electrical work done at 4 schools. He offered to update the Board on bond fund expenditures. Approved.

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved Item D.1, Purchase Order Report, with the exception of Purchase Order MQ11005. Approved.

2. Appropriation Transfers 12
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.

Reports and Information Items

- A. The Board was presented with the Garvey School District 2010-2011 Interest-Based Bargaining Proposal to the Garvey Education Association (GEA). Information Only. 13

Genaro Alarcon stated that the proposal is to be sunshined and a hearing will be scheduled next month.

- B. The Board received the Garvey Education Association (GEA) 2010-2011 Interest-Based Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Garvey School District. Information only. 14

Tony Ramos requested to publish the proposal on the District's web site.

- C. A presentation was held on the Head Start Governance/ACF Review. 15

Alicia Saulino and Jesus Torres gave a Power Point presentation on the governance portion of the Head Start performance standards that included a history and background information. Ms. Saulino indicated that the Head Start Program began at the District in 1964. Mr. Torres talked about the shared decision-making process involving the school board and the general responsibilities of the Head Start Policy Committee (PC), program management, and staff. The PC is formed of parent and community members. Mr. Torres explained the PC's roles and responsibilities and described the role of the governing body, along with the fiscal responsibilities and internal controls in place.

Mr. Torres reviewed Appendix A, a table graph that summarizes the areas of planning and procedures for the School Board and Policy Committee to follow as part of the shared decision making. Appendix A also shows areas of responsibility to approve or disapprove. Ms. Saulino asked Board Members to study Appendix A and to call her with any questions or areas that need further explanation. The federal reviewers may call or E-mail Board members at anytime before their site visit. Dr. Johnson stated that Appendix A will be sent to Board members electronically.

- D. Presentation held on the aggregate data from the rapid influenza vaccination program. 16

Dolores Preciado, Micky Rios, Dr. Pia Pannaraj, and Chrysanthy Ha presented aggregate data on the District's vaccination program. The presentation addressed the influenza trends in children

and how children play a significant role as primary spreaders of influenza, thus the importance of vaccination.

Dr. Pannaraj talked about mortality rates in Japan when vaccination became mandatory and not mandatory since 1987. Dr. Pannaraj talked about the reasons for vaccination, mainly for a reduction of absenteeism, to reduce doctor visits, and recurring infections. In 2009-10, there were 216 children tested with flu-like symptoms. About 40 percent had the flu and the rest had other viruses. The goal this year is to vaccinate 50 to 80 percent of the student body; so far 25-37 percent of students have been vaccinated. This year's vaccine includes the H1N1 vaccine and the vaccine for two other strains of the flu.

Ms. Ha addressed a school clerk survey on their knowledge, attitude, and practices (KAP). It has been recommended to increase staff training through orientation or existing workshops so that ideally 100 percent of office staff is knowledgeable of flu outbreaks and prevention methods.

Dolores Preciado explained that the District's vaccination program is being done in partnership with USC University, Children's Hospital, and the Department of Public Health. The program also allows the District to provide clinic services for free. Ms. Preciado commended Dr. Pannaraj's efforts on behalf of our students.

E. Michael Coughlin gave an update on the District's Budget.

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Mr. Coughlin stated that he had made a presentation to a principals meeting recently about the District's budget. Since then, he has received information that is contrary to what he presented, which emphasizes the point that the budget is a constantly moving target. Mr. Coughlin explained that when the Board approved the District's budget it showed a substantial deficit in Fiscal Year 2012-13. Based on the passage of the State's budget this past October, the First Interim Report that will be brought to the Board for approval should have a positive certification, indicating that the District will be solvent and able to meet its obligations this current year and the next two fiscal years. However, State projections indicate a \$6 billion deficit in the current fiscal year and a \$19 billion deficit in 2011-12. After the new legislature and governor take office, there will be efforts to close the budget gap which may result in mid-year budget cuts. Mr. Coughlin explained the challenges of having to make cuts during a school year to programs that are already in place.

Mr. Coughlin talked about the need to re-think some spending priorities. One area is the condition of school facilities, especially since the District does not have the ability to pass another bond soon and additionally, the slowing in the collection of developer fees. Other district needs are related to upgrades in technology, e.g., conversion of Windows 2000 to XP or Windows Vista, and replacement of classroom furniture for safety reasons. In addition Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of the need to purchase the balance of the reading program rather than having 3 different programs in the District.

Janet Chin addressed the backlog in work orders and the need for children to have a safe learning environment. Mr. Coughlin indicated that the software is being reviewed for use as a management tool and see how best to distribute the staff workload.

Henry Lo spoke of the challenges of school financing and how to explain to voters the structural budget issues and concerns for funding deferrals issues, as well as, raising taxes or fees. Mr. Lo recommended having a Town Hall meeting for parents and the school community and to invite the new State senator to these meetings.

Action Items

A. Expulsion and Suspension of Expulsion of Student 18
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved the recommendation to waive the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 3-0-1 (Bob Bruesch Not Present, Tony Ramos abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #10-11-01 from the school district for a period commencing November 19, 2010, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided by meeting the rehabilitation plan.

B. CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations 19
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Bob Bruesch not present), the Board nominated Bob Bruesch, unless he objects, as a candidate for the California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Delegate Assembly for Subregion 23-A.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Janet Chin asked about canned food drives at the school sites. Dr. Johnson informed the Board of a recent PTA discussion that a family in the district had their home destroyed by fire. Donations are being collected to help the children in the family.

Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that there might be a need for a special Board meeting before the next regular meeting.

The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Closed session will begin at 6:00 p.m., and public session to begin at 6:30 p.m.

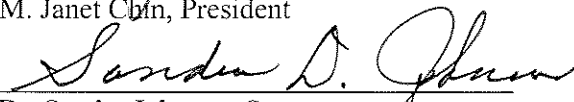
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
December 9, 2010	Reorganization Meeting First Interim Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Susan Byard
Genesis Cabral
Hing K. Chow
Michael Drange
Nancy Eng
Chrysanthy Ha
Julieann Ha
Becky Lam
Jessica Lu
Terry Pitugnarongphor
Micki Rios
Alicia Saulino
Ted Saulino
Jimmy Tan
Jesus Torres
Stacy Stewart
Eda Zhong