

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 25, 2012

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on October 25, 2012, at Garvey Auditorium, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Board Clerk Henry Lo.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Absent at the meeting was Tony Ramos due to illness.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon (arrived at 8:10 p.m.), 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 are hereby made an official part of these minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Janet Chin led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Head Start Policy Committee Members

The Board recognized the Head Start Policy Committee serving during the 2011-2012 school year:

Nathaniel Elkins, Chairperson
Brenda Fung, Vice Chairperson
Anabel Cardenas, Secretary
Daphne Qiu, Sergeant at Arms
Connie Phoong, LACOE Representative

Technology Staff

The Board recognized the staff from the Technology Office for their outstanding performance concerning the implementation and distribution of the student laptop computers for 7th and 8th grade students:

David Jung, Technology Coordinator
Lupe Mesa, Technical Support Technician
Thomas Nelson, Systems Support Technician
Greg Tober, Systems Support Technician

Dr. Sandra Johnson indicated that approximately 1,300 computers were imaged and installed with student textbooks and educational resources for 7th and 8th grade students in the District. Bob Bruesch commented that Mr. Yuen and he were very actively seeking this type of technology for students about six years ago and that David Jung has been very helpful in this area.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson informed the public of information made available at the recent Town Hall meetings that is also available tonight for everyone to take. Bob Bruesch and Henry Lo commented on the Town Hall meetings that they attended at Hillcrest School.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Joyce Tamanaha-Ho and Kristie Crawford made a presentation to the Board of Education regarding the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee. Several parents of the Committee were present and were introduced to the Board.

Ms. Tamanaha-Ho spoke of the purpose of the Committee to provide the Superintendent and Cabinet with a feedback on anything that impacts our students' education and to ensure that all children in the Garvey School District are receiving the best education. Ms. Crawford stated that information and data was shown on the progress the students in the District are making in their transition to high school and college. The Committee was shown a snapshot of how students are doing from grade to grade and in various subject areas. Ms. Crawford stated that parents brought samples of children's work to see what is happening in the classrooms District-wide. Other areas of focus for the committee have been to address the declining enrollment, District-wide student discipline policy, greater alignment of our District's calendar with the Alhambra School District, and state of traffic around some of our campuses leading to increased coordination with city and police agencies.

For the 2012-13 school year, Ms. Crawford stated that agenda items include: Ways to increase parent involvement, closing the achievement gap, improved safety and supervision at school sites, preparing students with 21st Century skills, continuous improvement, and keeping the focus on our children's education. Ms. Tamanaha-Ho stated the meetings are open to other interested parents as well, and she extended a welcome to teachers who are also parents of students in this District in order for parents to gather all the facts and maintain an informed opinion.

With consent of the Board, discussion of Item B. was moved following the Report of Action Taken in Closed Session.

- B. Dr. Sandra Johnson made a presentation on Collaboration/Meeting Time. She spoke of State requirements of 180 days for the school calendar; however, the State allows the opportunity to have reduced days in the school year in order to have furlough days. The District can reduce up to 20 days of instruction. In our District, it was felt that our students need more rather than fewer days of instruction. Dr. Johnson listed the minimum instructional minutes by different grade levels, not counting lunch and recess periods. Passing periods can count only when going to or from lunch period but not both. Dr. Johnson stated that this decision on instructional minutes is bound by the agreement with our Association contracts. The District has had a variation in the amount of time children went to school from 2 to 300 minutes above the maximum time allowed by the State.

Dr. Johnson addressed the different times for bell schedules with schools starting at 8:13 a.m. or ending at 2:17 p.m. The District has been discussing several options but no agreement was reached with the Garvey Education Association. Dr. Johnson showed various options and scenarios to try and determine a standardized schedule for all schools, and examples of minutes should the furlough days be implemented in the District in case that Proposition 30 does not pass.

Dr. Johnson explained that the Local Education Agency plan calls for collaboration and planning by teachers facilitated by principals. Dr. Johnson spoke of the ways in which principals were structuring collaborative time by hiring substitutes using Categorical Funds, using staff meeting time, and paid after

school time. The District also implemented Tuesday Collaborative days for teachers by grade level and subject area facilitated by coaches, principals, and/or administrators to address areas in need.

Dr. Johnson asked for ideas and suggestions in getting more collaborative time. Since we are a District in Corrective Action, we have included the increased minutes in the Single Plans for Student Achievement for each of our schools. The recommendation is to continue with the same Bell Schedule, but to continue asking for other options and allow teachers to come up with ideas for collaboration and planning; and continue to work with principals to find more time for planning.

Bob Bruesch commented on finding ways to avoid teacher burn-out. Mr. Bruesch commented on the need to seek grants that would help with some of the constraints with teacher collaborative times.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Sandra Johnson addressed the Board regarding the State Preschool Program, Development Profile given to Board members for their review.

Connie Phoong, Head Start Policy Committee (PC) Member reported that the PC held the first meeting and elected a couple of the officers. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary remain vacant. The PC also approved all subcommittees. The Head Start daily attendance is at 94.14 percent, and only one Head Start position remains open.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**
Joanna Monroy, president of Garvey Council PTA, reported that the First District luncheon and Superintendent Conference will on October 29, at 10:45 a.m., at the Women's Club in Pasadena, California. Ms. Monroy gave updates of membership and PTA activities by each school site. Anyone wishing to join can write a check for \$59 dollars to become a member of all schools local PTA.
- **Garvey Education Foundation**
Bob Bruesch asked that the Foundation schedule a meeting soon and discuss a teacher's request for funds that is needed as soon as possible.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Joyce Tamanaha-Ho presented the Board with a petition with 407 signatures. The petition was circulated at Hillcrest in support of maintaining libraries at all of our schools.

The resolution reads:

“We, the Undersigned, request that the School Board and District Administration at minimum re-institute basic staffing to protect library services for all schools in the Garvey School District.”

Dr. Johnson reminded the Board of last week's Board workshop regarding the creation of additional funding through the use of a grant writer and creating focus areas, including having library personnel or additional books for our schools.

Bob Bruesch noted that funding for Reading Is Fundamental is being reduced. Dr. Johnson stated that principals have been informed of this funding that is no longer available.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board adjourned at 7:09 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 8:26 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

John Yuen indicated that the following action was taken during the closed session:

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board voted to appoint Michelle Yamarone, Director II, Student Services.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), 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:

Regular Meeting – September 27, 2012

Regular Meeting – October 4, 2012

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. Employ Consultant

It is recommended that the Garvey School Board of Education approve the employment of Mercedes Quintana-Barragán, Educational Consultant to provide a six-hour training to the Head Start/State Preschool teaching staff on October 26, 2012. Approved.

4. Acknowledgement of Gift

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept donation a to Bitely School in the amount of \$272.28 from Target Retail Store's Take Charge of Education Program. Accepted.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 12-13-09 as presented. Approved.

2. Credential Waiver

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the request to submit a credential waiver renewal application for the Adaptive Physical Education Specialist Credential for Rene Herrera to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Approved.

C. Learning Support Services

1. Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contracts with the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) providers that are selected by parents of eligible students from Bitely, Emerson, Rice, Garvey, and Temple Schools, beginning November 1, 2012 to June 10, 2013. Approved.

D. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report - Revised

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

2. Appropriation Transfers

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

Action Items

- A. A public hearing opened at 8:28 p.m. and closed at 8:29 p.m. regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials. There were no requests to speak.
- B. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-13-09 verifying compliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 60119 on the sufficiency of instructional materials in core subjects for all students that are aligned to the academic content standards.
- Bob Bruesch requested that staff contact people in Sacramento to see if electronic books can be included as sufficient or consider changing the requirement to have physical books considered as "sufficient" instructional materials.
- C. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the first reading of revisions to Board Bylaw and Exhibits BB9270 – Conflict of Interest.
- D. The Board discussed the possibility of casting votes for election of members to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (First, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts). There were no candidates selected and no vote was taken.
- E. The Board held a discussion regarding focus areas for grants.

Dr. Sandra Johnson presented a proposed list of grant focus areas that were discussed with members of Cabinet and California Consulting. The areas included facilities/grounds, energy efficiency, , after school programs, safety and security, libraries, , counselors, reading, mathematics, support for English Language learners, PE/art/music, and technology.

Bob Bruesch suggested adding early intervention or a Newcomer Program for English learners, and health/nutrition. John Yuen asked Board members to send in their ideas and suggestions in order to have the proposed list narrowed down. Henry Lo asked to include in the list of grants an option for foreign language instruction.

- F. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved a first and final reading of the revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 & Administrative Regulations 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Bob Bruesch asked for a report on API results of sub-groups. Mr. Bruesch asked about asking Panda Restaurant to fund computers for 6th grade students. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that Panda Restaurant has indicated they are not interested in funding anything beyond the Leader in Me Program. Dr. Suzuki is looking for other resources.

Henry Lo asked if local organizations, such as Howards Appliances or Wal-Mart can be approached to fund some of the student needs, such as computers for students.

Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that after reviewing with Tony Ramos the low turnout of parents at the recent Town Hall Meetings, there would be no value in continuing any further Town Halls at other school sites. Henry Lo suggested doing Town Halls as an outreach to some local agencies, such as the local chambers of commerce and other District stakeholders.

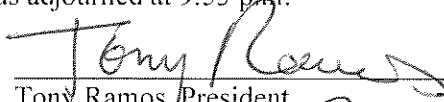
Henry Lo asked to include in the list of grant focus areas the needs related to preschool services. Mr. Lo indicated that he will not be available to attend the next Board meeting of November 15, 2012.

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.

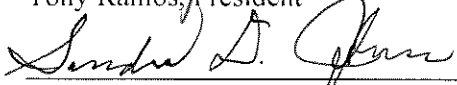
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
November 15, 2012	
December 13, 2012	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



Tony Ramos, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Lorena Alvarez
Grace Carmona
Tory Soo Chan
Kristie Crawford
Adriana De Leon
Yurivia Diaz
Matilde Dionicio
Chanh Duong
Graciela Duran
Nancy Eng
Rose Godinez
Maria C. Hernandez
Maria C. Medina
Jose Hernan Miranda
Guadalupe Meza
Joanna Monroy
Mercedes Negrete
Blanca Rios-Quiroz
Ted Saulino
Stacy Stewart
Joyce Tamanaha-Ho
Lynette Thomas
Nancy Truong
Amy Yasuda-Lee