

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Special Meeting

June 21, 2013

The Garvey School Board of Education met in special session on June 21, 2013, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Board Vice President Henry Lo.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Not present at the meeting were Mr. Tony Ramos and Mr. John Yuen

Also present at the meeting 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**

Henry Lo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

**BOARD WORKSHOP**

- A. The Board held a workshop with Mr. Mike Eng to discuss how the community college and the District can work together on matters of common interest.

Mike Eng, newly appointed trustee of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), met with Board Members to discuss the need to improve the outreach to schools so the students, as early as K-8, can be better prepared to enter college. Mr. Eng asked if there were any ways to think together so we can link together, and as a result, sync together and find ways that the LACCD and our District can collaborate together.

Bob Bruesch spoke of discussions with former president of East Los Angeles College and representatives from Kaiser Permanente to address the needs of low income, Asian families. Board members have also asked about ways to have a health care training center for the under-employed in the community and using District space for this purpose. Both entities were very interested, but did not follow through.

Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of the problems with having a remedial track of courses at the college level. Mr. Eng asked about our level of remedial courses. Dr. Johnson stated Garvey was at 38 percent. Dr. Johnson stated that recently, Alhambra Unified District noted that our students are performing at higher level numbers than the Alhambra students, so she feels that the student scores would be higher in high school.

Mr. Eng gave the analogy of the cost for treating patients in the emergency room as opposed to being treated in the local clinics, and the emergency room staff not communicating well with the clinics. He asked that if there was a program that community college trustees were to pursue, would the local community be receptive to such program.

Dr. Johnson stated that UC Riverside joined with Corona-Norco and the President explained to sixth grade parents what they needed to do for college readiness. The program was a great success with parents filling the school's gymnasium. Bob Bruesch noted that something similar was done in our District a few years ago. Mr. Eng stated he would like to pursue a similar program with one to the local community colleges Mr. Eng spoke of an educational model such as the Don Bosco School where students are graduating with a gateway to college or a career track. Bob Bruesch spoke of a program in Arroyo High School aligning to Rio Hondo Community College.

Mr. Eng discussed the lack of stressing the option of students attending an affordable community college. Janet Chin commented on the lack of marketing the guarantee to students the business of their choice, similar to the program provided by the U.S. Army. Dr. Johnson noted that high schools do not promote the option of community college because the schools are driven by the A-G college entrance requirements Bob Bruesch talked about the lack of knowing who is responsible for addressing these issues, and there is a gray area between high schools and junior colleges. Mr. Eng gave an example of how police departments have raised the community awareness and reduced the crime rate with such programs as the as ride-along citizens patrol. He talked about having a reception for students at the community college and having some parent conferences at the school districts.

Bob Bruesch noted the Jaime Escalante summer classes given to our students by East Los Angeles College are well received by parents and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Bruesch asked for Mr. Eng's assistance to strengthen this partnership. Dr. Johnson spoke of a program where students took the Subject A essay and UC professors scored the essay and then conference with the students on needed improvements. The community colleges all had their own exams so the district could not give a test to what else needed to be con to improve in this area. Mr. Eng addressed the need to have some uniformity with the college entrance exams.

Mr. Eng asked to trace the path of a few students as they graduate from High School and their college entrance to determine if the percent of students improves and to see where the breakdown is happening, even when there are life events that cannot be controlled. Dr. Mary Suzuki spoke of some local students that may not be placed in the right courses at the community college even when they participated in programs such as the AVID program.

Mr. Eng asked about the implementation of Common Core State Standards in our District. Dr. Johnson spoke of the massive changes in technology and the rigor of the standards with some funding provided by the State.

Mr. Eng asked about how Proposition 30 affected our District. Robert McEntire stated that it prevented the District from having its own fiscal cliff, that the District has lost about \$30 million since 2007-08. Dr. Johnson stated that the District needs about \$100 million for facilities costs, thus the need for a General Obligation Bond or a parcel tax.

Mr. Eng stressed the need for joint collaboration to reduce costs and improved relationships.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

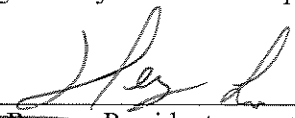
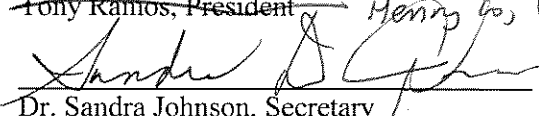
A list of future meetings and potential agenda topics were reviewed.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at the Education Center. Public session will begin at 6:30 p.m. with closed session to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
June 27, 2013	
July 18, 2013	
August 8, 2013	
August 29, 2013	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

  
~~Tony Ramos, President~~ Henry Go, Vice President  
  
Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

**REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE**

None