

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 6, 2017

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on April 6, 2017, at the Education Center, 2730 N. Del Mar Ave., Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Board President Ronald Trabanino.

The Board held a moment of silence in memory of Erlinda Masmela, mother of Board Member Maureen Chin, who passed away this week.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Mr. Henry Lo, Ms. Keilley Meng, Mr. Ronald Trabanino, and Superintendent Anita Chu.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Ms. Grace Garner, and Ms. Maria De La Cruz.

Not present at the meeting was Ms. Maureen Chin.

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 are hereby made an official part of these minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Christina Hiraes 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 Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Not Present
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Keilley Meng	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:01 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Ronald Trabanino indicated there was no action taken during closed session.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

- **Alhambra Unified School District Presentation**

Dr. Laura Tellez-Gagliano, Superintendent of Alhambra USD, introduced Board Vice President Joanne Russell-Chavez and Board Clerk Bob Gin, as well as, Debbie Stone, Principal of San Gabriel High School, and Robby Jung, Assistant Principal of Student Services, San Gabriel High School. Dr. Tellez-Gagliano gave information on the high school programs stating that at least 80 percent of Garvey's students attend San Gabriel High School. Dr. Tellez-Gagliano indicated that San Gabriel High School had a visit last week from the State. The school will likely be awarded, among other schools in California, the designation of a Gold Ribbon School, the highest school status statewide. Dr. Tellez-Gagliano announced that she will be retiring on June, 2017, after 39 years of service of which 17 years were spent at Garvey.

Ms. Stone spoke about the PODER (Pursuing Our Dreams through Education and Responsibility) Program. The PODER program is similar to the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. Ms. Stone shared with the Board the Advanced Placement Courses for 2016-2017. Enrollment is now open to all these courses which are available to all incoming 9th grade students.

Mr. Jung asked that these programs be shared with our 8th grade parents and staff to ensure that students are connected to the academic programs that meet the high school graduation requirements. Mr. Jung is pleased with the partnership closely established with our principals at the two intermediate schools.

Anita Chu thanked the Alhambra USD Board Members and staff for the partnership and for taking the necessary steps for our students to experience a smooth transition.

- **Willard School Student Presentation**

Academic Coach Elizabeth Reyez-Aceytuno and ten students from Willard School's "Techknow Cats" gave a PowerPoint presentation on their experience working on SCRATCH Coding and using Tinkercad blocks to build different projects. The students demonstrated how Quiver works to do coloring and 3-D printing projects.

The Board presented certificates of recognition to Principal Michelle Collaso, Ms. Elizabeth Reyes-Aceytuno, and the following students:

Elijah Barajas
Alexander Garcia
Jeremy Gutierrez
Anthony Hernandez
John Hu
Duong Lam
George Malanche
Jason Nguyen
Yadanica Rodriguez
Christopher Tu

- **Other Communications/Reports from the Board and Superintendent**

Anita Chu congratulated the students from Garvey Intermediate and Willard Elementary Schools for their outstanding achievement at the County History Day on March 25th. The District has a total of 15 student winners, the highest number of winners among the participating schools in the County event. Ms. Chu stated that these students (12 from Garvey and 3 from Willard) will be representing the County at the State level competition on May 6-7, 2017. Ms. Chu acknowledged the teacher leaders Pat Kasababian, David Huerta, Monica Upathumpa, and Shirley Wong whose dedication and guidance have contributed to the success of our students.

Anita Chu spoke about the District's partnership with the East Los Angeles College (ELAC). The ELAC

program is expanding services to our community by offering two adult education classes that will begin this month, including Child Development Experiences and Fundamentals of Robotics. Additionally, an information session on Citizenship will be provided to the community in collaboration with Advancing Justice.

Bob Bruesch spoke about last night's Garvey Education Foundation dinner. He thanked everyone for participating in the event raising approximately \$25,000. Henry Lo spoke about the honorees, founding members of the Foundation and the East Los Angeles College for the fruitful relationships between ELAC and our district.

Mr. Lo talked about a press conference last week by Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley briefing the community about what the California Community Colleges are doing to help students and adults with their career planning. Mr. Lo stated he visited Hillcrest Elementary School's computer science program showcase for parents and the community when students shared their coding skills and the robots they built.

Keilley Meng thanked everyone who participated last month at Temple's Dinner and Show event. The event raised approximately \$5,000 to benefit the visual and performing arts programs at Temple Intermediate School. Ms. Meng indicated that Temple Intermediate students visited the Grammy Museum and will have a field trip to the Griffith Auditorium.

Bob Bruesch suggested nominating some of these student programs for Golden Bell Awards at the annual Schools Boards Association Conference. Mr. Bruesch would also like to nominate one of the music choirs to perform at one of the CSBA events.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Ken Tang, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board expressing his condolences to Board Member Maureen Chin. Mr. Tang congratulated the Garvey Education Foundation for the 10th anniversary gala dinner last night. He commended the founding Board members, Bob Bruesch, Henry Lo, Ginny Peterson, Michael Coughlin, Les Nakasaki, Peter Leung, and Cathie Camacho.

Mr. Tang addressed GEA's concerns for staff parking availability and open gates at some schools which pose a safety hazard in the rising need for lockdowns when there are incidents of neighboring gunshot incidents. Mr. Tang indicated that some of our families have expressed concern with immigration raids taking place in local areas. He stated that our parents need to feel safe in school and our students need to be focusing on learning.

Mr. Tang expressed appreciation for the work of Carol Mehochko, Director of Learning Support Services. He commended a well-run Math Field Day. Teachers and academic coaches have expressed their positive experience in working with Ms. Mehochko. Mr. Tang asked the Board to reconsider the decision to release Ms. Mehochko.

Mr. Tang invited all Board members to visit the open house events beginning next week. Mr. Tang stated the Association is looking forward to start bargaining soon.

Bob Bruesch asked for a report on the school gate with a lock that did not work properly.

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

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA:** None
- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC):** None

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Sandra Gonzalez, Director of Head Start/State Preschool Program, and Veronica Borunda, Head Start Policy Committee Board Liaison, addressed the Board regarding the Head Start/State Preschool Program.

Ms. Borunda thanked the Board for the many positive changes taking place at Bitely. She indicated there is now bottle water available in the classrooms. Ms. Borunda encouraged all Head Start parents to become involved and volunteer in the classrooms. Staff and parents are currently planning field trips for the near future.

Dr. Gonzalez stated that there is only one remaining staff vacancy out of the four reported last month. The program is under-enrolled by one State Preschool and one County slots. Ms. Gonzalez stated that there are non-compliance areas identified in the monitoring visits related to the systems in the program. Staff are assessing policies and procedures to align our practices with new federal regulations.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Greta Smith addressed the Board regarding the release of Carol Mehochko, Director of Learning Support Services. Ms. Smith indicated that in the short tenure of Ms. Mehochko, there has been positive and significant growth in student outcomes for English learner students. Ms. Smith cited an email that was sent from a teacher regarding the improvements to English learner students in the last two years.

Blanca Ramos-Quiroz addressed the Board regarding disheartening comments made at the last Board meeting regarding the principal of Rice School. Ms. Ramos-Quiroz shared that Ms. Hiraes has contributed significant improvements at Rice and introduced new programs, such as the *No Excuses University*, that challenge students and staff to grow in all areas of learning, including the use of technology in the classroom. Ms. Ramos-Quiroz spoke on efforts from Ms. Mehochko to empower teachers and place the focus on student needs. She asked the Board to consider rescinding the release of Ms. Mehochko. Ms. Ramos-Quiroz stated that both Ms. Mehochko and Ms. Hiraes are an asset to the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Not Present
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Keilley Meng	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – March 9, 2017
Approved.

2. Conference/Convention Attendance

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

3. Williams Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints
It is recommended that the Board of Education receive the District's Williams Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending March 31, 2017, to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.
4. Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA) Membership
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the District's annual membership in the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA) for 2017. Total amount of \$100.00; to be paid from General Fund. Approved.
5. 2016-2017 Head Start/State Preschool Budget Advance Request & Request for 5 Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) – Stipends for Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Professional Development Workshops
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Head Start/State Preschool Budget Advance Request & Request for Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) to issue \$50/employee stipends for participants of Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Professional Development Workshops. Approved.
6. 2016-2017 Head Start/State Preschool Budget Advance Request & Request for Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) – One Time Supplemental (OTS) Funding (Bitely Renovation)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Head Start/State Preschool Budget Advance Request & Request for Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) for One Time Supplemental (OTS) Funding, in the amount of \$300,000, to support the continuous renovation of Bitely classrooms. Approved.
7. 2016-2017 Head Start/State Preschool Budget Advance Request & Request for 7 Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) – One Time Supplemental (OTS) Funding (Supplies, Professional Development & Renovations)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Head Start/State Preschool Budget Advance Request & Request for Advance Approval (BAR/RAA) for One Time Supplemental (OTS) funding, in the amount of \$107,499, to provide funds for program supplies, professional development, and classroom renovations. Approved.
8. Resolution No. 16-17-21 – Support for Sandy Hook Community and Safe Schools
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 16-17-21 Support for Sandy Hook Community and Safe Schools. Approved.
9. Resolution No. 16-17-24 – Support for AB699 (O'Donnell) – Safe Schools for Immigrant Students
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 16-17-24 – Support for AB 699 (O'Donnell) – Safe Schools for Immigrant Students. Approved.
10. Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Revisions – Goal 3 (Quality Staff & Professional Development)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Goal 3 on Quality Staff and Professional Development. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order 16-17-11 (Revised)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report 16-17-11 as presented. Approved.

C. Learning Support Services

1. Memorandum of Understanding – Community Union, Inc. (Parent Empowerment through Technology Program at Rice School)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Union, Inc. to provide training to approximately 105 parents of Eldridge Rice Elementary School on the Parent Empowerment through Technology Program to better engage in their child's education. Training from April 7, 2017 through June 7, 2017, at an estimated cost of \$11,175.00; to be paid from Title I Program Funds. Approved.

2. Contract Ratification – Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (Presentations at Hillcrest School)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify contract with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium for a total of three presentations on sea life: one to Transitional Kindergarten students and two to Kindergarten students at Hillcrest Elementary School on March 3, 2017, at a total cost of \$310.00; to be paid by Hillcrest School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) funds. Approved.

3. Agreement – CARDEA (Positive Prevention Plus Program Training)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement with CARDEA to provide a two-day training on the Positive Prevention Plus curriculum to administrators, counselors and teachers on April 25 and April 26, 2017. The training is mandatory to meet the requirements for the comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education beginning in grade seven. The total cost of \$5,541.63; to be paid by Title II Funds. Approved.

4. Memorandum of Understanding Ratification – Parent Institute for Quality Education (Emerson School)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify Memorandum of Understanding with Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to provide parent training to Ralph Waldo Emerson School parents from April 5 through May 31, 2017 at an estimated cost of \$9,000; to be paid from Title I Program Funds. Approved.

D. Student Support Services

1. Contract Ratification – Cathleen Geraghty-Jenkinson, Ph.D. (Psycho-educational Independent Education Evaluation)

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2016-17 contract with Cathleen Geraghty Jenkinson, Ph.D. to provide a psycho-educational Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) for one student at the rate of \$2,000.00 per IEE not to exceed one IEE. Total contract cost is not to exceed \$2,000.00; to be paid from Special Education funding. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 16-17-11

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 16-17-11 as presented. Approved.

2. Appropriation Transfers

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

3. Award of Contract – Harik Construction, Inc. (HVAC at Rice School)

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Harik Construction, Inc., for Bid No 01:1718 to install new Heating, Ventilation, & Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Systems at Rice School. Total cost of \$ 1,147,000 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.

4. Award of Contract – F.M. Thomas Air Conditioning, Inc. (HVAC at Garvey Intermediate School)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with F.M. Thomas Air Conditioning, Inc., for Bid No 02:1718 to install new Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Systems at Garvey Intermediate School’s Administration Building. Total cost of \$ 494,000 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.
5. Change Order #1– 60’ x 40’ Daycare Building for Bitely Head Start
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend contract with Silver Creek Industries Inc. to increase the contract by \$1,456.80 due to additional changes for 60’ x 40’ Daycare Building for Bitely Head Start. Total cost of \$380,165.48 will be paid from the Head Start Funds. Approved.
6. Contract – Higginson Architects Inc. (Drainage Improvement at Dewey Head Start Facility)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Higginson Architects Inc., to provide architectural and engineering services for site drainage improvements for the Head Start facility at Dewey School. Total cost is \$9,400.00 to be paid from Head Start Funds. Approved.
7. Contract – Ziembra + Prieto Architects (Water Piping Replacement at Emerson School)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Ziembra+ Prieto Architects, to provide architectural and engineering services for Water Piping Replacement at Emerson School. Total cost of \$23,460.00 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.
8. Contract Amendment – Higginson Architects, Inc. (Bitely Head Start Building)
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the contract with Higginson Architects Inc., to increase the contract by \$7,577.65 due to additional services required for the Bitely Head Start building project. Total cost of \$ 61,377.65 to be paid from Head Start Funds. Approved.
9. Comprehensive School Safety Plans
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSPs) for all sites. Approved.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Declaration of Need
On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Keilley Meng, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board adopted the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.
Vote: Bob Bruesch Yes
Maureen Chin Not Present
Henry Lo Yes
Keilley Meng Yes
Ronald Trabanino Yes

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

Bob Bruesch commented on an email he received regarding the setting up of a computer lab at Garvey Intermediate and Hillcrest School for an Air Force competition that will aim at correcting errors in a computer program. Mr. Bruesch commended this program as well as the Sea Perch Program and the robotics classes.

Henry Lo asked for a report on how the District will abide to the new legislation taking effect January 2018, about having Board elections to coincide with State elections in order to increase the voter turnout at local elections.

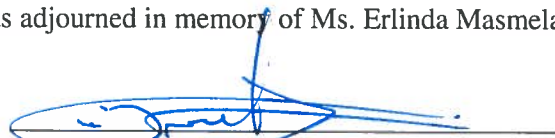
PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Closed session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and Public session to begin at 7:00 p.m.


Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
May 11, 2017	Sanchez Student Presentation
May 30, 2017 - Special	Student and Teacher Recognition
June 15, 2017 (moved from 6/1)	LCAP and Budget Public Hearing
June 29, 2017 (moved from 6/22)	LCAP & Budget Approval

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Ms. Erlinda Masmela at 8:05 p.m.



Ronald Trabanino, President



Anita Chu, Secretary

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

Suzie Alvarez
Veronica Borunda
L. Chew
Christine Chow
Michelle Collaso
April Gutierrez
Connie Jameson
Calvin Lam
Cuc Luu (Jason Nguyen)
Esperanza Malanche
Rosa Morales
Alma Pacheco
Elizabeth Reyes-Aceytuno
Blanca Rios-Quiroz
Roberto Rodrigues
Tina Rodriguez
Greta Smith
Isabel Tam
Laura Tellez Gagliano
Ken Tang