

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 30, 2010

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on September 30, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Board President M. Janet Chin.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

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

Lawrence Lue led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of the support services affected by the educational job funding recently released. Dr. Johnson indicated that these funds cannot be used for at the district level; however it can be used for someone with a dual function at the district and a school site. Michael Coughlin stated that the anticipated funds of approximately \$1,390,466 dollars are expected to be received soon; 90% of the funds is obligated money for September 2010 that will help to hire back some teachers.

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding restoration of some of these funds and possible 1 to 21 teacher ratios, Dr. Johnson noted that the funding will be available over a two year period. She indicated we don't want to spend all the money this year and then have to lay off staff next year.

Dr. Johnson reported that this year the District is only down about 70 students from last year, 29 students above from last year's projections.

Henry Lo commented on a press conference from State Superintendent of Schools, Jack O'Connell, in downtown Los Angeles, regarding early child education. The purpose of the conference was to address the resolution of issues related to the State budget and to stop the closure of early child care education centers and teacher displacements.

Janet Chin spoke of a LACSTA (Los Angeles County Schools Trustees Association) forum yesterday featuring two candidates for the office of California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Larry Aceves and Tom Torlakson. The forum was organized in partnership with the California State PTA and the League of Women Voters. The candidates talked about early childhood education, funding, and other

important goals in education, such as career technical education, 4-year university requirements, and the importance of parent involvement.

John Yuen commented on the back to school nights that he attended. One comment brought up was the implementation of some classroom projects that can be supported by the Garvey Education Foundation as an after-school program or scholarships.

Tony Ramos announced his wedding engagement this past weekend.

Janet Chin reported that she officially graduated from CSBA's Masters and Governance two-year program for school board members that covers different modules of leadership and Board governance.

Bob Bruesch brought up a suggestion that at some point during the year the Board recognize a substitute teacher of the year.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Michael Drange, president of GEA, addressed the Board regarding school site visits that the GEA Executive Board is making in preparation for GEA's bargaining proposal.

Mr. Drange spoke about tonight's agenda items relating to West Valley Journal subscription, its cost and ways to include articles featuring the work of teachers. Mr. Drange suggested having school articles printed in the Rosemead Report, a free newspaper that circulates in the City of Rosemead.

Mr. Drange asked to keep the communication open on changes and decisions that will affect teachers, such as having the Sanger Program, new student grading procedures, and the future of the District.

On a question from Henry Lo regarding CTA's position on the Governor's budget, Mr. Drange stated that issues on the budget and ballot propositions are still being evaluated by CTA.

Bob Bruesch commented on the discussion of middle **school** student grades in relation to the university requirements **of grade point averages.** and ~~grading system.~~

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE: None

REPORT FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Garvey Council PTA

Bob Bruesch encouraged everyone to support the local schools event on October 6, 2010, International Walk-to-School Day sponsored by PTA.

Garvey Education Foundation

Henry Lo encouraged everyone to attend the Foundation's TGIF event on Friday, October 1, 2010.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Lawrence Lue, Chief Executive Officer, Chinatown Community Health Center, addressed the Board to introduce a new health center that opened in September 2010, in the City of Alhambra to serve the patients in the San Gabriel Valley. The Center is federally qualified and has served the community since 2007 operating in Chinatown for over 20 years. Mr. Lue invited all Board members to visit the Alhambra facilities and he encouraged the district to use the health resources that the Chinatown Community Health Center offers.

On a question from Janet Chin regarding walk-in services and transportation services, Mr. Lue stated that preferably, patients should call before coming in. Transportation is not part of the service at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Board/Superintendent**
1. Approval of Minutes 1
The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:
Regular Meeting - August 19, 2010
Regular Meeting - September 9, 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. Red Ribbon Week – Resolution No. 10-11-05 3
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 10-11-05 proclaiming October 23-31, 2010 as “Red Ribbon Week” in the Garvey School District. Approved.
 4. Barron Communications 4
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal of contract with Barron Communications for advertising space in the West Valley Journal newspaper. Approved.
- B. Human Resources**
1. Personnel Assignment Report 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Personnel Assignment Report No.10-11-05 as presented. Approved.
- C. Pupil Personnel Services**
1. Mi Sueno Speech Therapy 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the employment of Mi Sueno Speech Therapy to conduct an Augmentative Communication and Speech Assessment for a Special Education student. Approved.
- D. Business Services**
1. Purchase Order Report 7
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No. 10-11-04 as presented. Approved.
 2. Appropriation Transfers 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
 3. California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) 9
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of district-wide membership with the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO). Approved.

4. Coalition for Adequate School Housing Association (C.A.S.H.) 10
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal of Membership with Coalition for Adequate School Housing Association (C.A.S.H.). Approved.
5. Notice of Completion 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Notice of Completion for Hinkley & Associates. Approved.
6. Ratify Consulting Contract with LaNae Potter from April 22-May 31, 2010. 12
Approved.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Dr. Sandra Johnson and Michael Coughlin made a presentation on the capacity of each school in the district and total capacity as a good planning tool when there is a need to reconfigure classrooms. 13

Mr. Coughlin explained that the report on total capacity does not reflect the classrooms for Special Education students and that some areas such as the gymnasiums were counted as 2 classrooms. Space for Duff School and Williams School was included in the report. Mr. Coughlin answered questions from Board members regarding percentage of space use, standard square footage of the classrooms, and traffic flow between classrooms.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation that the Board of Education approve the contract with School Innovations and Advocacy for services in connection with the filing of mandated cost claims for 2010-13. 14
Michael Coughlin explained that the contract cost was reduced close to 10 percent for each year and it includes a deferral of up to \$10,000 for the first year reimbursement

Kevin Gordon, President of School Innovations spoke about the services that School Innovations provides including lobbying for school funding and constitutionality of unfunded state mandates which can lead to litigation and court appeals.

Henry Lo moved, Tony Ramos seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Bob Bruesch abstained) to approve Action Item A (Contract with School Innovations).

- B. The Board discussed the recommendation to approve the establishment of a monitoring team to provide technical assistance and support to Garvey Intermediate School, to support the NCLB recommendation for a year 5 program improvement school. Anita Chu described the members that were identified to serve on the committee as LACOE consultants and outside experts in school improvement. The meetings are open to the public and parents are encouraged to attend. 15

Henry Lo moved, Bob Bruesch seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Action Item B.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Henry Lo asked that staff at Rice School be commended for their quick response to a recent water break at the school. Bob Bruesch requested an update on the plans for recycled water. Tony Ramos asked about the


launch date of the new web site. Ms. Chu indicated that the ETAC Committee will be discussing this matter next week. Henry Lo asked for an update on the Kaiser Group proposal for the utilization of Duff School. John Yuen stressed the need to review the minutes on what was agreed for the community use of Duff School and expectations for revenue generation. John Yuen asked for an update on tax deductible medical out of pocket expenses.

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.

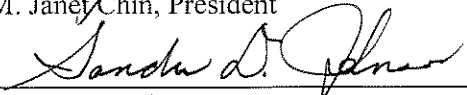
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
October 7, 2010	Superintendent Goals
October 21, 2010	Sufficiency of Instructional Materials Student Enrollment Trends
November 18, 2010	
December 9, 2010	Reorganization Meeting First Interim Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Michael Drange

Lawrence Lue

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