

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 8, 2019

President Mr. Ellenson called the regular meeting of the Glendora Unified School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room, Glendora Unified School District, 500 North Loraine, Glendora, CA 91741.

Board Members Present:

Cory Ellenson, President
Elizabeth Reuter, Vice President
Robin Merkley, Clerk
Zondra Borg, Member
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., Member

District Administrators Present:

Robert Voors, Ed.D., Superintendent
Marc Chaldu, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dominic DiGrazia, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
Michelle Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Becky Summers, Ed.D., Director, Educational Services

AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as presented.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education met in closed session to discuss the following items. No action was taken.

- Negotiations with the Glendora Teachers Association, the California School Employees Association and unrepresented employees (Designated Representatives: Marc Chaldu, Dominic DiGrazia, Michelle Hunter and Rob Voors).
- Pending Litigation Settlement pursuant to Government Code Section § 54957.1 (a)(3) Student No. 04082019-01
- Superintendent's Evaluation

RECOGNITION SECTION

Glendora High School Senior, Serena Lin, was introduced as the Glendora Leadership Association Speech Contest Winner and was presented with a certificate from the Board of Education commending her accomplishment. Serena recited a portion of her winning speech. Mr. Ellenson commented that it is easy to see why Serena is the speech contest winner, saying that she spoke very well and that her words are inspiring. On behalf of the Board of Education he congratulated her for this accomplishment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors announced that the District has begun state testing and that students will be testing over the next few weeks. This week is National School Libraries week and the District is thankful for all of the Library Media Technicians and the amazing work they do with the students every day.

Dr. Voors introduced George Hoffmeister who was accompanied by German Exchange students, Glendora host students and two German chaperones. Mr. Hoffmeister commented that this is the 40th year of the German exchange. The German visitors will be in Glendora through April 16. In June, Glendora students will travel to Germany.

Mr. Ellenson commented that he is very proud of the exchange program, saying that the experiences for the students and families have a profound impact. He thanked everyone involved with the program. Mrs. Merkley commented that three of her children participated in the German exchange and that the program has been an important part of her family. She thanked everyone involved and welcomed the visitors. Student Board Representative Matt Doughly welcomed the visitors to Glendora.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Matthew Doughly, reported on the following activities:

Cullen Elementary School 5th grade students experienced colonial life during their recent studies. Vocal students performed in the Rotary Choral Festival, kindergarten students had dental screenings and the Discovery Cube field trip was a great learning experience for 2nd grade students.

Stanton Elementary School 5th grade students helped with the AVID middle school assembly and 1st graders participated in Healthy Living lessons. Parent teacher conferences and awards for the second semester have just wrapped up. Teachers and students are busy preparing for state testing.

Sutherland Elementary School families are looking forward to the Annual Talent Show and Carnival this Friday. Upcoming activities include the theater club's performance of The Wizard of Oz and STEAM Family night.

Glendora High School began SBAC testing this week. Action went well with the seniors winning the annual competition. ASB elections are going on and AP testing is coming up next month. Congratulations to Palomares League Outstanding Seniors, Cole Hiller, Adam Kramer, Jillian Juarez, Kayla Sera and Carl Viyar. Many students are looking forward to prom this weekend.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Dr. Becky Summers presented information on the proposal for a weekly early out day in grades K-8. She explained the background and rationale commenting that teachers consistently ask for more time to collaborate. The proposal is for an early out day on each Monday that is not a holiday. Also, each site would keep their three discretionary early out days. She reviewed a tentative schedule of suggested use for the days, such as Site Professional Development and Grade Level Collaboration. She also commented on instructional minutes and the need to increase at all grade levels except for kindergarten.

Mrs. Reuter asked clarifying questions regarding instructional minutes and the District wide professional development days. Mrs. Merkley thanked Dr. Summers for the report and commented on the need for teacher collaboration time. Dr. Fernando commented on the need to be aware of the concerns of parents, specifically for child care. Mrs. Borg asked clarifying questions regarding the effect on student attendance; accountability of teacher attendance; and the proposed cut to federal Title II funds. Mr. Ellenson asked what a "teacher planned" day would look like. He also asked if this proposal would result in an overall net gain of professional development time during the school year. Student Representative Matthew Doughly asked the about early out compared to late start.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

District students Natalie Granneman, Mikayla McKenzie, Sanju Chanumalla, Lorelai McKenzie and parent Heather Granneman spoke regarding the use styrofoam products.

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education approved the request that the Board make the determination that, as a result of financial uncertainties, negotiations, legislation and other factors, the governing board hereby declares that all management, confidential, and other unrepresented employee salaries are declared indefinite for 2019-20.
2. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education approved the LACOE contract for network services and support for educational telecommunications and technology as presented.
3. Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education approved the agreement with Netsync Network Solution.
4. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education approved the settlement agreement for OAH Case Reference Student No. 04082019-01.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously approved the General, Educational, Business and Personnel Consent Items as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2019 as presented.
2. Accept gifts from Edison International and Chick-fil-A as presented

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Special Education services as presented.
2. Approve the Sutherland 5th grade field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.
3. Approve the Goddard 7th and 8th grade field trip to attend the California Association of Student Leaders conference as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1819001434 through 1819001543 in the amount of \$246,322.92 and amended purchase order number 1819000210 for the 2018-2019 school year.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify Certificated Personnel Employments, Retirements, Resignations, and Leaves.
2. Approve/ratify Classified Personnel Employments, Retirements, Resignations, and Leaves.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Reuter commented on a recent Legislative Action Committee meeting she attended where she learned that the Glendora Chamber has decided to write a letter of support for funding for Transitional Kindergarten. She reminded everyone that the GEF Food For Thought fundraiser is on April 26. GEF is putting together a video, and as part of the video they are looking for groups to thank the community for donating through GEF. Mrs. Reuter commented on the District's budget and the possibility of facing \$1 million cuts to federal funding. She commented that it is important that the District clearly communicate with the community about what is happening.

Mrs. Merkley congratulated Kayla Sera the Glendora Coordinating Council Youth Recognition Award recipient.

Mrs. Borg thanked Sellers, La Fetra schools and Mrs. Hunter for the recent site visits and said that she is looking forward to going to Sutherland. She stated that it is always great to see what is occurring in the classrooms. The Whitcomb High School WASC "meet and greet" was great and she is looking forward to the results from the WASC visiting committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert Voors, Ed.D.
Secretary, Board of Education

Approval Date:

April 23, 2019

Certified by:

Robin Merkley, Clerk