

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Dec. 10, 2018

Mrs. Merkley called the regular meeting of the Glendora Unified School District Board of Education to order at 7:07 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 Dr. Fernando, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adopt the agenda with the following amendment:

Add to Discussion Action Items:

10. It is recommended that the Board of Education select and approve a Glendora Unified School District Board Member as a representative to the Joint Board of Management of the ESGVROP and Technical Center for the term beginning December 2018 through December 2020.

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).

- Approve Pending Litigation Settlement pursuant to Government code Section § 54957.1(a)(3) for student 12192018-02
- Approve Pending Litigation Settlement pursuant to Government code Section § 54957.1(a)(3) for student 12102018-03
- Superintendent's Evaluation

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A call was made for nominations of Board Officers to serve from December 10, 2018 to the December 2019 organizational meeting.

A nomination by Dr. Fernando to elect Mr. Ellenson as President was seconded by Ms. Borg and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

A nomination by Ms. Borg to elect Mrs. Reuter as Vice President was seconded by Dr. Fernando and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

A nomination by Mr. Ellenson to elect Mrs. Merkley as Clerk was seconded by Dr. Fernando and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

RECOGNITION SECTION

Dr. Dominic DiGrazia presented certificates to Jillyn Turunen and Benjamin Yeoung the Glendora High School National Merit Semi Finalists. He commented that the National Merit Scholarship program is an academic competition that 1.5 million students across the United States are tested as part of the PSAT in their junior year of high school. Approximately 15,000 score high enough to be considered semifinalists and represent the top 1% of the nation's graduating seniors. This is an amazing accomplishment and on behalf of the Board of Education, Board President Ellenson congratulated both Jillyn and Benjamin saying that it is unbelievable what they have been able to accomplish and that they make Glendora proud.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Voors introduced Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative Angela Vasquez from the California School Boards Association who gave a Legislative Report. She reviewed various education bills that have recently been passed, as well as some CSBA sponsored bills that were vetoed. She briefly reported on a number of bills. Mr. Ellenson thanked her for the presentation commenting that it was very helpful. Ms. Borg asked clarifying questions regarding AB 2808.

Dr. Voors reported that the District Administration participated in a second strategic planning meeting with Marilyn Snider. He commented that it was another great day where staff looked at accomplishments and the direction they plan to take the District. He commented that for this meeting and future meetings representatives for GTA, CSEA, PTA and GEF will participate as the District continues to move forward with the Strategic Plan.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

Glendora High school students are anticipating first semester finals week later this month. In preparation for finals students enjoy Cocoa and Cram an event where students gather for study groups and hot chocolate. The community is looking forward to the annual Sounds of Noel performance.

Goddard Middle School students raised \$9,000 for the P.E. Department in the Annual Turkey Trot. Eighth grade students reenacted the Constitutional Convention. Students honored Veterans Day with an assembly where the Allegro Choir sang the National Anthem and a wreath was placed at the base of the flag.

La Fetra Elementary School PTA has been busy preparing for the Holiday Boutique featuring affordable gifts for students to purchase. Students participated in the Chess competition at Sellers School and are looking forward to a holiday concert at La Fetra School.

Sellers Elementary School continues to conduct a very successful toy drive with Children's Services for area children in need. First and third grade students are performing a holiday program for family and friends on December 20 and the annual holiday sing-a-long will be on December 21 for students and staff.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Mr. Chaldu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented the District's 2018-19 First Interim Report. Mr. Chaldu briefly reviewed the State budget and the current budget adjustments. He then commented on the District's enrollment and ADA, noting that there has been a decline in overall enrollment and ADA for the past four years.

He added that the District does have a great attendance rate that is above the statewide average, but if it were to increase just one-half percent that would be \$300,000 in revenue for the District. He reviewed pension contributions noting that the District's cost of STRS and PERS has increased over \$6 million since 2013-14. Special Education also impacts the District's budget; has almost tripled over the past five years and is underfunded by federal and state programs. Mr. Chaldu reviewed the assumptions including COLA, STRS & PERS increases, and Special Education funding. He reviewed the multi-year revenue including LCFF base and supplement grant, COLA, ADA, categorical programs, Federal funding stability, Special Education funding, Adult Education, Deferred Maintenance & instruction materials. Mr. Chaldu reported on expenditures, such as step and column adjustments, attrition depletion, decreasing supplies and services contracts, and deferring of textbook adoptions. Mr. Chaldu commented that the District will make a plan to prepare for economic uncertainty by looking at revenue enhancements and expenditure reductions. The next steps are to wait for the Governor's proposed 2019-2020 State budget; focus on current year potential expenditure cost savings; and to provide more information and options for the Second Interim report in March, 2019. He thanked the Business Services team, Janette Walczak, Pamela Escalante and the business services staff.

Mrs. Reuter thanked Mr. Chaldu for the report and asked who participates in the conversations regarding the next steps in planning for economic uncertainty.

Mrs. Merklely thanked Mr. Chaldu saying that she realized that he does so much and takes good care of the District's budget and she appreciates all that he does. She commented that many parents may not understand how a student's absence, excused or not, affects the District's funding.

Dr. Fernando thanked Mr. Chaldu and the Business Services team commenting that he appreciated the detailed information. He asked clarifying questions regarding capital outlay items as well as Saturday School. He commented on student attendance and the fact that an increase of ½ percent would be \$300,000 for the District and asked how this information can get shared with parents.

Ms. Borg appreciated the report and asked clarifying questions regarding State COLA, Special Education, multi-year expenditures and deferring expenditures.

Mr. Ellenson appreciated the Special Education information and asked clarifying questions regarding the State and Federal funding. He also asked about any potential plans for expenditure reductions. Student Representative Matt Doughly asked about attendance from the high school perspective. Mr. Ellenson suggested that Matt help with an attendance campaign at Glendora High School.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC INPUT

Joanne Johnsen GTA Executive President, commented on the Red for Educational campaign.

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board unanimously approved the selection of Cory Ellenson as the representative to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization.
2. Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the selection of Cory Ellenson as the representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association to serve from January through December 2019.
3. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the selection of Board of Trustees' committee assignments for 2019
 - a. GEF (Glendora Education Foundation): Ms. Borg
 - b. GUSD PTA Council: Ms. Borg,
Dr. Fernando
 - c. Coordinated School Health Committee: Mrs. Merkley
 - d. College and Career Readiness Committee: Dr. Fernando
Mrs. Reuter
 - e. Chamber of Commerce Legislative Action: Mrs. Reuter
 - f. Glendora Coordinating Council: Mrs. Merkley
 - g. LCAP Committee: Mrs. Reuter
Ms. Borg
4. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Board Meeting Calendar for January through December 2019 as presented.
5. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Mrs. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously approved the 2018-2019 First Interim Report as presented.
6. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the contract with Athens Services for waste disposal services as presented.

7. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the agreement with One Source Consulting, LLC as presented.
8. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education unanimously approved the settlement agreement for Student 12102018-02.
9. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, the Board of Education unanimously approved the settlement agreement for Student 12102018-03.
10. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously approved Cory Ellenson as its representative to the Joint Board of Management of the ESGVROP and Technical Center for the term beginning December 2018 through December 2020.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, 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 November 13, 2018 as presented.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Special Education services as presented.
2. Approve the amended cost of the LACOE consultant services for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) training as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve purchase order numbers 1819000978 through 1819001053 in the amount of \$465,182.95 and the amended purchased order numbers 1819000524, 1819000846 as presented for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. Approve/ratify Certificated and Classified Warrants D1322735-D1698296, W5928462-W5954843; General Fund Warrants W24907388-W24952049; Food Services Fund Warrants W24907393, W24907401, W24907409, W24907410, W24907413, W24907418, W24918672, W24918680, W24918683, W24918684, W24918685, W24918691, W24918692, W24918696, W24918700, W24918702, W24922319, W24931760, W24931762, W24931763, W24931776, W24931796, W24937542, W24945937, W24952042; Deferred Maintenance Fund Warrants W24907392, W24907398, W24907399, W24909828, W24907398, W24922301, W24922307, W24922308, W24934751, W24934760, W24937535, W24937538, W24937539, W24940748, W24945917, W24945931, W24945935, W24952027, W24952032; County School Facilities Fund Warrants W24912357, W24952038; and Day Care Fund Warrants W24931796, W24952047 for a total of \$4,230,102.71.
3. Approve Resolution No. 7 Authorized Signature Resolution.

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

Ms. Borg thanked Joanne Johnsen for commenting on the Red for Ed campaign and she is hoping that Ms. Johnson can get the word out to the public. Ms. Borg was honored to present Yes City Gov to 5th grade students; she also thanked Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Prince for hosting a tour of Goddard. She attended the GEF board meeting and CTA dinner, commenting that it was a very nice evening. She was also able to go to the Stanton holiday program and the Glendora Holiday Parade. Ms. Borg congratulated Student Board Rep, Matt Doughly for being honored with the Youth Recognition Award by the Glendora Coordinating Council and she gave him a gift for him to keep his awards and certificates.

Dr. Fernando commented that he had a wonderful time with teachers at the holiday dinner event appreciated spending time with the group. He said that the Cullen concert was very fun and he is grateful for the District's music program. He wished everyone happy holidays; he commented that he is grateful for the administrative team and the work they do; he is excited about the board and he is looking forward to taking it to a new level.

Mrs. Merkley congratulated the Goddard Leadership Group for receiving the Youth Recognition Award from the Glendora Coordinating Council. She said that the student group held a contest where students collected approximately 1,800 cans for Holiday Baskets. She attended the Stanton Holiday Music Program and was happy to see so many people there and she was impressed with the students' performance. She thanked GEF for supporting the music program. She was pleased to attend the CSBA conference, there were many good sessions and she learned a lot. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Reuter commented on the recent Strategic Plan meeting commenting that there are five different main directives and each board member chose one of the directives as a point of contact; she chose communication. As part of that, she attended the CSBA conference, and participated in four different breakout sessions focusing on communications with team and community. She commented that she looks forward to sharing what she learned. She also attended the Legislative Action Committee meeting saying that the City is proposing a ballot measure for March asking voters to approve a $\frac{3}{4}$ percent sales tax increase. The main message is that the sales tax increase will occur so the money may as well go to the community. Also, the City is about to enter into negotiations and is looking at a reorganization and opportunities for realignment – this is a perfect opportunity for the District to look at shared services. Mrs. Reuter attended the Teen Summit last week and was really impressed by how focused the students were; they loved all the animals of course, art therapy was very engaging as well as community services.

Mr. Ellenson thanked GTA for the invitation to the holiday dinner saying that it was a great opportunity to get to know the team. He is looking forward to Yes City Gov at Cullen this Friday.

Matt Doughly commented on Glendora High School's participation in Dressemer, which is an international movement on human trafficking awareness. He thanked Mr. Chaldu for the report and Ms. Borg for the gift. He commented on AP research saying that many students are getting studies approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

January 14, 2019

Certified by:

Robin Merkley, Clerk