

Glendora Unified School District  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 26, 2019

President Mr. Ellenson called the regular meeting of the Glendora Unified School District Board of Education to order at 7:08 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) OAH Case No. 2019040791
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Government Code 54954.5(e) and 54957

### RECOGNITION SECTION

PTA Council President, Lorena Acuna, introduced the PTA Presidents in attendance, Sandburg, Lori Smith; Cullen, Malissa Apodaca; Stanton, Allison Thomas; Sellers, Vanessa King; La Fetra, Teresa Quijano; and those unable to attend the meeting are Glendora High School, Cristina Petersen; Whitcomb High School Anna Fiaoni; Goddard, Jessica Hiramoto; Sutherland, Sabrina Summers. She invited Board Members and District Administrators to join the PTA. Board President Cory Ellenson thanked them for all they do for the students.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors thanked the PTA commenting that the schools are very fortunate for their support. He thanked GTA President Joanne Johnson and the GTA for today's Open House event including a taco dinner. Many staff, District Administrators and Board Members were able to attend and appreciated the invitation. Dr. Voors was pleased to report that CSEA and GTA have approved the agreement with the District, that will be presented for Board approval at a future Board meeting. It has been a busy start to the school year with many Back to School Nights already occurring and three more taking place this week. This week is the District Health Fair and he encouraged all employees to take advantage of the event on Tuesday.

### STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report

### STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Michelle Hunter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services presented the annual District Student Achievement Report. Mrs. Hunter reported on changes to the California Dashboard noting that the academic measures in ELA and math are now inclusive of all grades tested, (grades 3-8 and 11); chronic absenteeism is now an indicator; graduation rates are based on a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate; and Dashboard is to be released once a year in December. Mrs. Hunter reviewed the SBAC data for all students in ELA and math with a focus on target group data for English Learners and Special Education students. She commented that an area of strength in ELA is Research Inquiry for subgroup students in EL and SPED, while there was a significant dip from grade 5 to 6 for EL students in the reading claim. In math, communicating and reasoning is typically one of the most difficult areas but District students, including the sub groups are doing well.

Mrs. Hunter provided an overview of SBAC data from local districts in comparison to Glendora USD and she reviewed Physical Education results for grades 5, 7 and 9. Next steps include the implementation of goals and an action plan of the LCAP and the California State Standards to pilot Science textbooks. The District will also continue to address LCAP goals.

Dr. Fernando asked clarifying questions regarding how to determine College and Career preparedness. He appreciated how the data was presented and liked the comparison and cohort model. He thanked the teachers for all they do commenting that the gains are due to the great instruction that is occurring in the classroom. Mr. Ellenson commented that the data was exceptionally good specifically in math. He asked clarifying questions regarding the Science text book pilot as well as the release of science scores from the State to parents. He commented that it was a great presentation and it was nice see the positive results across the district. Mrs. Reuter was wowed by the gains in math. She appreciated that the data was easy to read and just the right amount. Mrs. Merkley thanked Mrs. Hunter for the report. She asked clarifying questions regarding homework clubs and what can be done to continue with the focus and assistance in math. She commented on the difficult transition for students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Ms. Borg commented that the SBAC data confirms that we have been teaching to the standards for about 10 years and we are now beginning to see the results of that focus. She is excited about the Science textbook pilot. She commented on the ebb and flow of standards, learning and testing and reminded everyone that the SBAC test results are only one component of a yearlong career.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

None

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Carol Anne Hagele, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control regarding public health programs available to schools

#### DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Board Policy revisions as presented for second reading.
2. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously approved the settlement agreement for OAH Case No. 2019040791.

### GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2019, Special Board Meetings of August 16, 2019 and August 20, 2019 as presented.
2. Accept gifts from Lifetouch Studios as presented.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Ratify/approve employment of educational consultant, Dee Hankins as presented.
2. Ratify/ approve employment of educational consultant, Bryan Slater as presented.
3. Approve the GHS Cross Country Team field trip to participate in the Nike Twilight Invitational from October 4, 2019 to October 6, 2019 in Seattle Washington. Transportation will be provided by air and rental cars.
4. Approve the GHS Pipe Band field trip to participate in the Pleasanton Highland Games in Pleasanton, California on August 30, 2019 to September 2, 2019. Transportation will be provided by private vehicles of parents.
5. Approve the Special Education services as presented.
6. Approve employment of educational consultant, 6crickets as presented.

### BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1920000327 through 1920000420 in the amount of \$486,111.92 for the 2019-2020 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

Ms. Borg commented on the Special Board meeting with Nick Lacy saying that it was a valuable meeting and she has already seen evidence of his work with social media and is looking forward to his future work. She thanked the GTA for the open house and dinner adding that she appreciates the positive environment and culture that is being created.

Mrs. Reuter commented on the issue of vaping at high schools and middle schools saying that it is not only a health issue but creates social issues as well. She asked for information on what is being done in District schools regarding vaping. She commented on the early out Mondays saying that although we have had only two, she has heard great feedback from many teachers. But she also understands that the schedule can be challenging for parents.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

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September 9, 2019

Certified by:

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Robin Merkley, Clerk