

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 27, 2011

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on January 27, 2011, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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 (arrived at 6:38 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 7:00 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

Tony Ramos 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 Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 6:06 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 6:47 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Janet Chin indicated that the following action was taken during the closed session:

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board voted to dismiss one Head Start employee effective immediately.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles

The Board presented a certificate of recognition to Paul Yin-Lien Chen, Director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles, in celebration of the Republic of China Centennial and for engaging our

our community in many cultural affairs, most recently the event of “Colors of Tea” at the Cultural Center’s office of El Monte.

- **National Track Champions – Monterey Vista School**

The Board presented certificates of recognition to Mr. Charles Hurley and his former and current student athletes of Monterey Vista School. Mr. Hurley presented awards to students who have earned titles during the race competition in the summer. The student athletes recognized were:

- Victoria Yap
- Courtney Thong
- Patsy Hurley
- Constantine Yap
- Ryan Thong
- Janelle Zamora
- Kylie Mah

Bob Bruesch commended the excellent work of the student race walkers and Mr. Charles Hurley for his leadership as coach of the race team.

- **Sanchez School Cafeteria Employees**

The Board presented certificates of recognition as Unsung Heroines of Sanchez School Cafeteria employees for their quick response and assistance to a fellow employee during a recent attack from an assailant. The employees recognized were:

- Cindy Gonzalez
- Pamela Bishop
- Carmen Lazcano

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of the wonderful welcome reception hosted by the Board last week, and she noted the attendance of city leaders and many partner agencies in the community, along with District staff who enjoyed the event very much.

Dr. Johnson indicated that she and Board Member Bob Bruesch met yesterday with officials from the City of San Gabriel - Mayor David Gutierrez, City Manager Steve Preston, and Director of Parks & Recreation Becky Perez – regarding an update on the RFP (requests for proposals) of the landscape design to be considered by City Council of San Gabriel at Marshall School.

John Yuen passed information to Dr. Johnson regarding a solar energy company that was presented during a Chinese exposition recently.

Tony Ramos stated that he will be a Spell Master at the upcoming Spelling Bee competition at Rice School. He encouraged everyone to attend the event.

Bob Bruesch commented on the positive openness and ideas that resulted from the recent meeting with the officials from the City of San Gabriel.

Mr. Bruesch addressed the recent passing of Mr. John Bascetta, teacher of Marshall School and a good friend. The Board sends their condolences to Mrs. Karen Bascetta and her family. A moment of silence was called for at the end of the Board meeting.

Janet Chin commended the Board and District staff for moving along during the very difficult times. Ms. Chin asked everyone to be thoughtful and considerate as the Board has to make some very difficult decisions, similar to the decisions that other school districts are facing.

Henry Lo commended Ms. Janet Chin and the Superintendent's staff for planning the Superintendent's welcome reception and open house. He was pleased to see the many people in the community attending the event. Mr. Lo noted the nicely refurbished Board Room and acknowledged the painting work of Mr. Alan Johnson and the District staff. Mr. Lo indicated that this will be a challenging year and a new beginning/renewal for the District.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA):** None
- **California School Employees Association (CSEA)**
Vickie Walker, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, introduced the newly elected Executive Board:
Vickie Walker, President
Olivia De Leon, Vice President
Cecilia Losoya, Secretary
Brianna Parsons, Public Relations Officer
Joselyn Padilla, Job Steward
Cassandra Doang, Past President

Ms. Walker stated that CSEA is looking forward to furthering the District's and CSEA's goals of improving the education for the children.

Dr. Sandra Johnson commended Ms. Walker for her special skill and inservice she recently provided to Management Staff on the proper protocol and use of communication radios.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Alicia Saulino reported that the District met the quota for the special education program and the program is fully funded, thanks to Stacy Stewart. Ms. Saulino acknowledged the presence of Ursula Ng, program design consultant from LACOE (L. A. County Office of Education). Ms. Saulino thanked Ms. Ng for her support to the District. Ms. Saulino indicated that the Head Start Program is fully enrolled.

Henry Lo thanked Mrs. Saulino for her dedication and patience through the many years of trouble that the Head Start Program has experienced in years past. John Yuen noted that this is the first year in many years that the program has been 100 percent enrolled. Bob Bruesch talked about the many hours that Board members spent with Mrs. Saulino addressing bylaws/regulations and documentation program requirements. Mr. Bruesch also thanked Ms. Ng for her guidance in making the Head Start program successful. Ms. Ng expressed her desire to meet with Board members and work closely with the Head Start Program to maintain stability in the goals set for the program.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**
Bob Bruesch reminded everyone of the upcoming Founders' Day celebration on February 23, 2011 at the Rosemead Community Center. The auction opens at 4:00 p.m. Dinner cost is \$12 per person.
- **Garvey Education Foundation**
Bob Bruesch reminded everyone of the upcoming deadline for the Foundation mini-grants. Grant amounts were raised to \$600. The application for school grants of \$500 is due on February 28, 2011. Michael Coughlin indicated that the Foundation's solicitation letter has raised over \$1000.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Sandy O'Dell, parent of 6th grade student in Monterey Vista, addressed the Board regarding the parent council of the Woodcraft Rangers Program. As the elected parent leader of the council, Ms. O'Dell thanked the Board for resolving the budget issues experienced last December, 2010. Ms. O'Dell spoke of the many good features that the Woodcraft Rangers Program offers to the students in the District and requested the Board's support for their summer program.

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:
Reorganization Meeting – December 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. Williams Quarterly Report 3
Receive the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2010; to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Information only.
4. Global Connect 4
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with Global Connect Strategic Voice Messaging to provide automatic telephone dialing Service from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Approved.
- *5. Ratify Contract with Kaseya 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with Kaseya to provide an inventory of computing systems, software distribution including patch updates, operating system (OS) imaging, and network as installation, and other information technology (IT) services.

Bob Bruesch asked if the funding for this contract was from a one-time only funded program. Anita Chu indicated that it is not one-time funding the District has being receiving EETT (Enhancing Education Through Technology) funds annually. Tony Ramos noted a typographical error of \$23,625 vs. \$23.625.

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Item A.5, Ratified Contract with Kaseya.
6. Amend Contract with Charter Cable 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the contract with Charter Cable to increase the point-to-point (ptp) bandwidth to 1 giga bits per second (gbps) at Garvey Intermediate and Temple/Sanchez, beginning February 1, 2011. Approved.

7. California State Preschool Program Contract 0200 - Amendment 01 7
Approve the CSPP-0200 Contract - Amendment 01 with the Garvey School District - California State Preschool Program for Child Care and Development 2010-2011 Language changes to the Funding Terms and Conditions (FT&C) Attachment A. Approved.
8. Memorandum of Understanding between Foothill Family Service and Garvey School District Head Start State Preschool Program 8
Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Foothill Family Service and Garvey School District - Head Start/State Preschool Program to provide counseling services to children up to age 5 enrolled in the Head Start Program. Approved.
9. Head Start Refunding Application 9
Approve the Head Start/State Preschool Refunding Application for Program Year 2011-2012. Approved.
10. Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) 10
It is recommended that the Board approve three Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) and Request for Advance Approval(s) (RAA) that will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education - Grantee for the Head Start/State Preschool Program as presented. Approved.
11. Accept Donation
Accept donation to the District in the amount of \$20,000 from Mr. Sunny Chen, owner, San Gabriel Hilton Hotel. Mr. Chen designated \$10,000 to be spent on student scholarships and \$10,000 on District needs. Information Only.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Report 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Personnel Assignment Report No.10-11-09 as presented. Approved.

C. Pupil Personnel Services

1. Reimbursement of Travel Mileage 12
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ratify reimbursement of travel mileage to all employees with an identified disability. Total cost not to exceed \$420. Approved.

D. Instructional Services

1. YMCA Camp Surf 13
Approve the attendance of fifty-five grade six students, two teachers and five volunteers from Hillcrest School, at the YMCA Camp Surf in San Diego, from April 20, 2011 through April 22, 2011, at an estimated cost of \$10,481. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 14
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.10-11-08 as presented. Approved.

2. Appropriation Transfers 15
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.

Reports and Information Items

- A. The Garvey School District presented the 2010-2011 Interest-Based Initial Bargaining Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA). Information Only. 16
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- C. Update on District Budget 18

Michael Coughlin presented on the Governor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Mr. Coughlin stated that the Governor proposed no mid-year cuts. The Revenue Limit fund remains flat; however he is proposing to reduce about \$18 per ADA (Average Daily Attendance) for Fiscal Year 2011-12. This translates to about \$100,000 in the total General Fund of \$50 million. The Governor proposed to extend the K-3 CSR (class size reduction) flexibility an additional 2 years with fewer penalties from the state for bigger class sizes. With Categorical funding flexibility, the District has the ability to utilize previous restricted dollars for unrestricted purposes, extending this option to Fiscal Year 2015. The Governor has acknowledged that K-14 education has been highly reduced over a 12-year period since Fiscal Year 1998-99. The Governor recognizes that K-12 programs have taken more than their fair share of funding reductions.

Mr. Coughlin indicated that the Governor has promised to leave a decision to the voters as to whether or not to extend the increased taxes. Assuming that the voters approve, the tax increase can be extended for a period of five years (approximately \$8.8 billion of tax increases that went into effect two years ago). If voters disapprove, the tax increase would expire, and then voters would have to be approve on June 2011 re-extending the deferral of a tax increase. The ballot measure would require a 2/3 approval from the House in order to be placed on the ballot. If the tax extension is not approved, additional revenue cuts of approximately \$330 per ADA would occur.

Mr. Coughlin spoke of the one-time ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funding that must be spent by September 30, 2011 and is part of the budget projections.

Bob Bruesch asked for information on the declining enrollment. Mr. Coughlin indicated that while the enrollment decline has slowed, the Revenue Limit Funding has already taken these numbers in consideration for Fiscal Year 2011-12 with the necessary adjustments being made at a later time.

Bob Bruesch and Janet Chin spoke of passing this information to LACSTA (Los Angeles County School Trustees Association) so they can integrate with information from other districts in addressing the matter of extended tax increases to form a coalition fact sheet that can be presented to the voters. Henry Lo commented on the uncertainty of the required 2/3 majority of legislative approval to place tax increases on the ballot.

Action Items

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Henry Lo and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to waive the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for Items A through D.

A. Readmission of Student 19
On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Henry Lo and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to readmit Student No. 09-10-12 who has completed the rehabilitation plan satisfactorily.

B. Expulsion and Suspension of Expulsion 20
On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Henry Lo and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the motion to expel Student No. 09-10-12 from the school district for a period commencing January 28, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Henry Lo and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

C. Expulsion and Suspension of Expulsion 21
On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Henry Lo and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to expel Student No. 10-11-03 from the school district for a period commencing January 28, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 3-0-2 (Henry Lo and John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the motion to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

D. Expulsion and Suspension of Expulsion 22
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to expel Student No. 10-11-04 from the school district for a period commencing January 28, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (John Yuen abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion, evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

E. Settlement Agreement 23
On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved payment to Learning Rights Law Center (LRLC) for settlement of an agreement with Garvey School District. Total amount of \$65,000 to be paid from Special Education funds.

F. Energy Conservation Policy 24
First reading and possible approval of revised Board Policy 3511 Energy Conservation and Adoption of Administrative Regulations.

Dr. Sandra Johnson noted an error to correct on page 2, item no 2, heating equipment, it should read: "unoccupied temperature setting shall not be 35 degrees Fahrenheit." Dr. Johnson indicated that the

regulations talk about "other electric" and that some school lounges have units with high energy drain. These will need to be replaced with energy efficient appliances, such as refrigerators. Dr. Johnson asked the Board to consider having District staff work during the spring on informing all staff of the policy and become aware of the financial realities for instituting these changes. Staff will be asked to volunteer to remove appliances this spring and fully implement the new requirements by June 2011.

Board members discussed some suggestions for moving forward, such as reviewing what technologies are now obsolete that would need replacement and upgrading, proper use of extension cords and power surge protectors, as well as, keeping certain electrical areas turned off at a certain times when classrooms are not occupied.

Bob Bruesch asked to combine this regulation as part of a water conservation process. Dr. Johnson indicated that the Board will be brought back with information about expenditures of bond funds and asked to look a new priorities and options for such things as water irrigation needs and having clear direction from the Board on researching some companies that would analyze our energy conservation needs. Michael Coughlin stated that he would like to compile a list of proposed questions from the Board for companies that have shown an interest in providing energy conservation needs assessment in the District. Board members will provide feedback to Mr. Coughlin on the types of questions to prepare for companies to provide energy conservation needs.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the district Bylaws to extend the time of the meeting.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board extended the meeting to 9:30 p.m.

Approval of Item 4 was tabled for a second reading for the revisions of Page 2, Item 2, and additional changes related to teachers and students.

G. Woodcraft Rangers Summer Program

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Woodcraft Rangers proposal to offer a fee-based five week summer program.

After much discussion regarding the summer program by the Woodcraft Rangers, the Board tabled the approval of this proposal. The discussion centered on the fee-based program being offered, amount of classrooms requested, and the enrollment process.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

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 |
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| February 10, 2011 | |
| March 3, 2011 | Approval of Tech 2011-14 Potential Certificated Layoffs |

| Meeting Date | Agenda Topic |
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| March 24, 2011 | |
| April 14, 2011 | Potential Classified Layoffs Migrant Grant Approval |
| May 5, 2011 | |
| May 26, 2011 | |
| June 16, 2011 | |

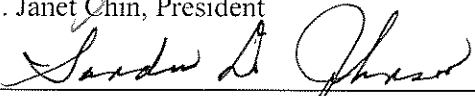
ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting in memory of John Bascetta, teacher of Marshall School who passed away on December 23, 2011, and in memory of the victims who died during the recent tragedy in Phoenix Arizona.

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Pamela Bishop

Paul Yin-Lien Chen - Director

Hing Chow

Cindy Gonzalez

Rene Hernandez

Chuck Hurley

Becky Lam

Carmen Lazcano

Olivia DeLeon

Olivia DeLeon - Print Shop

Peter Leung

Hwei Lie Liong

Cecilia Losoya

Jessica Lu

Ursula Ng

Brieanne Parsons

Cindy Phan-Hy

Lupe Rosales

Alicia Saulino

Ted Saulino

Stacy Stewart

Vickie Walker