

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 27, 2018

President Mrs. Merkley 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:

Robin Merkley, President
Cory Ellenson, Vice President
Zondra Borg, Member
Elizabeth Reuter, Member

Absent:

Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D, Clerk

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 Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Ms. Borg the Board of Education unanimously approved to adopt the agenda with the following amendment:

Add the follow item to Educational Services Consent Items; Item Number 8:

8. Ratify the Glendora High School Field Hockey field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.

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. 20180080877

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors commented on the Los Angeles County Office of Education Teacher of the year luncheon where Robert Clark was honored as Glendora's teacher of the year. He said that Robert is a great representative of the teachers of the District and all they do. Dr. Voors also attend the Los Angeles County Fair Band finals and proudly announced that the Glendora High School Band was named the 2018 Grand Champions and won \$10,000. He reminded everyone that this week is the K-12 College Fair, at Glendora High School.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

Glendora High School Powderpuff Football game was fun, well attend and brought the school together. Students are busy preparing for Democracy in Action presentations for 5th grade students. All students are looking forward to the College Career Fair and Homecoming week. Fall sports are in full swing with many teams doing well and the Pipe Band is undefeated this season.

Goddard Middle School students enjoyed Spirit Day activities. Fall sports just started and the Power of Connections event went well. The 6th grade Web students enjoyed Glendora Day at the Fair.

La Fetra Elementary students and staff are preparing and practicing emergency drill procedures.

Sellers Elementary School students wore red white and blue for the Patriots Day and many students participated in Glendora Day at the Fair.

Whitcomb High School football is going well and the athletes are practicing for an upcoming game. October 26 is the PTSA sponsored Ladies Night Out, this is a popular event that helps to raise funds for the school.

STAFF PRESENTATON AND INFORMATION

Annual School Reports:

- Sutherland Elementary School principal Carren Acevedo presented the annual report. She shared the following targeted goals for ELA and Math, to continue exploration and implementation of curriculum; target interventions; and the implementation of the first year of Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS). She also reviewed the target goals for STEAM, provide Family Science Night, increase schoolwide technology, and continue after-school programs, coding, chess, robotic, Masters of Arts program, and

continued staff participation in District offered professional development. Mrs. Acevedo shared the overall performance data in ELA noting that 71% of the students met or exceeded the achievement standard and that writing is the strongest area. She also reviewed the performance summary with data on the subgroups, grade level comparison data and a two-year comparison of the same students pointing out that the percentage of students performing below standard is decreasing. In Math, 63% of the students met or exceeded the achievement standard, she noted that interestingly the strength and weakness is the same, in the area of concepts and procedures. She thanked GEF and the PTA for their continued support of many programs.

Ms. Borg thanked the staff for attending the meeting and she asked about the plans to address the area of weakness in ELA. She asked clarifying questions regarding interventions for students and PE data. Mr. Ellenson commented that the report provides a clear picture of what Sutherland is doing as a team in working through data. He asked questions regarding the Master of Arts program and he commented that he has heard from several parents with students in the Special Education program about how pleased they are with Sutherland. He expressed his appreciation for her energy and professionalism that she brings to the site helping the staff to feel empowered and supported. Mrs. Reuter was glad to see the year-to-year data for ELA and math saying that it helps to get perspective on the success. She asked about 5th grade math whether it is traditionally a difficult year. She enjoys seeing the culture at Sutherland and thanked Mrs. Acevedo for all she does. Mrs. Merkley is happy that Sutherland has the Master of Arts program and she thanked Mrs. Acevedo for her explanation of the math scores.

- Whitcomb High School Principal, Ron Letourneau presented the school's annual report. He proudly noted that the motto, "Where Students Come First" was selected by the students. He presented data on student enrollment, attendance, graduation rates and Smarter Balance test. He also provided an update on graduates from the class of 2016-17 noting that of the 16 students that went on to attend a junior or community college 9 continue on that path. Fifty-eight percent of the 2018 graduates that continued their education at community colleges or trade schools received financial aid awards. Mr. Letourneau commented on the support that Whitcomb is honored to receive as well as the student activities that help to keep students engaged. Activities include the organic garden, athletics, ASB, student leadership, yearbook, and more. He provided an update on the Alternative Placement Committee (APC) that was introduced in 2017-18 noting that it has really made a difference.

He reported on support and interventions, credit recovery, ROP and Career Pathways. This year Mr. Letourneau and staff are busy preparing for the WASC accreditation visit in the Spring of 2019.

Mrs. Reuter thanked Mr. Letourneau for the presentation and asked clarifying questions regarding graduates, ROP and Career Pathways as well as mental health services. Mr. Ellenson asked clarifying question regarding APC, and the changes to the ROP course offerings. He thanked him for leading the school through a tough year commenting that the students and staff came together. Ms. Borg appreciated the focus on life skills and she was excited about the students' interest in the garden. She thought the one-to-one ratio of computers to students was awesome and she thanked Mr. Letourneau for all he does for the students. Mrs. Merkley liked the career pathways options. She commented on test scores and possible PTSA support to encourage test taking. She said that Whitcomb is a great school and she is glad to be associated with it; she reminded everyone that Ladies Night Out is Oct. 26 and this year's theme is Bollywood Bash.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Lynne Holt regarding Speech Pathologists

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, the Board of Education approved the submission of the Local Indicators portion of the 2018 Local Control Accountability Plan.
2. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education approved the settlement agreement for OAH Case No. 20180080877.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, 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 September 10, 2018 as presented.

2. Accept gifts from Kathleen Lockie as presented

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve consultant services to be provided by Alpha Interpreting Agency for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services as mutually agreed upon.
2. Approve consultant services of Christy Jones, to provide a series of mindfulness strategies teacher workshops as presented.
3. Approve consultant services to be provided by Discovery Cube for Science Assemblies for Kindergarten students as presented.
4. Approve consultant services to be provided by Dr. Susan Paik for GATE parents workshops as presented.
5. Approve/ratify the Glendora High School Choir field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.
6. Approve the Goddard Middle School Science Camp field trips as presented. All procedural requirements have been met.
7. Approve consultant services to be provided by The Learning Together Company, for professional development of the management team and Whitcomb High School staff as presented.
8. Ratify the Glendora High School Field Hockey field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1819000526 through 1819000610 in the amount of \$564,742.76 for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Approve/ratify Certificated and Classified Warrants D1265724-D1331809, W5830209-W5845625; General Fund Warrants W24760383-W24785197; Food Services Fund Warrants W24764968, W24764985, W24764986, W24771517, W24771524, W24771532, W24771536, W24771537, W24774287, W24774294, W24779392, W24779397, W24779400, W24779404, W24779410, W24782393, W24782395, W24782398, W24782399, W24782403, W24782409, W24782410, W24782414, W24782415, W24782417; Deferred Maintenance W24764980, W24771520, W24771522, W24771523, W24771525, W24782397, W24782407,

W24785193; Capital Facilities Fund W24766916, W24774296; and Day Care Fund Warrants W24766911, W24766913, W24771526, W24779410 for a total of \$ 2,923,319.78.

3. Approve Resolution No. 3 Authorized Signature Resolution as presented.
4. Accept the completion of work performed by Electric Service & Supply Company of Pasadena as presented.

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 enjoyed the school reports saying that they are exciting and she thanked principals for all their work and the presentations. She commented on a CSBA reception she attended with Mr. Ellenson for LA area school boards. They were encouraging people to get out and vote letting local legislators know the condition of school financing. Glendora USD does not get the same amount of funding that other area district do and this needs to be fixed. Other District events she attended include Glendora Day at the Fair; an exciting and victorious GHS girls volleyball game; the District's new teacher luncheon; and the LACOE Teacher of the Year luncheon where she was excited to honor Mr. Clark.

Mrs. Reuter commented that she is learning a lot and has enjoyed the experience so far. The new teacher luncheon was great as well as the LACOE Teacher of the Year event saying that it was uplifting and inspirational to hear about what inspired the honorees to be teachers.

Mrs. Merkley enjoyed the Battle of the Books where 24 teams answer questions regarding selected books; she serves on the Glendora Library Board and commented that Glendora is blessed to have a public library that works with the school district. This year Glendorans were challenged to read 40,000 hours over the summer and went above the challenge with 43,635 hours. She encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and noted that the League of Woman Voters is holding an informational night regarding ballot issues on October 17th, 6:30 pm at Bidwell forum. She congratulated Dr. DiGrazia for on his doctorate!

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:

October 8, 2018

Certified by:

Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., Clerk