

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 21, 2011

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on April 21, 2011 (moved from 04-14), at Bitely School, Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 7:31 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Not present at the meeting was Mr. Tony Ramos.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, 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**

Alexandra Carmona led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

**Anita Robledo – CSEA Unsung Hero**

The Board presented a certificate of recognition to Anita Robledo as a recipient of the CSEA Unsung Hero Award for 2011.

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of the upcoming Campus Beautification Day on April 30, 2011, hoping to have volunteers from the community and staff to help on this day. Dr. Johnson indicated that she is meeting with community partners seeking grant funds for science programs next year in the approximate amount of \$250,000.

Janet Chin addressed the Relay for Life that benefits the American Cancer Society in partnership with the Rosemead School District. Those interested in participating were asked to recommend a cancer survivor to be honored at the May 15<sup>th</sup> walk. For more details, Ms. Chin can be contacted at [janet4garvey@gmail.com](mailto:janet4garvey@gmail.com).

**REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**  
Michael Drange, president of GEA, asked the Board for leniency of the Board bylaws to allow people to speak tonight.

Mr. Drange talked about the following GEA events:

- May 3 - GEA Sponsored Town Hall meeting at San Gabriel High School, 6-7:30 p.m.
- May 9-13 Week of Action planned by CTA, CSEA and other organizations. He encouraged everyone to join together in addressing the ongoing educational issues throughout the State of California. Next Thursday, flyers will be distributed to parents regarding the State budget and how it will affect schools.
- May 13 - Statewide Rally at Pershing Square in Los Angeles (and simultaneously in Sacramento and other cities). Mr. Drange indicated that bus transportation (free of charge) will be available. The rally is to inform people from all over Southern California of the education cuts that have been going on too long and the need to change the budget situation. Flyers with information will be distributed soon.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Vickie Walker, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, spoke of the number of people attending the meeting to honor Anita Robledo, as CSEA's Unsung Hero. Ms. Walker spoke in support of the Board passing a resolution to celebrate Classified School Employees Week on May 3, 2011. CSEA will be having special events throughout this week.

Ms. Walker addressed CSEA's concern of possible classified layoffs and rumors being spread with negative information that was offensive to classified staff. Ms. Walker commended the work of instructional assistants and thanked GEA for working collaboratively to let parents and the community know about budget reductions and how these affect the children's classrooms. Ms. Walker urged everyone to work together and keep in mind the best interest of the children. Ms. Walker talked about the various ways in which the Garvey School District is unique in its diversity and feeling connected as a family. Ms. Walker hopes that these relationships do not disintegrate and asked everyone to fight to get back the unity as a family in the District.

#### **REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE**

Becky Lam reported the status of the Head Start enrollment. The District is fully enrolled with 394 students in Head Start and 131 State Preschool Program children for a total of 525 students.

#### **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Cathie Camacho reiterated that the California State PTA and Garvey Council PTA are in full support of the coalition with CTA and CSEA for the state of emergency activities on May 9-13, 2011.

- **Garvey Education Foundation**

Les Nakasaki reported on last night's Foundation gala awards dinner honoring four individuals, Maureen Bateman, Marion Sumimoto, Officer Flores and Officer Valdes, as well as the Foundation Mini Grant recipients for classroom projects. Henry Lo thanked everyone who attended the gala dinner and the team of volunteers led by Cathie Camacho for the silent auction baskets.

#### **HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE**

Joshua Kasanjian addressed the Board regarding curriculum concerns. He stated that it is critical for Honors History and Science classes to remain and asked that parents be involved in the discussion process.

Karla Lucarelli addressed the Board regarding the discussions on removing honors classes. Ms. Lucarelli is currently a student in the program where she is able to learn more and excel in school.

Megan Nguyen addressed the Board regarding honors classes and keeping the art elective classes. Ms. Nguyen, a former student of Garvey Intermediate School, spoke in support of these classes and teachers Charles Howell, Jill Boyd, and Pat Kasababian.

Lauren Fukumoto addressed the Board regarding scholars' classes. Ms. Fukumoto is a former student of Garvey Intermediate School, and intends to attend law classes this summer at Princeton University. Ms. Fukumoto read aloud a letter from her cousin Ty Fukumoto in support of Ms. Kasababian's Honors Social Studies. Mr. Fukumoto is a former student of Garvey Intermediate School and a graduate from UCLA University and Loyola Law School.

Jean Lazo-Uy, president of PTSA (Parents Teacher Student Association), addressed the Board regarding Honors program elimination. Ms. Lazo-Uy presented a letter from 33 parents opposing the elimination of honors social studies classes and the arts program at Garvey Intermediate School.

Digia Dam addressed the Board opposing the GATE Program suspension. Ms. Dam expressed concern and sadness over the funding reductions for programs to support the children's learning.

Pauline Lu addressed the Board regarding the decision to eliminate the Honors Program. Ms. Lu asked that parents be informed of decisions affecting students and the time necessary to make other school arrangements for the students.

Hung Ha addressed the Board in opposition of the elimination of Honors classes. Mr. Ha indicated that the elimination of social studies and science classes would be a step backwards in a time when standards need to be raised instead of lowered. Mr. Ha indicated that students need to be challenged, not penalized for high performance and he urged the Board not to eliminate these classes.

Patricia Kasababian addressed the Board regarding general educational matters. Ms. Kasababian thanked the Board for funding provided to support 16 students competing on the History Day State-wide Competition. Ms. Kasababian thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and asked Board members not to underestimate the concerns expressed tonight. She stated that Board members need to be inclusive not exclusive. Ms. Kasababian asked for everyone's collaboration in coming up with win/win solutions by involving all stakeholders in the planning of curriculum and funding challenges facing the District.

Jill Boyd addressed the Board regarding the student concerns that arose at the last Board meeting, stating that she is disturbed by the appearance that Board Members are not listening to the community, and not taking in consideration the mission of educators and that of Board members as public servants. Ms. Boyd spoke in support of several great teachers in the District.

Yolanda Peña addressed the Board regarding classified layoffs. Ms. Peña talked about staff morale and rumors about the future of the District.

Phuong Ma addressed the Board regarding possible CSEA layoffs and talked about the important duties of instructional assistants helping students reach high levels of academic achievement, helping students participate in intervention programs, and being the voice of the children in the District.

Susan Byard addressed the Board regarding pending lay-offs of untold numbers of Classified employees. She expressed dismay and concern for the hurtful and inflammatory words regarding students not progressing and not receiving enough time in quality English-learning activities. Ms. Byard noted that many instructional

assistants are well seasoned and highly qualified paraprofessionals with college education who have been well coached and prepared to assist in the classrooms. Ms. Byard spoke of the many volunteer hours spent on after-school student activities. She urged the Board to keep as many jobs in the District as humanly possible.

Phat Dam addressed the Board regarding the importance of Instructional Assistants. Mr. Dam described the many areas where students are helped to overcome language barriers and preparing students to achieve high test scores. Mr. Dam talked about his efforts to help students exercise on early mornings before classes begin. He asked the Board to re-consider the possible layoffs and focus instead on preparing kids for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Stella Mercado addressed the Board regarding possible layoffs. She spoke of the efforts to assist students with special needs in language and honors classes and in partnership with teachers and parents.

Dr. Sandra Johnson addressed the potential budget reductions. She stated that in the past few years the District has made reductions in elementary teachers and not intermediate school teachers. At the same time there is declining enrollment at the intermediate school levels, and some class sizes have as few as 14 students. Dr. Johnson noted that most middle school teachers hold a single-subject credential, and one of the Title I requirements is that every teacher be certified in every subject taught. Projections are being done to ensure class size equality in order to make a final decision on the reductions.

Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation for the comments being expressed tonight. She indicated that the negotiations are continuing with GEA and CSEA to reach an agreement and make the best decisions related to the \$1.9 million dollar deficit in the District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS:** None

#### **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board adjourned at 8:08 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

#### **RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 8:59 p.m.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board extended the time to end the meeting.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved to end the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

#### **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Janet Chin indicated that no action was taken during the closed session.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), 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:  
Regular Meeting – March 10, 2011  
Regular Meeting – March 24, 2011  
Approved.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance (Revised) 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 March 31, 2011; to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.
4. Accept Donation – Wells Fargo Bank 4  
Accept donation from Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$500 to Temple Intermediate School for the school's musical play. Approved.
5. Accept Donation – Rosemead Kiwanis Club 5  
Accept donation from the Rosemead Kiwanis Club in the amount of \$300 to Temple Intermediate School for the school's musical play. Approved.
6. Asian Pacific Heritage Month Resolution 6  
It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 10-11-14 proclaiming May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month in the Garvey School District. Approved.
7. National Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution 7  
It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 10-11-15 proclaiming May 2-6, 2011 as National Teacher Appreciation Week in the Garvey School District. Approved.
8. Classified School Employee Week Resolution 8  
It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 10-11-16 proclaiming May 15-21, 2011 as Classified School Employee Week in the Garvey School District. Approved.
9. National School Nurse Day Resolution 9  
It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 10-11-17 proclaiming May 11, 2011 as National School Nurse Day in the Garvey School District.  
  
Bob Bruesch commended the District's nursing staff for their involvement in planning community health fairs for parents and coming up with health resources.  
  
Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), to support Resolution No. 10-11-17.
10. Employ Consultant 10  
It is recommended that the Garvey School Board of Education approve the employment of consultant Anne Marie Richardson-Gibbs, M.A. to provide training on June 29, 2011 to the Head Start/State Preschool teaching staff on Supporting Young Children with Special Needs in Inclusive Environments. Approved.

11. Employ Consultant 11  
It is recommended that the Garvey School Board of Education approve the employment of Senta Greene, CEO and Chief Consultant of Full Circle Consulting Systems to provide full day training to the Head Start/State Preschool teaching staff on June 28, 2011. Approved.
12. Employ Consultant 12  
It is recommended the Garvey School District Board of Education approve the employment of consultant Jose-Luis Orozco to provide a workshop to the Head Start/State Preschool teaching staff on Language, History and Culture thru Music on June 17, 2011. Approved.
13. Employ Consultant 13  
It is recommended that the Garvey School Board of Education approve the employment of consultant Melissa M. Shepherd, MFT to provide training On May 27, 2011, to the Head Start/State Preschool staff on "From Good Service by Building Relationships," Approved.
14. Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) 14  
It is recommended that the board approve the State Preschool One-Time Supplemental (OTS) Funding Application for Program Year 2010-2011 for four (4) Budget Adjustment & Request for Advance Approvals (BAR/RAA) that will be re-submitted to Los Angeles County Office of Education, State Preschool Division-GRANTEE due to change of funding source. Approved.

#### **B. Human Resources**

1. Personnel Assignment Report (Revised) 15  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Personnel Assignment Report No.10-11-12 as presented. Approved.
2. Job Description 16  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the job description of Director 1 – Head Start job description. Head Start Policy Committee approved on April 20, 2011. Approved.
3. School Year Calendar 17  
Approve the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar. Approved.

#### **C. Pupil Personnel Services**

1. Approve Contract 18  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve contract with Bonnie Russell-Hunt to review the District's Special Education program. Postponed Approval.  
  
Bob Bruesch spoke about the need to have similar reviews done by District staff. Dr. Johnson stated that the consultant will see how to improve services and reduce costs for the District, and that the consultant's fees are considerably less than what other consultants would cost. Ms. Russell-Hunt has provided services at several other districts in the area.

#### **D. Instructional Services**

1. Outdoor Education – Catalina Island Marine Institute 19  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the attendance of 22 sixth grade students, one teacher and three volunteers from Marshall School at the Catalina Island Marine Institute Outdoor Program from April 20 through April 22, 2011. Approved.

2. Outdoor Education – Camp Surf 20  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of 60 sixth grade students, three teachers and three volunteers from George I. Sanchez Elementary School, at YMCA Camp Surf from June 1 through June 3, 2011 at an estimated cost of \$9,853.92. Approved.
3. Singapore Math 21  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Staff Development for Educators (SDE) to provide professional development in Singapore Math to 30 elementary teachers in the Garvey School District from May 24 through May 26, 2011. Approved.
4. Astro Camp 22  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance for 28 fifth and sixth grade GATE students, one teacher, and three parents, from Eldridge Rice elementary School, at Astro Camp Guided Discoveries, from May 9 through May 11, 2011. Approved.

**E. Business Services**

1. Purchase Order Report 23  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.10-11-12 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers (Revised) 24  
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. Ratify Change Order 25  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify Change Order #1 from Jam Corporation as presented. Approved.
4. Ratify Change Order 26  
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify Change Order #1 from the Nazerian Group as presented. Approved.

**Reports and Information Items:** None

**Action Items**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the students' name in public for Action Item A.

- A. On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #10-11-11 from the School District for a period commencing April 22 and ending not later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Willard Elementary School is being expelled for violation of the following Education Codes:  
48900(m): Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm. 27

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan for readmission.

- B.** Board to discuss and possibly approve District membership in the San Gabriel Civic Alliance in the amount of \$250. 28

Dr. Johnson indicated that approval of this item is at the request of Henry Lo. Mr. Lo explained that this Alliance is an organization similar to a regular chamber of commerce that focuses on labor unions and school districts. He hopes that as funding cuts are made by the State, more people will be able to get involved in priorities for State policy issues. In light of the current budget situation, Mr. Lo has curtailed his travel expenses and is willing to forgo one month of his stipend in order to pay for this membership.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Tony Ramos not present), to approve Action Item B as presented.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Bob Bruesch asked for information about staff contacting Edison for a District conservation audit and he asked for a study session on cost savings energy efficiency, as well as, information about ice cream trucks and what is sold to the District students. Janet Chin asked for an update on services from Sodexo, Inc.

Mr. Bruesch asked on status of District efforts to help the victims of the recent tsunami in Japan. Dr. Johnson stated that Monterey Vista was one school that is doing something to support individuals in Japan.

Janet Chin spoke about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Forum on May 21, 2011, from 9 am to 2 p.m., sponsored by Edison International and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center on immigration, social justice, and higher education opportunities. Ms. Chin noted that June 17, 2011, is the deadline to submit entries for the Golden Bell Award and suggested that some program from the Garvey School District be nominated. Ms. Chin asked the Board to keep in mind for next year the 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District nomination of a young woman when Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez calls for nominations for Woman of Year Award. Mr. Bruesch asked that similar to the Golden Bell Award, he would like to have included in the next CSBA conference an exemplary school program from our District. Ms. Chin added that the Board may nominate an outstanding legislator of the year for next year's CSBA conference at the next Board meeting.

At the request of Bob Bruesch, the Board concurred to change the starting time of future Board meetings to 6:30 p.m.

Henry Lo announced that on April 29 there will be a public hearing by the California Commission on Redistricting at the San Gabriel Play House. Mr. Lo spoke of the importance of the community attending these meetings that may affect the school boundaries in the San Gabriel Valley.

Dr. Sandra Johnson reminded the Board of Willy Wonka Junior by Temple Arts Society starting today through Saturday, 7:00 p.m., at \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

John Yuen expressed his regrets for not attending the Foundation Dinner and for arriving late at the meeting tonight.

Dr. Johnson indicated that the STAR Team would be making a presentation to the Board on late May, 2011.



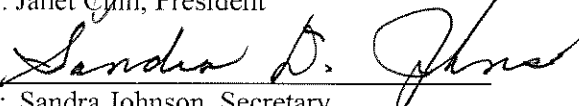
The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Public session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and closed session to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
May 26, 2011	Report from STAR Team Consultant
June 16, 2011	

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
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M. Janet Chin, President

  
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Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

**REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AT GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Santa Acevedo	Nancy Eng	Jessica Lu	Marlene Renteria
Joanne Aian	Richard Eng	Kristie Lu	Art Reynolds
Oralia Aguilar	Winnie Eng	Pauline Lu	Micki Rios
William Aguilar	Virginia Erdmann	Karla Lucarelli	Yolanda Rivera
Maire Alexandre	Jeanne Fleming	Phuong Ma	Anita Robledo
Ana Luisa Aldrete	Teresa Flores	Frank Maier	Suzana Romo
Carlos Andrade	Sylvia Frescas	Rebecca Madrid	Lupe Rosales
Laura Andrade	Anna Fung	E.J. Maldonado	Mirna Sanchez
Agustin Aquino	Alma Garcia	Ava Martinez	Alivia Sandoval
Marilyn Arellanes	Adeline T. Gaw	Lourdes Martinez	Ted Saulino
Brenda Ascencio	Sandra Gares	Connie Medina	Michelle Silva
Christy Ascencio	Eva Garcia	Maria Mena	Terry Skotnes
Jaime Avila	Michaela Gomez	Estella Mercado	Yulianti Song
Lisa Avila	Catalina Gutierrez	Juana Meza	Stacy Stewart
Irma Ayala	Patricia Hernandez	Pat Molina	Yi Su
Gilda Barron	Kien Ho	Naomi Morales	Teresa Tang-Quick
Rafi Bederian	Tu Cam Huynh	Celia Moreno	Christine Tran
Yolanda Burgueno	Elsa G. Iñiguez	Elizabeth Mulero	Norma Valdepena
Susan Byard	Patricia Kasababian	Les Nakasaki	Manuel J. Vargas
Juanita Cabrera	Joshua Kasanjian	Thomas Nelson	Marina Venegas
Cathie Camacho	Lena Koh	Carol Nieto	Leslie Villarroel
Alexandra Carmona	Nancy Kugler	Sanya Namboun	Monique Vuong-Tran
Grace Carmona	Becky Lam	Fred Olea	Any Yasuda-Lee
Peter Chan	Laura Landin	Diana Oliva	Vickie Walker
Cecilia Chau	Jean Lazo-Vy	Carol Ong	Rosa Wong
Kathleen Coad	Lau Le	Jason Otis	Angie Xu
Bertina Chung	Kaitlyn Lee	Elizabeth Pantoja	Cathie Yamasaki
Roxanne Contreras	Christine Leung	Brianne Parsons	Stella Yu
Digia Dam	Peter Leung	Gary S. Parsons	
Phat Dam	Kit Li	Yolanda Pena	
Olivia De Leon	So Lieng	Khanh C. Phan	
Olivia De Leon, Print Shop	Hwei Lie Liong	Martha del R. Ramos	
Michael Drange	Carmen Lopez	Barbara Razo	