

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Special Meeting

June 24, 2010

The Garvey School Board of Education met in special session on June 24, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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 6:15 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen, and Interim Superintendent Dolores Preciado.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Ms. Anita Chu, Mr. Michael Coughlin, Ms. and Ms. María 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**

Bob Bruesch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:** None

**FORMATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Tony Ramos asked general questions about the evaluation process for contracts regarding the most cost-effective way of procuring contracts. Dolores Preciado explained that the contract selection depends on the type of services requested by parents and what is needed by the students. Other times, the selection of a contract is due to the District's difficulty in recruiting such positions as speech pathologists. The selection of contracts is based on the needs of the student as guided by the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) recommendations to provide special education in a least restrictive environment.

Bob Bruesch pointed out that sometimes there is massive litigation that causes hundreds of dollars to the District in special education expenses. Janet Chin suggested adding an explanation to the recommendation about the type of contract evaluation done and the legal issues to consider for the approval of the contracts. Henry Lo pointed out how everyone including Board members need to work together in trying to control and justify costs and financial implications. John Yuen asked to also include similar review and justifications for such items as printing paper and equipment leases. Bob Bruesch commented on Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)'s involvement in trying to bring down the costs of the special education contracts.

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve the consent agenda as indicated below.

Category	Agenda Number	Subject
Business Services	377	Study session on 2010-11 Budget

**A. Human Resources**

(371) Approved Personnel Assignment Report 09-10-19. Consent.

**B. Pupil Personnel Services**

(372) Approved contract with Sunbelt Staffing Solutions for the Extended School Year services of an Occupational Therapist at a cost of \$70 per hour for no more than 80 hours plus mileage for a total not to exceed \$5,700. Also to be included in this contract would be Extended School Year services of a Speech and Language Pathology Assistant at a cost not to exceed \$4,536. The total cost for services from Sunbelt Staffing Solutions for July 1 to July 23, 2010 will not exceed \$10,236 to be paid from Special Education funds. Consent.

(373) Approved contract with Catalyst Speech Language Pathology for speech and language services at a rate of \$83 per hour, not to exceed 85 hours or \$7,055, to be paid from Special Education funds, for the contracted time of July 1, 2010 to July 23, 2010. Consent.

(374) Approved contract with Total Education Solutions for occupational therapy services for the Extended School Year at a rate of \$90 per hour, not to exceed 56 hours or \$5,040 to be paid from Special Education funds for the contracted period of July 1, 2010 to July 23, 2010. Consent.

(375) Approved contract with Villa Esperanza Services to provide speech services for 12 hours at a rate of \$120 per hour to a preschool child diagnosed with Autism. This contract is not to exceed \$1,440. This contract will be in effect from July 1, 2010 to July 23, 2010. Consent.

(376) Approved contract with Rosemary Johnson & Associates to provide occupational therapy at a rate of \$90 per hour for no more than 4 hours and physical therapy at a rate of \$120 per hour for no more than 2 hours for children in the Garvey School District area. These services will be for Extended School Year (ESY) services and will end by July 23, 2010. Consent.

**C. Business Services**

\*(377) A study session was held on 2010-11 Budget.

Michael Coughlin made a Power Point presentation on the 2010-11 Budget. He presented the projections from the 2<sup>nd</sup> interim report where it showed unrestricted General Fund balances of approximately \$6.2 million at the end fiscal year 2010, \$3.7 million at the end of fiscal year 2011, and \$259,000 at the end of fiscal year 2012.

Mr. Coughlin presented the projections in the 2010-11 budget for unrestricted General Fund balances of approximately \$6.2 million by the end of fiscal year 2010, \$4.5 million at the end of fiscal year 2011, and \$1.5 million by the end of fiscal year 2012. Mr. Coughlin explained that the picture is brighter now because in 2010-11

we will have 16 fewer teachers, larger class sizes and 2 fewer administrators. The District continues to negotiate with CSEA and GEA regarding insurance give backs, and furloughs/layoffs. Even with the better news, the District will be \$60,000 short of its required 3% reserve at the end of 2011-12. Even with that gap closed, there is no cushion behind it; the Board previously discussed having approximately \$1 million as a reasonable amount of additional reserve in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Coughlin noted that by the end of fiscal year 2012-13, the General Fund deficit is expected to be nearly \$2.8 million mainly due to ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funding expiring September 2011; 8.1 full time equivalent (FTEs) are paid currently by ARRA funds. Fears about the size of the federal budget deficit are likely to preclude passage of a 2nd stimulus package. Also, the K-3 CSR flexibility ends 6/30/11. To avoid a 100% penalty for classes greater than 20.44 students, 18 teachers are projected to be added.

Mr. Coughlin explained that due to state deferrals being used as a way to balance the state budget, the District budget is showing a potential cash problem in June 2011, even when our expenses are relatively stable. Mr. Coughlin addressed two possible solutions of borrowing from other funds via a resolution approved on June 16, 2010, and issuing a tax revenue anticipation note (TRAN) during 2010-11 (interest and issuance costs must be considered).

Mr. Coughlin spoke of the California Jobs Budget proposed as an alternative to the Governor's May Revise. This proposal would repay debt to local governments and school districts in order to save jobs by fully funding Proposition 98, spending \$1.3 billion for mandated costs reimbursement, and \$500 million for deficit reduction. The estimated \$10.1 billion cost would be paid by delaying new business tax breaks, establishing an oil severance tax, borrowing from the state recycling and state disability insurance funds, and by utilizing more optimistic revenue forecasts for 2009-10 and 2010-11. Some of these proposals may be challenged by the State Attorney General and Treasurer. Mr. Coughlin stated that the state budget will probably not be passed for a while and its effects on the District's finances will evolve over time.

Board members discussed issues of class size reductions and penalties, projections in capital outlay, and flexibility while maintaining caution with certain line items. Other areas discussed were ways to maximize value from textbook adoptions and special education contracts.

#### **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD**

Henry Lo asked Board members to join him in support of sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors and asking them to not consider a July 12<sup>th</sup> proposal reducing library hours for the Rosemead library as this decision will have a great impact on our students, especially during the summer months when there is much more need to keep libraries with longer hours open.

Tony Ramos commented on the great speakers at the promotion celebrations.

Janet Chin noted that nuVision Credit Union (formerly E1 Credit Union) continues to have an interest in planning a financial literacy program through the parent involvement academy. Ms. Chin thanked Board members who will be attending the legislative budget brief session by Assemblymember Mike Eng this Friday, June 25, 2010

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**


The following meeting will be a special meeting on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Education Center. Public session will begin at 6:00 p.m. with closed session to begin at 6:30 p.m. The following meeting will be a regular meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2010, at the Education Center. Closed session will begin at 6:00 p.m. with public session to begin at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 08:13 p.m.

  
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M. Janet Chin, President

  
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Dolores Preciado, Secretary

**REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AT GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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