

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2019

President Mr. Ellenson 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:

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
Janette Walczak, Director of Fiscal Services, Business Services

AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, 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).
- Superintendent's Evaluation

RECOGNITION SECTION

PTA Reflections Chairperson, Jeanie Turunen presented the 2018-19 PTA Reflections winners. This year's topic was "Heroes Around Me". Mrs. Turunen commented that there were 14 winning students out of 150 entries. Of the 14, three received First District Awards and one is moving on to the state level competition. Certificates and awards were presented to the following winners:

Photography: Ananya Baskaran, La Fetra; Avrie Stump, Cullen; Allison Quayle, Goddard; Stephanie Hang, GHS

Dance Choreography: Claire Plock, Sellers; and Tessa Boyer, Cullen

Music Composition: Ellington Steward, Cullen

Literature: Izen Salinas, Sellers; Heather Quayle, Goddard; Grace LaPlante, GHS

Film Production: Meilee Condron, Cullen

Visual Arts: Elyssa Oller, La Fetra; Shalena Prakash, Cullen; Valeria Chico, Goddard

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors congratulated GHS student Jillyn Turunen for becoming a National Merit scholarship winner, which awards a four-year scholarship. He stated that this week is Legislative Action Day in Sacramento and that Mrs. Reuter and Mr. Ellenson will be going to Sacramento to lobby on behalf of schools and education. Dr. Voors is very appreciative that they are willing to do this and looks forward to hearing about their experience. This is Open House season and everyone is looking forward to Spring Break the week of March 25th.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

Sandburg Middle School 6th grade students enjoyed a snowy time at Science Camp. Recent activities include the 2nd Annual SMS & GMS dance, Spirit Day, Bonelli Park hike, LACMA field trip, Electrify Your Stings, and 8th grade Honors Placement test. The band recently performed at Knott's Berry Farm and the Golden Notes have been working hard at rehearsing for an upcoming performance. March 6th was Brain Awareness Day, during PE classes students walked through a giant brain learning many fascinating facts.

Cullen Elementary School Open House was well attended. The fifth grade students visited the Metropolitan Water District. The annual *Ropes for Hope* event was a great success with over \$5,500 raised and donated to the City of Hope. PTA sponsored Art Docent lessons have begun with a focus on the artist, Marc Chagall. The student artwork created from these lessons will be displayed at the school museum on Family Art Night in April.

Stanton Elementary School students participated in I Heart College Day with a College Fair that included college bingo and a college scavenger hunt. Cat in the Hat Day and the Community Read-In were enjoyed by all. The PTA held a family night that was well attended. Teachers continue to plan for Smarter Balance testing by giving students time to practice with computer training tests.

Glendora High School students are looking forward to Action this month. This week is a stressful week for seniors as college acceptance letters are being received. AP Seminar is beginning the second quarter of the program and students in AP Research are beginning to wrap up their projects. Congratulations to Jillyn Turunen accepted to University of Chicago. GHS students had questions regarding the School Safety presentation and were pleased that administration played the video presentation again for all students to help familiarize them with the procedures.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

- A. Dr. Dominic DiGrazia presented Glendora Unified School District's response to California School Employees Association Chapter 247 negotiations proposal for 2019-2020
- B. GHS Principal Paul Lopez and Vice Principal Jamie Norell presented an update on the Glendora High School Block Schedule. The Block Schedule was formed eight years ago, after much discussion and research through an MOU with the GTA. Per the MOU, the school has gone through the voting process every two years. This will be the last year of the MOU; GHS and GTA feel that the schedule should become permanent. GHS is recommending the change of including weekly late start days saying that the weekly collaboration is desired by staff to continue discussions and planning. The instructional minutes are being confirmed with the Business office. The Collaboration Committee has met and parent meetings are planned for next week.

Mr. Ellenson asked for an example of what the weekly schedule would look like. Mrs. Reuter asked about zero period and tutorial time. Dr. Fernando commented that he has heard that the tutorials are appreciated by the students; and he asked clarifying questions regarding WASC.

Mrs. Merkley is pleased that the block schedule is becoming permanent, saying that most students and teachers like it and believe it is a benefit. Ms. Borg asked about feedback from parents and how staff will be held accountable for the late start days.

- C. Mr. Marc Chaldu, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented the 2018-2019 Second Interim Report. He reviewed the proposed State Budget saying that in January the Governor proposed an additional \$2 billion for public education for 2019-2020. He reviewed the District enrollment information noting that Glendora's enrollment declined 240 in ADA from last year to this school year. The District is seeing smaller kindergarten classes coming in as compared to the number of graduating seniors. Also, District of Choice and Interdistrict transfer student enrollment is down from its highest of 1,667 in 2014-15 to 1,195 for this current year. The District has a great attendance rate above 97% but continues to try the introduction of programs such as Saturday School to recapture ADA. Mr. Chaldu reviewed multi-year revenues, expenditures and cash flow. He commented on preparing for a Fiscal Stabilization Plan to include revenue enhancements, expenditure reductions and a possible plan for a \$1 million ongoing shortfall saying that structural deficit spending needs to be addressed. The next steps are to wait for the Governor's May State Budget Revise; focus on creating expenditure cost savings; and continue preparation for 2019-20 estimated revenues and expenditures for the June budget. Mr. Chaldu thanked Janette Walczak and Pamela Escalante for their work on the Interim Report.

Mrs. Reuter thanked Mr. Chaldu and his staff for the report, saying that it was very comprehensive. She asked clarifying questions regarding Saturday School and the cap on DOC students. She asked about Special Education costs and what the District is doing internally to make sure we are maximizing efficiency. Mrs. Merkley commented on the decline in enrollment compared with the affordability to live in Glendora. She asked about the possibility of increasing class sizes. She thanked Mr. Chaldu and the staff for the report. Dr. Fernando expressed his appreciation for the report. He asked how the District would implement a reduction in supplies and what that means for staff and schools. He commented on the decline in enrollment saying that people make the assessment that fewer students means more attention for their child when that is not the case and he asked how to communicate this to the public. Ms. Borg thanked Mr. Chaldu, Mrs. Walczak, and Ms. Escalante for the report saying that she appreciates their work. She commented that she doesn't think that the public understands the cap on DOC students and asked how the District can communicate this message. She commented on Special Education encroachment as well as the cap on DOC students. Mr. Ellenson asked clarifying questions regarding certificated and classified salaries as well as the textbook adoptions for 2018-19 and 2019-20. He appreciates the challenge of finding where the

District can make reductions. He commented on the number of DOC students accepted this school year 38; compared to over 300 during the early years of DOC. He thanked Mr. Chaldu and the staff for putting the report together. Student Board Representative Matt Doughly asked about the cost of online textbooks.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education approved Resolution 8: Calling for Support of AB 39 (Maratuschi) to Increase Local Control Funding for California's Public Schools as presented.
2. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education approved the 2018-19 Second Interim Report as presented.
3. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education approved Resolution No. 9 Application for Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure as a Public Agency Employer as presented and Discussion Action Item Number 4 Resolution No. 10 Application to Formally Join ASCIP JPA as a Permanent Affiliate as presented.
5. Dr. Voors reviewed recent updates to the District's Strategic Plan. This was a discussion only item and no action will be taken.

Dr. Voors reviewed objectives in the areas including access to technology; improvement of facilities; internal and external communication; safe school environment; and financial stability and sustainability.

Mrs. Reuter: asked when parents will be able to view the school safety video; she commented that it is a good video that highlights a great plan and that parents should see it. Ms. Borg also asked clarifying questions regarding the communications surveys. Mr. Ellenson commented on the facility needs assessment and the need for revisions.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Ms. Borg, 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 February 25, 2019 as presented.
2. Accept gifts from Bank of America Matching Gift Program and Edison International as presented.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify the Glendora High School Boys Golf Team field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.
2. Approve the La Fetra Elementary School fifth grade field trip to Riley's Apple Farm as presented above. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1819001400 through 1819001433 in the amount of \$89,598.58 and amended purchase order 1819001272 for the 2018-2019 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

Mrs. Borg was happy to attend the PTA Founders Day Dinner and enjoyed reading at Sellers Elementary School for the Community Read-In. The Council PTA nominations for officers have been made and Ms. Borg hopes to connect with the new Council President and the legislative representative. She reminded everyone that April 26 is the GEF Food For Thought fundraiser.

Mrs. Reuter enjoyed reading in 2nd grade classrooms for the Community Read-In. At Stanton, Dr. Najarro organized a parade and a dance-a-thon, the students had a great time and it was wonderful to see their excitement for reading. She attended the Legislative Action Committee meeting where the big news was that Measure E had passed. Mrs. Reuter attended two CSBA Masters in Governance classes and had a few questions regarding the District's Board Policies as well as Board Member self-evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

April 8, 2019

Certified by:

Robin Merkley, Clerk