

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 23, 2012

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on February 23, 2012, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., by Board President Tony Ramos.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:52 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Michael Coughlin, Ms. Dolores Preciado, Dr. Mary Suzuki, 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

Dolores Preciado led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hillcrest School increased their API score 45 points, from 800 to 845. Principal Dr. Robin Libby described through a Power Point presentation what actions staff took to make these improvements in student achievement. Mr. Libby described the student demographics of the school, student test scores, and programs that helped realize the growth in achievement. This was accomplished by using student data analysis, extra opportunities in reading and writing, and focused attention on the quality of lesson planning for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Mr. Libby spoke of the Response to Intervention (RtI) program, the collaboration of staff in professional learning communities (PLC's), and the weekly classroom visits by the principal and academic coaches. Mr. Libby highlighted some of the programs in science, tutoring, and computer lab activities available to enhance student achievement and close the gap for students with lower scores.

Mr. Libby announced that Hillcrest was notified of qualifying to apply and become a California Distinguished School in 2012.

Board members asked questions related to student assessments, impact of tutoring programs on student grades, and the use of data notebooks related to state standards and test score benchmarks,

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandy Johnson acknowledged the donation of dictionaries made by the Rosemead Kiwanis Club to all 3rd through 6th grade students in the District. Dr. Johnson commented on a second session held at Garvey Intermediate School by Frank Rodriguez on designing better class lessons.

Janet Chin reminded everyone of the San Gabriel Youth Summit this weekend (February 25th). She noted the educational roundtable for superintendents and Board members held by Senator Ed Hernandez on March 2, 2012.

Henry Lo thanked everyone for their participation and successful Garvey PTA Founders Day, the 100th anniversary, on February 22, 2012.

Bob Bruesch encouraged everyone to attend the SGV Youth Summit with much information for parents and students. Mr. Bruesch shared information with the Board regarding a CSBA invitation for the District to have a table or demonstration of innovative student programs at the CSBA conference on December, 2012.

Tony Ramos thanked John Yuen for leading the Board meeting of February 9, 2012, as Mr. Ramos was absent due to illness.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, read aloud a report from GEA and provided copies to the Board. He stated that GEA is waiting on the District to begin negotiations. He commended the Board for passing Resolution 11-12-11, Governor Brown's 2012 Tax Initiative.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Cindy Carter-Bedoya indicated that notification of initial approval from LACOE was received for three of the seven grants submitted to the Office of Head Start totaling \$90,400. The Policy Committee approved them yesterday, and Board members will be asked to approve at the next meeting.

Ms. Carter-Bedoya reminded the Board of the upcoming Board study session on February 28, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and reminded Board members of the Community Read In event scheduled in the CDO Office for March 5th, 2012.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Bob Bruesch noted the successful event of the PTA Founders Day dinner on February 22, 2012.

- **Garvey Education Foundation**

Bob Bruesch indicated that there were many mini-grant applications received this year.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Pat Kasababian addressed the Board regarding the schedule of pacing guides for Language Arts. She distributed copies to Board members. Ms. Kasababian was told that, as a directive from the District Office, the assessments for the second trimester were to be done on February 24, 2012, which would shorten instruction by 15 days before the end of the trimester.

Pat Molina, spoke as a teacher in the District, a parent, and a member of the community. She addressed her concern for the student to teacher ratio of special education classes at Garvey Intermediate School. Ms. Molina asked Board members why they have not come in to observe the classes and activities going on at Garvey Intermediate School.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Louis Landeros addressed the Board regarding the closed session agenda on personnel matters. Mr. Landeros spoke of the vote taken by the Policy Committee regarding the release of one employee. Mr. Landeros indicated that this

employee has played a pivotal role in the Head Start Program helping to bridge two communities (Asian and Hispanic). He indicated that this decision is being made at a critical time for the Head Start Program. Mr. Landeros asked the Board to look deep and carefully to make the right decision about this personnel matter.

Anabell Cardenas spoke in Spanish (translation provided by Genaro Alarcon) regarding the dismissal of an employee who is experienced in Head Start and has done a good job of working with the parents of the Policy Committee. She indicated that this is a critical time for the Head Start Program and that parents do not know the reason for the dismissal.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 8:48 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Tony Ramos indicated that the following action was taken during the closed session:

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 1 (Tony Ramos opposed), the Board voted to release a classified employee from the District effective February 24, 2012.

Motion to Extend the Board Meeting

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, 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

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The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2012

Approved on a vote of 3 to 2 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos abstaining). One correction made adding the reason for absences “due to illness” on the Roll Call for Board members Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos.

Bob Bruesch made comments on the discussion held at the last Board meeting regarding the gymnasium floors at Garvey Intermediate School. He indicated that only certain types of water soluble adhesives and coatings are approved to use in school facilities.

2. Conference/Convention Attendance

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.

3. Resolution No. 11-12-11 – Support of Governor’s Tax Initiative

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It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 11-12-11 in support of Governor Brown’s 2012 Tax Initiative. Approved.

4. Rosemead Chamber of Commerce Membership 4
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the District's membership with the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce for 2012 in the amount of \$135. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 11-12-11 as presented. Approved.

Dr. Sandra Johnson noted a correction of one request for leave of absence from being "ratified" to "approved."

2. Agreement with Cal State Dominguez Hills 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Cal State University Dominguez Hills. Approved.

C. Pupil Personnel Services – No Items

D. Instructional Services

1. YMCA Camp Surf 7
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance of fifty-five sixth grade students, two teachers and four volunteers to attend the YMCA Camp Surf in San Diego, from May 21-23, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$9,492.00 to be paid by donations, fundraising and Economic Impact Aid Program Funds. Approved.

2. Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) - Hillcrest School 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the contract with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) for Parent Involvement at Hillcrest Elementary School from February 16 through April 5, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$5,400.00; to be paid from Economic Impact Aid Program Funds. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 9
It is recommended that the Board approve Purchase Order Report No.11-12-11 as presented. Approved.

2. Appropriation Transfers 10
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.

3. Safe School Ambassadors Training – Garvey Intermediate School 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of the Community Matters Organization to provide a two-day Safe School Ambassadors Training program to Garvey Intermediate School staff, students and parents. Approved.

Reports and Information Items - No items

Action Items

- A. CSBA Delegate Assembly Election 12
On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried, by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board chose to nominate Bob Bruesch, Adele Andrade-Stadler and Ed Honowitz, casting votes to fill up to three vacancies on the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Sub-Region 23-A. Newly elected delegates will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2012-March 31, 2014.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Bob Bruesch asked to revisit the future of teacher evaluations, the consideration of asking voters to pass a parcel tax or bond issue in 2013, and to re-visit the fees for facilities use. He commented on the upcoming school activities of Read across America. Tony Ramos asked for a discussion item on ways to increase student enrollment. Janet Chin asked to consider moving the Board meeting of March 29 to March 22 due to a conflict with an L.A. County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) event.

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
March 8, 2012	Student Achievement Presentation – Sanchez School Presentation by Becky Wetzal on STAR Team SARC Second Interim Report
March 29, 2012	Mrs. Tong’s 4 th grade class–Leader in Me Presentation – Hillcrest School

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Tony Ramos, President

Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Mary Louise Anderson
Cindy Carter-Bedoya
Anabell Carenas
Michael Drange
Gilbert Espinosa
Patricia Espinosa
Gayle Hargraves
Nancy Kugler
Louie Landeros
Elizabeth McClure
Pat Molina
Maria Patino
Jose Sandoval
Elizabeth Silva
Terry Skotnes
Stacy Stewart
Teresa Tang-Quick
Betty Tran