

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 28, 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
Zondra Borg, Member
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., Member

Absent:

Robin Merkley, 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 Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Ms. Borg and a vote of 4-yes 0-no the Board of Education 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).
- Anticipated Litigation GC 54954.5(c) pursuant to GC 54956.9(b)
- Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release Government Code 54954.5(4) and 54957

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors commented on the trustee-area election process stating that the District has now held two public hearings seeking comments and input. The next steps will be the drafting of sample maps by the District's demographer, Doug Johnson. These maps will be presented to the public at two public hearings for public input regarding the suggested maps. Dr. Voors also commented that the District has been pushing hard to encourage completion of the recent survey and that it is very important to the District to receive this input. At this time, 825 parents have completed the survey, 250 employees and 75 community members. Dr. Voors recently attend the First District PTA luncheon commenting that it was a nice event and he thanked PTA council president, Lorena Acuna for inviting him.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Dominic Svagdis, reported on the following activities:

Whitcomb High School Leadership class Red Ribbon Week activities were a success and enjoyed by the students. The first Principal's Honor roll was a great event recognizing 31 students in front of their families and guest dignitaries. The PTA Ladies Night Out fundraiser was a great success raising money for the school.

Sellers Elementary School students recently participated in Walk to School Day, and the California Great Shakeout. Students enjoyed Red Ribbon Week activities including tie dye day and Hawaiian Lei off drugs day. The annual Holiday Food Baskets food drive has begun with a competition between the boys and girls.

Goddard Middle School students have been busy with many activities including a Goodwill clothing drive, kindness week and the GHS Homecoming Parade. Red Ribbon Week was filled with many themed days to bring awareness to drug abuse. ASB students are busy preparing for the Halloween dance. Sports are in full swing with cross country, volleyball and football; Makers Space and Minecraft Clubs have also started up.

La Fetra Elementary School PTA kicked off Red Ribbon Week by decorating the school and planning student activities throughout the week, such as: team up against drugs; I mustache you not to do drugs; and La Fetra is PAWSitively drug free.

Glendora High School students enjoyed a week full of Red Ribbon Week activities. This week ASB will hold its first trunk or treat event led by students and clubs. The event will include an orchestra concert, game and food booths, as well as candy. Everyone is also busy planning Giving Tuesday to raise money to remodel the library. A better library would allow for a more welcoming and better way for students to work and access tutoring. There will be a model made to demonstrate what they want the library to look like for all to see. Cross Country is preparing for league finals and congratulations to Athlete of the Week golfer, Liz Olteo.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

A. Annual School Reports

Sutherland Elementary School Principal Carren Acevedo and teachers Lisa Long and Barbara Warshaw presented the school's annual report. Mrs. Acevedo reviewed SBAC performance data noting 68% of the students tested met or exceeded the standard. She did comment on a slight dip in writing saying that staff have already begun working to focus on that area. Staff is also looking very closely at the SBAC math cohort data for students not meeting the standards, noting an increase of students not meeting standards from 2017-18 to 2018-19. Mrs. Acevedo shared staff created chart of Sutherland's victories and challenges. Victories included connecting with students, STEAM, Reading Specialist, grade level collaboration and more. The Dream Circle or Challenges include fully implemented PBIS, intervention programs, technology integration and more. She thanked the PTA, GEF and the community for supporting the school. Mrs. Reuter thanked Mrs. Acevedo for the information and commented that she really appreciated the victory and dream circles. She asked about the staff's hopes and plans for math intervention and stated that she is thrilled about 4 & 5th grade AVID. Dr. Fernando commented that he enjoyed the presentation and he also appreciated the "circles". He asked what their dream intervention programs would look like. Ms. Borg thanked Mrs. Acevedo and the staff for all they do and commented on the self-study saying that it is very important. She asked about technology integration across grade levels and the replacement of aging computers. Mr. Ellenson appreciated the great presentation saying the strategies are very dynamic and they are making the right changes. He asked about the incubating chicken activity and commented on the "Daily Five" saying that it was very impressive to see 1st grade students very focused and on task

Whitcomb High School Principal, Ron Letourneau presented the annual report accompanied by counselor, Haley Ayers. He presented the SBAC data for English Language Arts noting that 33% of the students tested met or exceeded the standards, which is a 16% increase from 2017-18. He also noted that student performance improved in all claim performance areas. He commented on student performance data results in math noting that there was improvement in all claim performance areas but that math is a challenge for Whitcomb students. He reported on graduation rates and the post-secondary enrollment data following up on graduates after they leave Whitcomb. Mr. Letourneau highlighted the following achievements, WASC 6-year accreditation; Tech-Chromebooks 2:1; graduation rate; honor roll/student recognition. Challenges include increased mental health issues; providing diverse electives; math skills and achievement; and changing the general mindset of students. He thanked the PTA, GEF and the community groups for their continued support of WHS. Mrs. Borg congratulated Mr. Letourneau for all he does. She commented that she understands the challenges of Whitcomb and she truly appreciates him and the staff for all they do for the students. Dr. Fernando asked Haley Ayers about supporting the students. He also commended Mr. Letourneau and the staff for achieving the 6-year WASC accreditation saying that the process requires significant work and it is a big achievement. Mrs. Reuter thanked Mr. Letourneau for the context and candor that he brings to the presentation. She appreciates the connection he and the teachers have with the students. She asked about the mental health issues, and any additional programs or resources they may need. Mr. Ellenson reiterated the other Board Members and commented that he is proud of what is occurring at Whitcomb and thanked them for the hard work.

- B. Mrs. Hunter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented information on Vaping Education and what is occurring throughout the District. The District held its parent education event regarding vaping in October of 2018. At that event the latest research was presented as well as vaping products and what parents can do for their students. This October a second parent education night was held to share statistics on teenage vaping, warning signs to look for, overview of vaping devices and the strategies the schools are using to educate and prevent vaping use. Mrs. Hunter shared an outline of the 4-week student discipline program currently being used at the middle schools. She noted that the high schools cover vaping as part of the health curriculum. She shared pictures of current vaping products noting that companies are also developing clothing to hide vaping products. Mrs. Reuter appreciated the information and commented that she thinks the education component is key and asked clarifying questions regarding the student discipline plan. Ms. Borg thanked Mrs. Hunter for the report and applauded the education form of the discipline plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Dr. Fernando, and a vote of 4-yes and 0-no the Board of Education approved revised BP 3555 Business and Non-Instructional Operations as presented for second reading.
2. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Ms. Borg, and a vote of 4-yes and 0-no the Board of Education approved the Developer Fee Annual Report for the reporting period ended June 30, 2019 as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Dr. Fernando, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, and a vote of 4-yes and 0-no the Board of Education approved the General, Educational, Business and Personnel Consent Items as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2019 as presented.
2. Accept gifts from Glendora Kiwanis Club, Hua Yang, and Escip as presented

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Special Education services as presented.
2. Approve/ratify the Glendora High School Choir field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.
3. Approve the submission of the Local Indicators portion of the 2019 Local Control Accountability Plan.
4. Approve the school plans for 2019-2020 as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1920000712 through 1920000999 in the amount of \$176,644.94 and amended purchase orders 1920000085 and 1920000236 for the 2019-2020 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

Ms. Borg was proud to announce that her daughter has been named the Head Volleyball Coach for North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

November 14, 2019

Certified by:

Robin Merkley, Clerk