

Glendora Unified School District  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 14, 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  
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., Member

Absent:

Zondra Borg, 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  
Becky Summers, Ed.D., Director, Educational Services

AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando and a vote of 4-yes 0-no the Board of Education approved to adopt the agenda with the following change:

Move Presentation C. Annual School Reports to go before Presentation B. Demographer Trustee-Area Election Presentation.

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).
- Potential Litigation GC 54954.5(c) pursuant to GC 54956.9(b)
- Pending Litigation Settlement pursuant to Government Code Section § 54957.1 (a)(3) OAH Case No. 2019090561

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors commented on the football game with Bonita and Glendora High Schools, saying that one of the biggest factors of that night was the two schools coming together for Bonita football coach John Langilotti, supporting him and his fight against cancer. GHS senior Tiffany Gomez won the halftime field goal contest and immediately donated her prize to Coach Langilotti and his family. Dr. Voors introduced Tiffany Gomez, GHS Principal, Paul Lopez, Bonita USD Superintendent Carl Coles and Kenny Ritchie, Bonita HS Principal to present Tiffany with an award honoring her act of kindness. Board President, Mr. Ellenson, congratulated Tiffany saying that the Board is very proud of her, and that she is a great example for everyone.

Dr. Voors announced that the District will be sending surveys to staff and parents. He commented that their input is very important to the District and he asked everyone to please take the time to complete the survey. He noted that this survey is different from others and asks for more information. The survey will also go to community members.

### STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Faith Ehmke, reported on the following activities:

Sandburg Middle School and Goddard students had a tailgate party on Sept. 13, there was a great turn out and everyone had fun. Club meetings and activities have begun with clubs such as the Christian Club, Foodies, Best Buddies and the STEAM Club. Waterpalooza was a fun event and Leadership enthusiastically participated in the GHS Homecoming Parade with their float. About 100 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are looking forward to the science trip to San Francisco.

Sutherland Elementary School students and staff participated in the annual PTA fundraiser walk-a-thon. Everyone is preparing for the Great Shake Out on October 17 and the planned evacuation, search and rescue drill.

Stanton Elementary School PTA is busy planning for the fall class and treat festival. Student have enjoyed various activities this month including, picture day, walk to school day, bully prevention day, and spirit day. The Kind Kids Club and Student Leadership are in full swing spreading service and mentorship around campus. Teachers have been busy planning for RTI, goals and objectives, as well as preparing progress reports.

Cullen Elementary School staff hosted a Family STEAM night with a variety of STEAM activities for families to engage in. Picture Day and Healthy Living Lessons have begun. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students performed for parents and students focusing on California History. The PTA hosted the Move-a-thon fundraiser and the Mileage Club, Chess and Coding Classes are all up and running.

Glendora High School homecoming parade and dance went very well and were enjoyed by many. The homecoming float competition ended in a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place between the seniors and sophomores; 2<sup>nd</sup> place juniors and the freshman were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Currently the PTA is discussing plans for possible grad night activities on the GHS campus. Upcoming Red Ribbon Week activities include drunk goggle volleyball pong; guest speakers, paint and video game sessions, spirit day and healthy snacks. Congratulations to the marching band for placing first in their last two competitions. Students are planning a trick-or-treat night after the Halloween Orchestra concert.

#### STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

- A. Melinda Dilwicius, President of the Glendora Education Foundation presented the District with a donation of \$286,571. She commented that since the Foundation's inception over \$4.5 million has been raised for the District. GEF funds several programs including college prep, elementary music, afterschool tech workshops, healthy living lessons, and more. She thanked the community for their continued support of the Foundation as well as the executive board members for all they do.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Reuter thanked GEF for all they do and for the time spent in different ways to help the District. She noted that there are many District programs that wouldn't exist if it wasn't for GEF. She thanked GEF for all the work they do and for believing in the importance of Glendora USD schools.

- B. Dr. Digrazia introduced Doug Johnson the District's Demographer who presented information regarding the Trustee-Area Election process. He was accompanied by the District's legal counsel, Spencer Covert. Mr. Johnson explained the California Voting Rights Act. Mr. Johnson reported that in California there are at least 202 school districts that have or are in the process of switching to trustee-area elections. Doug Johnson explained California voting rights act. He commented that the goals of creating the trustee-area are to identify communities of interest, compact, contiguous, visible boundaries, respect voters' choices in continuity of office, and planned future growth. He reviewed a tentative timeline of the process as well as districting rules and goals. He reviewed a demographic summary of the district noting that each of the trustee areas will have about 7,516 residents and he explained the process to identify "communities of interest".

Mr. Ellenson thanked Mr. Johnson for the presentation expressing appreciation for the initial information.

C. Annual School Reports:

La Fetra Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Porcell presented the school's annual report with the assistance of Lead Teacher, Kelly Tilton. Mrs. Porcell shared the 2018-19 test data for grades 3, 4 and 5 in English Language Arts 63% (213) students met or exceeded the standards. Areas of strength for the students are reading and writing, which were areas of focus in meeting ELA standards. She reviewed cohort data for 107 students noting the data trends show signs of steady growth. Mrs. Porcell commented that she is very proud of the Special Ed team for making sure that students have access to grade level curriculum and are supported to meet their grade level goals. In the area of math she reported that staff was disappointed with the 5% drop in meeting achievement levels in math. Teachers are busy going through the data to address and target the areas of student needs. Achievements to be celebrated include the implementation of AVID standards in grades 2-5; year two of PBIS, and continual advancements in improving safety measures. Challenges are increasing CAASPP Math scores, consistent RTI for ELA and Math; and promoting resiliency and problem-solving skills. She thanked the PTA, GEF, La Fetra Foundation, parent volunteers, GHS AVID students, and the amazing para professionals for all their assistance and support. Dr. Fernando thanked Mrs. Porcell for the report and asked about the Monday early outs, and the increased campus safety measures. Mrs. Reuter expressed her appreciation for the report and congratulated everyone on the successful AVID implementation. She asked clarifying questions regarding math interventions and professional mental health support. Mrs. Merkley appreciated visiting La Fetra last week. She commented on the closed campus and safety measure that have been implemented. Mr. Ellenson applauded Mrs. Porcell for taking the initiative on campus safety saying that safety is the District's number one concern. He asked clarifying questions regarding RTI interventions and student social/emotional issues.

Stanton Elementary School Principal, Dr. Najarro presented the annual report with Lead Teacher Ms. Elder. She reported that in English Language Arts 61% (163 students) met or exceeded the standards, reflecting an increase of 7% from last year. She proudly report that students made growth in all the ELA claim areas. Dr. Najarro shared the 3-year cohort data as well as a summary of subgroup data commenting that staff continues to focus on decreasing the gap for these groups in ELA and math. In math, 55% (146 students) of the students met or exceeded the standards. The cohort data reflected an increase of students exceeding the math standards from 25% for

2017-18 to 40% for 2018-19. Dr. Najarro shared a number of achievements including schoolwide STEM challenge; Junior Achievement; and I Heart College Day. She also commented on challenges including parent involvement and the social and emotional support for students. The 2019-2020 program highlight and focus are to increase test scores in ELA and Math by 5%, continue with supportive staff climate, collaborative classroom with Special Ed and General Ed; and to intergrate arts and STEM. Mrs. Merkley commended Stanton for the good job they are doing and on the great work being done in math. She commented that she enjoys visiting the campus and she thanked Dr. Najarro for the report. Mrs. Reuter congratulated Dr. Najarro for the school culture that has been created at Stanton. She asked about the Parent Academies via Zoom as well as departmentalization. Dr. Fernando enjoyed the presentation and he thanked Stanton staff for taking care of students and for going above and beyond during the recent evacuation of the campus. He asked what the staff learned from the experience and what they would do in case of future incidents. Mr. Ellenson commented the he was proud of the way the staff welcomed students back to school after the evacuation. He commented on the “outstanding” improvement to the test scores from last year. He thanked the staff for attending the meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Board President Ellenson stated: "Now is the time for the scheduled public hearing. Thank you for attending. If you haven't already done so, I would like to invite attendees interested in speaking to this agenda item to please complete a speaker's card and bring it to Janette Short. In addition, please sign in at the back table, where handouts and comment sheets are also available.

The Glendora Unified School District has five Board of Education members who are each elected to four-year terms. The terms are staggered by two years. Board elections are held during the general election in November of even numbered years. Currently, Board members are elected through an at-large voting system in which members are elected by the entire jurisdiction but are not required to reside in a particular trustee area, which is authorized by Education Code section 5030.

At its September 9, 2019 meeting, the Board of Education initiated a change to voting by trustee area elections, commencing with the November 2020 Board of Education elections.

As part of the move to trustee area boundaries, the District noticed and will conduct two initial public hearings to receive community input on the creation trustee area boundaries. This is the time for the first public hearing. The second public hearing will be conducted on October 28 at 5:00 pm.

Upon receiving and considering public input from the two public hearings, the demographer and the District will publish draft maps and the District will hold two additional public hearings prior to final adoption of the five new trustee area boundaries.

Board President Ellenson opened hearing at 8:42 pm. There were no speaker cards. Board President Ellenson invited anyone who would like to speak to the podium. There was no response for public comment.

Board President Ellenson asked for Board Member comments; there was no response for comments.

Board President Ellenson stated that a second public hearing will be conducted on October 28 at 5:00 pm here in the District Board Room.

Board President Ellenson closed the public hearing at 8:43 pm. He thanked those for attending and invited attendees to sign in, review the handouts that are available, and fill out the comment sheets.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Sophia Allaf, a Cal Poly Pomona Faculty member, commented on a Cal Poly K-12 Science Teaching Education Program.

#### DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, and a vote of 4-yes, 0-no the Board of Education approved Resolution #3 in support of Red Ribbon Week as presented.
2. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, and a vote of 4-yes, 0-no the Board of Education approved Resolution #4, Alternative Interdistrict Attendance Program Space Availability, as presented (excluding applications from the districts of Azusa, Charter Oak, Pomona and Rowland for 2020-2021; this is due to reaching capacity on the number of students who may transfer to Glendora USD from those districts through the District of Choice program).
3. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, and a vote of 4-yes, 0-no the Board of Education approved the agreement with ALICE Training Institute as presented.
4. Review revised Board Policy 3555, Business and Non-Instructional Operations as presented for first reading and forward for second reading. No action will be taken.

5. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, and a vote of 4-yes, 0-no the Board of Education approved the settlement agreement for OAH Case No. 2019090561.

#### GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the General, Educational, Business and Personnel Consent Items as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 23, 2019.

#### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Special Education Services as presented.
2. Approve the Special Education Transportation Service for student C19 as presented.
3. Approve the consultant services to be provided by South Coast Community Services for Family Wrap services for student B19 during the 2019-20 school year as presented.
4. Approve the Glendora High School AVID field trip as presented. All procedural requirements have been met.
5. Approve the Goddard Middle School field trip as presented. All procedural requirements have been met.
6. Approve services with Janet Holguin - Happy Hooves Petting Zoo to provide a petting zoo program for Transitional Kindergartener students as presented.
7. Approve consultant services to be provided by Jene Ferrarer, to lead a parent workshop entitled "Weaving Your Child's Passions Into College Success" as presented.
8. Approve consultant services to be provided by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control, to provide NGSS-aligned educational science lessons to GUSD teachers as requested for teachers from October 15, 2019 – May 30, 2020.
9. Approve educational consultant, Christy Jones to lead a series of Healthy Cooking workshops throughout the 2019-2020 school year for GATE students as presented.

10. Approve consultant services of California Weekly Explorer, Inc. to provide Walk Through California presentations to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from October 2019 through May 2020.
11. Approve consultant services with Discovery Cube to provide Science assemblies for Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students as presented.
12. Approve the 2019-2020 first quarter Valenzuela/CAHSEE report as presented.

#### BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1920000550 through 1920000711 in the amount of \$2,033,641.41 and revised purchase order number 1920000379 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

Mrs. Reuter was pleased to participate in the District Survey, and she commented that the District does want the feedback and she encouraged everyone to participate. She commended Mrs. Prince for the very comprehensive emails regarding vaping that included clearly defined policy for Goddard as well as informational links.

Mrs. Merkley reminded everyone that October 18<sup>th</sup> is Whitcomb High School's Ladies Night Out, which will be a great time for all.

Mr. Ellenson was pleased to participate in a CSBA Golden Bell Award visit to Monrovia High School for their dual enrollment college program with Citrus College. He added that it was exciting to see what they are doing and the value it brings to the students.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

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October 28, 2019

Certified by:

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Elizabeth Reuter, Vice President