

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 10, 2011

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on March 10, 2011, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Board Vice President Tony Ramos.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

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

Henry Vuong led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Janet Chin and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 6:33 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Janet Chin indicated that the following action was taken during the closed session:

On a motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to release two temporary teachers at the end of the 2010-11 work year.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded Tony Ramos and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to give notice to five certificated administrators that they may be released from their administrative assignment at the end of the 2010-11 work year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Dewey Lion Dance Performers and Teacher Alan Chan

The Board presented certificates of recognition to teacher Alan Chan and students who performed the Lion Dance at Dewey School on February 2, 2011. Mr. Chan noted that this cultural

performance has been cultivated for over 13 years and is made possible from support from the school's PTA.

- Les Nakasaki – 2011 Pacific Asian American Human Rights Award Recipient. Postponed.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson indicated that she had an opportunity to visit the staff of Garvey Intermediate School and heard their concerns about the ideas from the STAR (Support Through Assistance and Reform) Team. Teachers had many suggestions for improvement. The following Tuesday, Dr. Johnson and Genaro Alarcon made a report to teachers on the STAR discussions. Dr. Johnson commended the dedication of staff and their desire to do great things.

Bob Bruesch stated that he recently accepted on behalf of the Middle School Association a leadership award for the fine job of our teachers helping students raise their test scores. Out of several hundred district nominations, only 21 districts received this award.

Ms. Chin spoke of an E-mail she recently received from the White House advising of a program being launched, "Advise the Advisor" that gives direct connection for students to contact the White House at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/advise>. Every E-mail will be answered and the information will be used to support students, principals, and teachers.

Ms. Chin talked about an upcoming LACSTA (L.A. County Trustees Association) dinner underwritten by the L.A. County Education Foundation on Saturday, March 30, 2011. Also, on March 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., LACSTA will be having an Educational Summit at the Glendale High School auditorium. Dr. Johnson pointed out that several District staff members will be attending the summit to hear one of the speakers, Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, Director of L.A. County Department of Public Health.

Ms. Chin indicated that a 24-hour walk, Relay for Life, by the American Cancer Society will take place at Rosemead High School.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, spoke of a concern for teachers' notices of lay off and the elimination of the arts program in the District. He read aloud a piece of narrative titled "*Animal School*" about learning and the concept of trying to make everyone the same. Mr. Drange stated that this saddens him greatly.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Vickie Walker, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, spoke of chapter activities related to a series of political kick-off meetings to discuss the tax extension on the June ballot. Ms. Walker noted the Classified Employees Week during May 15-25, 2011 and several activities that will be planned during this time. Ms. Walker indicated that the Association and its members collectively feel the concern from the issues going in Wisconsin and the State's effort to strip public employees of their collective bargaining rights. Ms. Walker talked about CSEA's efforts to organize phone banks urging for the passage of the measure to pass the tax extension.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Becky Lam reported that the Head Start program is 100 percent enrolled with 525 children.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Bob Bruesch said that the recent PTA Founders' Day dinner had a good turn out.

- **Garvey Education Foundation**

Bob Bruesch reported that the mini-grants will be handed out soon.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda and revisions as indicated below:

15. Consent Agenda

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes 1
The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:
Regular Meeting – January 27, 2011 – Approved.
Regular Meeting – February 10, 2011 – Postponed approval.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance 2
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
3. Renewal of Chamber Membership 3
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve renewal of the District's membership with the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$130. Approved.
4. Women's History Month 4
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No.10-11-08 proclaiming March 2011 as Women's History Month in the Garvey School District. Approved.
5. César Chávez Day 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 10-11-09 recognizing March 31, 2011 as Cesar Chavez Day in the Garvey School District. Approved.
6. Support of Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 10-11-10 in Support of Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot. Approved.
7. Accept Donation 7
Accept donation in the amount of \$5,522 from Community Matters to Hillcrest School to provide services for support of the Safe School Ambassadors Program. Accepted.

8. Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Budget Adjustment & Request for Advance Approvals ASR#9 (BAR/RAA) that will be submitted to Los Angeles County Office of Education, Head Start Division-GRANTEE. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Report 9
On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Personnel Assignment Report No.10-11-10 as presented. Approved.
2. Job Description – English Language Development Teacher 10
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this revised job description of English Language Development Teacher.

Bob Bruesch made a recommendation to add to the job description a note about having the ability to integrate technology in the classroom for use by teachers and students.

Bob Bruesch moved, Tony Ramos seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to approve Item B.2 as presented.

C. Pupil Personnel Services - None

D. Instructional Services

1. Memorandum of Understanding –Migrant Education Consortium 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the District's participation in the Garvey/Alhambra Migrant Education Consortium beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Approved.

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding funding allocation, Dr. Johnson indicated that a number of districts joined the consortium because no district has sufficient funds to operate a program independently.

2. Summer School Program 12
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2011 Summer School Program from June 27 through August 5, 2011 at Garvey Intermediate School. Approved.

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding the Jaime Escalante Math Program, Dr. Johnson stated that the program is not finalized; staff is now working on the flyer announcing the classes. Staff is reviewing the criteria for 6 pre-algebra and algebra classes. Dr. Johnson is hoping to fill all classes.

3. Camp Surf 13
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance for sixty sixth grade students of Frances E. Willard at YMCA Camp Surf, from May 25 through May 27, 2011. Approved.

4. Sea World Adventure Camp 14
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attendance for seventy-one sixth grade students and three teachers from Bitely Elementary School at Sea World Adventure Camp, from June 13 through June 14, 2011. Approved.

5. Contract with Nancy Fetzer 15
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Nancy Fetzer to present a two-day professional development session on literacy strategies for grades K and 1 teachers at Dewey, Marshall, Sanchez and Willard Schools on May 16, 2011, and at Bitely, Hillcrest and Monterey Vista Schools on May 17, 2011. Approved.
- E. Business Services**
 1. Purchase Order Report 16
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report No.10-11-10 as presented. Approved.
 2. Appropriation Transfers 17
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
 3. Mileage Rate 18
Ratify increase in Internal Revenue Service approved mileage rate from \$0.50 cents per mile to \$0.51 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2011. Approved.
 4. Approve Contract with LECG 19
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with LECG as presented. Approved.
 5. Approve Contract with Accelify 20
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Accelify as presented. Approved.
16. **Reports and Information Items - None**
17. **Action Items**
 - A. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board approved the recommendation that the Board of Education cast votes to fill two vacancies on the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Sub-Region 23-A. 21

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to waive the District's policy regarding disclosure of the students' name in public for Action Items 17B through 17D.
 - B. On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to admit student #10-11-05 who was expelled in Santa Rosa. 22
 - C. On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #10-11-06 from the School District for a period commencing March 11, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. 23

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- D. On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #10-11-07 from the School District for a period commencing March 11, 2011, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. 24

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- E. John Yuen moved, Tony Ramos seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to adopt Resolution No. 10-11-11 – Reduction of a Particular Kind of Service. 25

Genaro Alarcon explained that preliminary notices to affected employees will be sent on March 15, 2011. Final Board approval will be done on June 30, 2011.

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding state consultant recommendations for one of our schools in Year 5 program improvement, Sandra Johnson stated that the recommendations from state consultants do not supercede the Board's decision, if the decision is not to implement their recommendation.

The motion passed by a vote 5 to 0.

- F. Approve agreement for Alhambra Unified School District to become the Administrative Unit for the West San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). 26

Dr. Sandra Johnson indicated that the SELPA administrative unit has been under the supervision of LACOE (L. A. County Office of Education) and that superintendents have been proposing to pull the program out of LACOE as some of other districts have found real advantages.

On a question from John Yuen regarding the pay schedule, Dr. Johnson stated that a person moves to the District's salary rather than LACOE's salary schedule.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item F as presented.

- G. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) regarding funding and provision of AB 3632 mental health services. 27

Dr. Sandra Johnson indicated that Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed money for mental health funds before leaving office, and this cost is being shifted to school districts. This decision is being challenged by the courts. At this time, legal counsel feels very strongly that this MOU is in the best interest of our students and it protects the District.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item G as presented.

- H. Approval of Second Interim Report. 28

Michael Coughlin presented the Second Interim Report with a positive certification, saying that based on the information available, the District can meet its obligations now through the

rest of the school year in 2013. However, the reserve is expected to be down to 3.12 from an 11.2 percent in the next 2½ years. Based on the Governor’s proposal for a ballot measure to extend the expiring tax, the budget’s funding balances will be different if the measure passes. Mr. Coughlin talked about the mental health costs shifted to schools and several legislative proposals that would affect the District’s budget in the coming months.

One concern addressed by Mr. Coughlin was the possible need to issue TRANs (Tax Anticipation Revenue Notes) in order to borrow money and meet the District’s financial cash flow needs.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on matters related to ways to increase revenue, such as leasing of facilities, developer fees, deferred maintenance money owed by the State, and unfunded mandated costs.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item H as presented.

- I. On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board gave direction to the Superintendent on proceeding with negotiating an MOU with CSEA to change the summer work schedule to a four day, ten hour per day work week. 29

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

John Yuen and Bob Bruesch made comments on the job description of English Language Learner teacher and the need to have a full time position in the District.

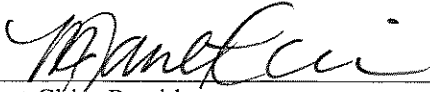
Janet Chin called for a moment of silence in memory of Edith Warda and Masako Nakasuma and sends condolences on behalf of the Board to their families.

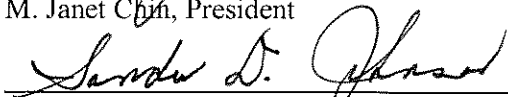
The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Closed session will begin at 6:00 p.m., and public session to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
March 24	
April 14, 2011	Potential Classified Layoffs Migrant Grant Approval
May 5, 2011	
May 26, 2011	
June 16, 2011	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Edith Warda and Masako Nakasuma at 9:00 p.m.


M. Janet Chin, President


Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

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