

**GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 4, 2010

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on March 4, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m., by Board President M. Janet Chin.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo (arrived at 6:58 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Interim Superintendent Dolores Preciado.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 5:06 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened in public at 5:38 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Jenny Luu, student of Sanchez Elementary School, led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

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

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board approved notice to 17 certificated administrators that they may be released from their administrative assignments at the end of the 2009-2010 work year.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board approved the release of 2 temporary teachers at the end of the 2009-2010 work year.

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

John Turmes, principal of Rice School, thanked Board Members Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos for their participation in the Spelling Bee at Rice School. Mr. Turmes provided them with photos and a Spelling Bee Program.

Janet Chin acknowledged the presence of Virginia Peterson as immediate past superintendent of the district.

Bob Bruesch commented on his participation in Dr. Seuss Read Across America events at schools.

Janet Chin spoke of the upcoming Relay for Life. She indicated that she has registered the district as a participant. Flyers were distributed for staff and parents to begin the fundraising efforts in support of the American Cancer Society.

#### **7 HABITS PRESENTATION – Sanchez School**

Rene Hernandez, principal of Sanchez School, teacher Michael Kenny, and 5 of his students - Jenny Luu, Vannak Vong, De Ella Mondaca, Kipheng Lim, and Carlos Solis - made a presentation regarding Habit 4 of Steven Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Students spoke on how they are learning about Habit 4 and implementing it in their daily activities at school, about the paradigm of abundance and scarcity, as well as, courage and considerations regarding Habit 4. The students answered questions from Board members. Tony Ramos and Janet Chin commented on the excellent presentation.

#### **REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

Cassandra Duong, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, stated that many classified members are worried and concerned about the general and ongoing issues in the district. Ms. Duong is looking forward to the many meetings regarding budget proposals in the most productive ways. The Association and the negotiation team are ready to work on having a timely settlement.

**REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE:** None

#### **REPORT FROM GARVEY ORGANIZATIONS**

##### **Garvey Council PTA**

Bob Bruesch spoke of last night's Founders' Day PTA dinner and special recognition given to many people and Virginia Peterson for her Continuing Service Award.

##### **Garvey Education Foundation**

Bob Bruesch indicated that the Foundation Board members will be working on finalizing the program for the upcoming gala event on April 28, 2010, at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park.

**HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board approved the Special Board minutes of January 7, 2010, as written.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board approved the Regular Board minutes of January 20, 2010, as written.

#### **FORMATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Consent Agenda was approved with addendums as indicated below.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The following items were pulled for discussion: (Items containing an asterisk (\*) are designed as staff presentations, information, policy discussion, or public hearings.)

Category	Agenda Number	Subject
Board/Superintendent	251	Board to cast votes to fill up the three vacancies on the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Sub-Region 23-A.
	253	Adopt Resolution No. 09-10-10 - Reduction of a Particular Kind of Service.
Pupil Personnel Services	254	Board to take action regarding the recommendation to expel student no. 09-10-07, an 8 <sup>th</sup> grader at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 48900(a)(1): Caused, attempted to cause or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. 48900(a)(2): Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another except in self-defense.
Instructional Services	256	Presentation on Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) Report.
Business Services	259	Approve Qualified Certification-Second Interim Report pursuant to Education Code (EC) Section 35035(g), 42130 and 42131, certifying District's ability to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal yer (2009-10) and subsequent two fiscal years (2011-12 & 2012-13).

**A. Board/Superintendent**

- (249) Approved Conference/Convention Attendance Report and addendum. Consent.
- (250) Accepted donation from Evergreen Baptist Church in the amount of \$4,000 to Temple Intermediate School. Consent.
- \*(251) On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board voted to fill up the three vacancies on the CSBA Delegate Assembly for Sub-Region 23-A, as follows:  
 Robert W. (Bob) Bruesch, (Garvey ESD)  
 Ed Honowitz (Pasadena USD)  
 Matthew C. Stadler (San Gabriel USD)

**B. Human Resources**

- (252) Approved Personnel Assignment Report No. 09-10-13 and Addendum. Consent.
- \*(253) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board adopted amended Resolution No. 09-10-10 - Reduction of a Particular Kind of Service, a total of nine (9) FTE positions instead of ten (10); deleting the Language Arts Teacher position because of retirement.

Bob Bruesch noted that every year the school district, by law, has to pass similar resolutions. This resolution gives the district the right to give up 9 positions and the number may change due to retirement, attrition, or other factors. Janet Chin commended the district staff for the very diligent work in this difficult decision making process.

**C. Pupil Personnel Services**

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John not present for the vote), the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for Item No. 254

- (254) On the motion Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Henry Lo and John Yuen not present for the vote), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student no. 09-10-07, from the school district. The student is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes:
- 48900(a)(1): Caused, attempted to cause or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
  - 48900(a)(2): Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another except in self-defense.

**D. Instructional Services**

- (255) Approved attendance for 72 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, 2 teachers and 6 adults from Hillcrest School to attend the YMCA Camp Surf in San Diego from April 19-21, 2010. The estimated cost of \$12,210; to be paid from parent donations, PTA, fundraising activities and Economic Impact Aid Program funds. Consent.

- \*(256) Presentation held on Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) Report.

Dolores Preciado commended Anita Chu and her staff for working with principals, staff, and the state review team. The state reviewers were very thorough and a team effort between district staff and the State team was developed.

Anita Chu presented the CPM (Categorical Programs Monitoring) Report; the background, findings, commendations, recommendations and actions taken or committed as a result of this year's State visit February 8-11, 2010. Ms. Chu gave a background on how the process has evolved with the purpose of the State's monitoring efforts to ensure that the district is compliant with all program requirements. The process is a 4-year cycle with State visitations to selected schools. The state team spent 4 days visiting two schools, one private school in the District's attendance area that participates in the federal categorical programs, and the District Office. The review covered 17 general cross program items, 10 Title I items, 13 Title 1 Program Improvement items, and 13 English Learner items; a total of 53 items.

Ms. Chu indicated that the process, including documentation review, classroom visits, and interviews was very intense, but the findings were very good with only two items found to be non-compliant. The two items were: 1) lack of comprehensive training on legal responsibilities for the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) of the two schools and 2) lack of an annual follow-up on the progress of the recently reclassified fluent English proficient (R-FEP) students at one school.

Ms. Chu stated that the State team commended the district for strong structural support with strong district leadership, site-level support from principals, academic coaches and resource teachers, and parent partnerships. The team commended the quality of ongoing professional development programs that are research-based and responsive to staff needs, as well, as the accessibility of a variety of data reports through the District's Online Assessment and Reporting System (OARS).

Ms. Chu outlined the State recommendations regarding: 1) Progress Monitoring and Evaluation - the need to strengthen the accountability, 2) Instructional assistants - the need to examine and evaluate effectiveness of each assignment in light of research findings and redesign of assignments when necessary, 3) Parent Involvement - the need to enhance the training for parents serving on various advisory committees and the School Site Council.

Ms. Chu addressed the actions taken or committed for the rest of the year. Corrective action has started and will be completed by the due date specified by the State. In addition, the District has developed an action plan to implement the improvement activities that address the review team's recommendations.

Ms. Chu indicated that this review is in accomplishment that has been contributed by the commitment of the entire District team and a strong partnership between the District and the state. Ms. Chu announced that she has been invited to present at a State-level meeting on CPM. Ms. Chu thanked everyone for the outstanding effort in this district effort.

Bob Bruesch commended the work with parents on the reclassification. He questioned the testing process and the clarity of the English spoken by those giving the test. Ms. Chu indicated that the qualification and reliability of test administrators of the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) is closely monitored through annual training, annual qualification examination, and on-site checks by Resource Teachers.

**E. Business Services**

\*(257) Approved Purchase Order Report #09-10-11. Consent.

(258) Approved Appropriation Transfers. Consent.

\*(259) Approval of Qualified Certification-Second Interim Report pursuant to Education Code (EC) Section 35035(g), 42130 and 42131, certifying that the District may not be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of current fiscal year (2009-10) and subsequent two fiscal years (2011-12&2012-13).

Michael Coughlin gave a presentation on the Qualified Certification-Second Interim Report. He stated that this is the first time that the district has qualified certification, not a positive certification, meaning that there is some doubt whether or not the District can meet its obligations through June 2012.

Mr. Coughlin addressed the reasons for the Interim Report having a qualified certification:

- 1) The projected general fund balance at the end of 2011-12 fiscal year totals \$266,186, an amount not sufficient to satisfy the legally required 3 percent reserve. The general fund balance includes a deficit of \$2.71 million.
- 2) In December, the First Interim Report projected a fund balance of \$3.35 million and a safety net beyond the 3 percent reserve of only \$1,791. The Governor's proposals for 2010-11 have negatively affected the fund balance as reflected in this 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report.

Mr. Coughlin listed the next steps necessary in order to satisfy the required 3 percent reserve and prepare for any further funding cuts or any other emergencies. Mr. Coughlin noted that the general consensus is that the Governor's assumptions included in this budget report are overly optimistic and has built contingency plans for additional cuts in health and welfare sparing further cuts in education which may not be approved by the State legislation this summer.

Mr. Coughlin spoke of the actions needed through collective bargaining that relate to furlough days, health insurance benefits, reductions in force, or other alternatives for consideration. Mr. Coughlin was not supportive of two alternative ideas of inter-fund transfers from deferred maintenance or reducing the required reserve from 3 percent to 1 percent. Mr. Coughlin encouraged Board members to take proactive steps now and ensure that the district has a plan in place for the upcoming years.

John Yuen asked why the district has an 18 percent deficit. Mr. Coughlin stated that this is due to the revenue limit deficit accumulated in the past years through unfunded COLA (cost of living advances) as required by law. The State has agreed to pay back these funds when the State economy recovers.

Bob Bruesch suggested that a study session the budget be scheduled in the future in order to give staff direction on funding priorities. Janet Chin asked to include ideas on creating revenue. Tony Ramos asked about marketing steps for the district to attract more students. John Yuen spoke in support of the district making calculations to see if the deficit can be resolved through marketing efforts and the school of choice provisions of the law. Henry Lo asked about possible considerations of a parcel tax that the Alhambra District was discussing a few months ago.

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve the Qualified Certification-Second Interim Report, Item 259.

**PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:** None

#### **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD**

Tony Ramos addressed a possible presentation on the upgrade of the district's web site. Mr. Ramos talked of a letter from McDonald's supporting family meal time literacy and current events going on through the next 4 weeks at the local McDonald's Restaurants.

Henry Lo thanked everyone that participated in the *Stand Up for Students Rally* that ended this evening at Pershing Square, sending a message to State legislation on the current budget situation. Mr. Lo spoke of a recent report from a Corn Refiners Association stating that fructose is not responsible for child obesity.

Bob Bruesch spoke of his discussions with parents at Marshall on State cuts that may reduce the district school day by 5 days each year. Mr. Bruesch asked that the Board act very cautiously on solar energy plans; he prefers to see a local pilot program that can show the success on savings before full implementation of any solar energy program in the district. Mr. Coughlin stated that this discussion may be on the agenda for the Board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.


Janet Chin addressed a PTA fundraising effort for sun shades at Hillcrest School in the amount of \$17,000 that the district is unable to have installed at the present time. Michael Coughlin explained the State architectural requirements required to complete this project. He offered to speak to PTA members regarding their concerns and priorities for school district construction projects. Ms. Chin proposed the writing of a grant through the American Association of Pediatrics for additional funding needed for this project.

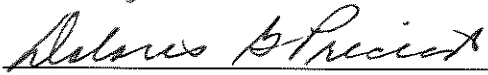
#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The following meeting will be a regular meeting on March 24, 2010, at the Education Center. Closed session will begin at 5:00 p.m., public session to begin at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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M. Janet Chin, President

  
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Dolores Preciado, Secretary

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

Cassandra Duong

Rene Hernandez

Jenny Luu

DeElla Mondaca

Thuy Nguyen (Lillian Hang)

Amara Pang

Vannak Vong