

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 27, 2011

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on October 27, 2011, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m., by Board Vice President Tony Ramos.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. M. Janet Chin (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Mr. Henry Lo Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 7:35 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

C. P. Cheung led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

- **Health Fair Participants**

Kaiser Permanente - Bob Bruesch presented plaques of recognition to Kaiser representatives and thanked them for having approximately 50 volunteers that assisted in the planning event of the Family Fun Fair held on September 2011.

Sodexo, Inc. - Mr. Bruesch presented a plaque of recognition to Erik Shimabukuro for Sodexo's sponsoring and help in organizing the lay out of food booths at the Family Fun Fair.

Southern California Edison - A plaque of recognition was presented by Mr. Bruesch to Marissa Castro-Salvati, for the Edison sponsorship and funds donated for the purchase of books for parents. The book titled, "What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick", was written in three languages. Henry Lo noted that on November 10th, Edison is being recognized for being instrumental in having the first school in the district using a reclaimed water recycling system.

Panda Restaurants, Inc. - Tony Ramos received a plaque of recognition on behalf of Panda Restaurants, Inc. for the sponsoring and support to the Family Fun Fair last September.

West San Gabriel Boys & Girls Club – A plaque of recognition was presented for Frank Reyes, of the West San Gabriel Boys & Girls Club, who supported and contributed to the planning of the Family Fun Fair. Mr. Reyes was unable to attend the meeting due to his newborn child's illness.

Mr. Bruesch mentioned the contributions made to the Health Fair by the nursing staff and the health resources they secured on that day. Cindy Carter Bedoya and her staff also provided suggestions and ideas about the passport for children to get free lunch swimming for having visited all the booths at the fair.

- **Professor Jingcheng Zhang, President, Federation of Chinese Artists in Los Angeles**

The Board presented a certificate of special recognition to Professor Jingcheng Zhang for a donation of \$4,000 to provide after school art classes for 7th and 8th grade students. Professor Zhang displayed one of the works of arts.

Dr. Sandra Johnson clarified some information on issues mentioned at several Board meetings. Regarding the same breakfast served to Head Start children four days in a row, Dr. Johnson stated that the same serving was provided only on two days due to issues with delivery delays from one vendor. Concerning the syrup on pancakes, Dr. Johnson stated that as participant in the federally subsidized food program, the District must meet certain Federal requirements such as using syrup with very low sugar content. The District adheres the these guidelines or funding would be in jeopardy. Dr. Johnson stated that our children get a very nutritious breakfast every day from our Food Services Program.

On comments made regarding paint chipping on the exterior of Monterey Vista and abatement for lead paint, Dr. Johnson stated that the information is inaccurate. Art Reynolds has stated that when it was first suspected of lead in 2002, a small amount was found and quickly abated. Prior to the painting done in the spring of 2011, the contractor found some lead but it was completely abated in April, and the District was cleared to go forward with the painting after school was out for the summer break.

Regarding the concerns raised with lead paint at the old print shop in Williams School, the following day, ASCIP, our risk management company, did a test and indeed found some lead. The District is going through all the procedures to have the building demolished this weekend monitoring with the proper authorities. There will be no danger for the staff and students returning on Monday.

Dr. Johnson requested that everyone in the District contact the person responsible to take corrective action and follow the chain of command for reporting problems and in a timely manner.

Dr. Johnson stated that if Board members wish to join all the schools' PTA, they can write one check in the amount of \$57 or \$62, if they wish to consider making a \$5 donation the Bitely's PTA. Cathie Camacho, president of Garvey Council PTA, will ensure that each separate school receives the proper amount of membership dues from Board members.

Bob Bruesch stated that he recently attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Asian Pacific Family Center. The Center has filled a huge gap in this community for families with emotional problems and services are provided in their own language.

Henry Lo, also present at the Asian Pacific Family Center event, noted that the staff is also culturally sensitive and supportive of our schools. Mr. Lo indicated that this week he attended an annual dinner held at the San Gabriel YMCA which continues to have its doors open for homeless families. Currently, the facility is being used as a shelter for families affected by the recent conditions of the housing market. The City of Rosemead is also partnering with the San Gabriel YMCA to assist these homeless families. On a comment made by Mr. Bruesch, Michael Coughlin stated that San Gabriel YMCA has not started utilizing the facility of Marshall School due to their lack of funding for transportation needs.

Tony Ramos stated that he was approached by management staff of Panda Restaurants, Inc. on the progress being made with the 7 Habits and the Leader in Me Program and how it has benefited the students or whether the program has helped to elevate student scores or to improve student attendance. Mr. Ramos asked to have student presentations at future Board meetings.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Kenneth Tang, vice president of GEA, reported that communication meetings between GEA and the District have been a positive step in the right direction and that future and ongoing meetings are

scheduled for the year. The bargaining proposal is being finalized and Mr. Tang hopes that it will be sunshined in November so that negotiations can begin in January, 2012.

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

Vicky Walker, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, spoke of the tentative CSEA agreement for approval tonight. The agreement was signed by CSEA last August. Ms. Walker stated that unfortunately the communications between CSEA and the Superintendent have not improved. She stated that Dr. Johnson spoke with her about complaints she had received that a school site had violated Board policy for talking about the upcoming Board elections. When Ms. Walker inquired about to the person involved, she was told that the employee was simply answering questions from a parent as to why one other employee was no longer working at that site.

Ms. Walker addressed the concern about lead found at Williams School, and the lack of notification to parents and staff about the lead findings.

Ms. Walker was pleased to see a Board policy change regarding Food Services to protect the rights of CSEA members. Ms. Walker stated that CSEA is open to communications and hopes that CSEA is being part of a team in this District.

Cindy Carter Bedoya clarified that a letter had been sent to all Head Start staff notifying them of the demolition of the building at Williams School, and that due to a full day training tomorrow, there will be no staff or children on site during the demolition work.

Art Reynolds spoke of the proceedings to safeguard everyone. One company was contracted to check the building for lead and asbestos and ensure that everything that could be completed between Friday and Saturday. Another third party company will monitor the work and take additional samples to ensure that the air is clear during the entire time. One company will bring the asphalt and cover the foundation soon after the demolition of the building. Mr. Reynolds will be there at all times to supervise the work.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Cindy Carter Bedoya reported that the Head Start Policy Committee (PC) held its three-day training this week and that the new executive committee was elected. Ms. Bedoya thanked Board Member Tony Ramos for his inspirational words to the new members and for stressing the importance of their role in the program.

Ms. Carter Bedoya spoke of full day staff training in Growing with Mathematics Curriculum for teachers and assistants. She stated that there are two vacancies for Head Start students and that flyers will be distributed at all school sites indicating to parents that enrollment continuous and they are taking names to add to the waiting list. Ms. Carter Bedoya stated that the next Head Start Policy Committee will be November 16, 2011.

Tony Ramos commented on the number of parents that attended the Head Start PC meeting. There were many questions asked about the schools with much interest in parents wanting to be involved. Bob Bruesch noted that besides parent education, there is parent empowerment in the education of the children; that unfortunately the enthusiasm drops in later student grades. Mr. Bruesch encouraged parents to stay involved throughout the time their children attend school.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Ken Tang, treasurer of the Garvey Council PTA, stated that the membership drive is continuing and that Board members can join all councils for a total of \$62 payable to Garvey Council PTA. The dues can be sent to Mr. Tang at Rice School or to Cathie Camacho at Sanchez School.

Mr. Tang stated that the International Walk to School Day was very successful despite the rain this second year in a row. He thanked everyone for supporting the program. The students that participated were thrilled and all received stickers and pencils. Mr. Tang hopes that this tradition continues for many years.

- **Garvey Education Foundation**

Michael Coughlin announced the TGIF event at Charlie Brown's on December 2, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., with \$5 admission fee. He looks forward to seeing everyone there. Mr. Coughlin stated that solicitation letters were mailed to retirees asking for a donation of \$10 or more. He encouraged everyone to give their tax deductible donation to this worthy cause and help offset the current budget crises.

Bob Bruesch indicated that a calendar will be on sale for \$25 each with his original poems and pictures and all proceeds donated to the Foundation. Henry Lo spoke of people in the community showing interest on hearing about the history of the Foundation. Dr. Johnson stated that Mr. Bruesch is donating all proceeds from the calendar sale to the Garvey Education Foundation.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Eliseo Martinez addressed the Board regarding a concern for favoritism in the recent loss of a master key from a school site by a non-employee, associated with an after school program. He indicated that a recent principal that had worked at two schools just before the summer layoffs was denied entry to pull her own personal items from her office because of insurance liability. Mr. Martinez asked for clarification on who is entitled to be issued a master key in the District.

Bob Bruesch asked that the policy on master keys be placed on the next agenda. Dr. Sandra Johnson stated that the District is reviewing the policy and that the individual involved with loss of the master key has offered to pay for the key. Henry Lo asked for the cost to replace the key. Michael Coughlin stated that the policy calls for a cost of \$50 per hour that would cover the labor and cost of materials to re-key each door that the key would open.

Ted Saulino thanked Dr. Johnson for her quick response to the complaint on lead paint on the old building in the Williams School. He cautioned the Board on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines in tearing down the building.

Mr. Saulino commented on other districts looking to implement the 7 Habits Programs. He spoke of hearing words of corruption, conflict of interest, and abuse of power, involving the loss of a master key by the director of the M. Janet Chin Foundation. He stated that Board members need to be transparent, and that there should be an offer to pay \$1000 as stated in the facility use contract. Mr. Saulino suggested that an apology be offered to the former principal who was denied entry at a school site.

Mr. Saulino recommended that the Board try to contact the 84th richest man in America who graduated from the Garvey district, and ask him for a donation to the Garvey Education Foundation.

Michael Coughlin clarified that the contract signed by all District tenants includes a clause of the cost to replace a gate key at \$1,000, different from the cost to replace a master key. Dr. Johnson stated that policy on lost keys refers to employees only.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Janet Chin not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 7:54 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 8:23 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Janet Chin indicated that no action was taken during the closed session:

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, 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 1
The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:
Regular Meeting – September 29, 2011
Special Meeting – October 6, 2011
Special Meeting – October 15, 2011
Approved.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance (Revised) 2
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
3. Williams Quarterly Report 3
Received the District’s Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2011 to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Information only.
4. Acceptance of Gift 4
The Board of Education accepted a donation from Mr. Jingcheng Zhang in the amount of \$4,000 to provide after-school art classes for 7th & 8th grade students. Information only.
5. Contingency Plan Procedure for Head Start State Preschool Program 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Contingency Plan Procedure for the Head Start/State Preschool Program for school year 2011-2012. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order (Revised) 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 11-12-06 as presented. Approved.

C. Pupil Personnel Services – No Items.

D. Instructional Services

1. Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers

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It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following contracts as presented:

#1 At Home Tutors
#1 We Can Foundation
1 on 1 Academic Laptop Tutoring
1 on 1 Learning With Laptops
100% Computer Learning
A to Z In Home Tutoring
A Tree of Knowledge
A+ Educational Centers
Amazing A Academics
Aavanza
Able Academics
Academic Advantage
ACE Tutoring
Advanced Reading Solutions (UROK)
Alpha Innovation through Education
Applied Scholastics International
Aprende Tutoring
Arriba Education
Brain Hurricane
Carney Educational Services
Club Z
Community College Foundation
DS Learning
Educational & Tutorial Services (ETS)
Friendly Community Outreach
Future Stars Tutoring
ICES Education
Kumon Learning Center West Covina
Learn It Systems
Legacy Charter Schools
Mathnasium
Math Think
Smart Kids Tutoring
Studentnest.com
Sylvan Learning Center San Marino
Teach n Tutor
Total Education Solutions

Nancy Eng, parent of a 4th grade student, asked for clarification on supplemental educational services (SES) providers. She stated she has heard from parents that have utilized SES and did not feel they were effective. She wanted to know if the District has selection criteria in approving the SES providers and how to evaluate the SES providers for effectiveness. Ms. Eng questioned the amount of money being spent unfairly, and asked what plans are in place to reduce SES cost.

Bob Bruesch commented on parents not having a way of knowing if these tutoring services produce student growth on California Standards Test (CST) results. Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke on the many variables involved with student tests and whether it would be accurate in trying to compare the effectiveness of SES provider services. Tony Ramos suggested forming a committee of parents and teachers or surveying their opinion on the best way to evaluate these services.

Dr. Mary Suzuki indicated that there are federal guidelines related to these types of services in order to receive funding and we could not do such a survey.

John Yuen recommended that the Garvey Education Foundation hire some competent providers for our students. Mr. Bruesch noted that this effort may not fall within the federal guidelines.

Dr. Johnson explained the funding requirements under Title I and that the District, as it enters in Year 2 Program Improvement (PI), is legally required to allocate 20 percent of its funding. Dr. Johnson stated that the State approves the SES providers and the State requires that these services be provided by agencies other than District staff. In addition, Dr. Johnson stated that many of the District students do not qualify for these programs. The District cannot determine the service providers, and the parents determine what service provider they will choose. Dr. Johnson recommended writing letters to State legislators expressing these concerns. Bob Bruesch suggested that perhaps the school PTA's can begin surveying their parents for parent satisfaction with the SES programs.

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board waived the Board policy and extended the meeting to 11:00 p.m.

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 4 to 1 (Bob Bruesch opposed), the Board approved Item D.1., as presented.

Mr. Bruesch stated that his NO vote was due to the fact that parents have no way to evaluate the effects of these programs on their child's achievement on the CST.

2. Project WILD Memorandum of Understanding 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Project WILD and the Garvey School District as presented.

The clarification was made that this MOU would be at no cost to the District.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 9
It is recommended that the Board approve Purchase Order Report No.11-12-06 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers 10
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented.

Bob Bruesch asked for background on the Sodexo, Inc. payment for food services and the \$100,000 savings each year. Michael Coughlin explained that the contract runs on a yearly basis and the amount of savings depends on the negotiated terms in the contract.

Mr. Bruesch made some analysis of these transfers that added to over one million dollars in the ending balance and if this excess could be earmarked to help on the rehiring staff or lowering class size reductions, if this were allowed. Michael Coughlin explained the budget projections and budget reconciliation that is brought to the Board at various times of the year, and he explained the funding categories that are designated for a stated purpose and the need to absorb the projected budget cuts. Dr. Johnson reminded the Board of the sweeping Tier 3 categorical funds and the need to replace some of the transfers from deferred maintenance funds. John Yuen commented on the need to have these types of money transaction visible. Dr. Johnson noted that this year the District lost 279 students and that translates to a loss of \$1.4 million next year.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Item E.2., as presented.

Reports and Information Items

- A. Cindy Carter Bedoya provided a report on the Head Start Desired Results Developmental Profile Assessment Results for program year 2010-2011. She presented outcome and assessment data used on three-and four-year-old-students related to social development, English language, literacy, and mathematics. The 1st assessment was done during the first 45 days of enrollment, the 2nd is done later in the school year, and a 3rd is done at the end of the school year. Ms. Carter Bedoya spoke of statistical and significant improvement made in all areas from Assessment One to Three, and the comparison of District and LACOE scores. The Program added the "Growing with Mathematics" curriculum this year and continues to use supplemental curriculum with a focus on language and literacy. 11

Ms. Carter Bedoya stated that the Program held team reviews of lessons that are appropriate for Head Start age groups, and conducted observations to determine if the lessons that were appropriate according to the children's needs. Ms. Carter Bedoya stated that LACOE also monitors the curriculum materials, and that math materials were purchased last year with LACOE funds. Ms. Carter Bedoya stated that during the Head Start review, the reviewers commented they were impressed by staff and child interactions and with the way children interacted with each other. They commented on the rich and colorful language used by the children in the District. Parent participation exceeded the Federal requirements by February of last year.

Dr. Sandra Johnson commended the strengths of the program and the high level of quality teachers. Board members asked questions related to data collection and report submissions to LACOE.

- B. Cindy Carter Bedoya provided a report on the 2010-2011 Head Start State Preschool Program. She stated that this report is a requirement from the Office of Head Start for all Grantee and delegate agencies. They are to complete and submit the report on an annual basis. The report covers three areas: The report covers three areas: 1) Information on the Head Start/LACOE State Preschool Program, 2) program staff and qualifications, and 3) Child and Family Services that the District provides throughout the year. 12

Ms. Carter Bedoya stated that there were 525 children enrolled last year, and 278 were returnees. She gave a breakdown of languages spoken at home and the number of parent volunteers. Ms. Bedoya indicated that out of 29 teachers, five have their Masters degree, 17 teachers have a Bachelors of Arts degree including early childhood classes, and 7 teachers have an Associate of Arts degree including early childhood classes. By 2013, all teachers need to have a Bachelors Degree and the District is making good progress towards this goal.

Ms. Carter Bedoya explained the area of Child and Family Services and she talked about the number of children receiving special education services along with their enrollment process. She indicated

that the District is seeking to ensure that the federal requirements are met as outlined on the Head Start performance standards. Ms. Carter Bedoya talked about the ongoing monitoring process as part of the refunding application that uses data to help create an improvement plan. One plan talks about increasing the number of children getting dental care services.

- C. Dr. Sandra Johnson provided a report on Parent Involvement and Engagement. She talked about a plan for increasing parent and community engagement with schools and the District to help the children at home. Dr. Johnson outlined the ideas evolving from previous presentations by Virginia Peterson and Peter Leung given to parents at various schools sites. At that time a mission statement was developed and four areas were identified as essential components of the plan: 1) School activities such as open houses and PTA meetings, 2) volunteer activities, 3) school governance activities, and 4) communication/parent education as key to parent engagement. 13

Dr. Johnson talked about developing a District homework policy using guidelines proposed by author Robert Marzano, as well, as creating a parent welcome center at each school site with many materials that parents can check out , and the desire to have included a computer in the centers. Bob Bruesch suggested adding some materials for non-English speaking parents.

Dr. Johnson stated that the role of the school community coordinators is being reviewed to ensure they work with parents providing translation and education in targeted areas. Another area is parent participation in school and District activities, including District beautification day(s), having a school volunteer program in place, and hosting food tasting events.

Dr. Johnson spoke of the superintendent/parent advisory council meeting held on October 18, 2011, where norms were set. This should be a vehicle for honest open conversations and to receive input from parents as an opportunity to provide input for student success. Bob Bruesch asked that parents be advised on the focus and intervention being placed on English language learning.

- D. Dr. Mary Suzuki presented a report on Parent Education. She indicated that this year the District is focusing on empowering parents to have the knowledge and skills to support the students in their academic achievement as well. The support is being provided based on surveys that would express the parent's desire, such as support in technology, more information on the 7 Habits, nutritional habits, and student online textbooks. 14

Dr. Suzuki stated that a calendar is being posted online and hard copies distributed on the various educational programs that are being prepared for parents (with the help of translators), such as mathematics for grades 1st -5th, Study Island programs for grades 1st-8th, and online resources to help children learn. For parents in middle schools, they will be given information on safe use of the Internet, a presentation on Office applications through Google Documents, and information on college entrance requirements so parents can advocate for their children as they prepare to enter High School, as well as, information on college financing.

John Yuen stated he is pleased to see that parents now can understand the college entrance requirements for their kids; one area that he commented on was the need to learn a second language to qualify for college graduation. Dr. Johnson spoke of the different programs taking place in the District through a District wide college fair, PIQUE providing support for guaranteed college admission, College Day scheduled on November 18th, and other school activities. Tony Ramos suggested that former successful students be invited to participate in the District-wide College fair. Board Members discussed other programs such as "Direct Pathways to Success" provided at local school districts.

Action Items

- A. A public hearing opened at 10:05 a.m., and closed at 10:06 p.m., regarding the sufficiency of of instructional materials. There were no requests to speak. 15

- B. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 11-12-07 verifying compliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 60119 on the sufficiency of instructional materials in core subjects for all students that are aligned to the academic content standards. 16

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item B., as presented.

- C. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed tentative agreement with California School Employees Association, Chapter 292, for the 2010-2011 school year. 17

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item C., as presented.

- D. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the increase in the price a lunch for a full-pay student as presented. 18

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote 5 to 0, the Board approved Item D., as presented.

- E. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Policy 1100 – Communication with the Public. 19

The Board discussed the policy in relation to free speech rights of the Board and having a spokesperson on behalf of Board members at press conferences. John Yuen noted that Board members can also express and state to the press what they see as their own opinions as individuals. Dr. Sandra Johnson explained that the policy calls for the Superintendent or designated staff and/or Board Member to follow protocol and procedures consistent on District issues. Dr. Johnson outlined the policy revisions.

Janet Chin recommended adding a clause, “This policy in no way shall infringe on 1st Amendment rights of individuals.”

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item E., as revised.

- F. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Policy 3551 – Food Service Operations-Cafeteria Fund. 20

The Board made two corrections: 1) After “U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods,” to say “Superintendent or designee shall maintain inventory.” 2) Change “UDSA” to “USDA.”

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried, by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item F., as corrected.

- G. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Policy 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals. 21

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item G., as presented.

- H. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Policy 4158 - Employee Security. 22

The Board clarified the wording of “reasonable and necessary force,” as used in the policy.

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

- I. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Bylaw 6163.1 – Library Media Centers. 23

The Board recommended one change to: “library media specialist or special technician and/or school librarian” when appropriate.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item I., as revised.

- J. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Policy 6163.2 – Animals at School. 24

Bob Bruesch commented on the fine line defining animals at school, such as Seeing Eye dogs, and protection of other children who might suffer from allergies.

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item J., as presented.

- K. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Bylaw 9123 – Clerk 25

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item K., as presented.

- L. First reading and possible approval of revisions to Board Bylaw 9140 – Board Representatives. 26

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved Item L. as presented.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Bruesch asked for a comparison of costs in the last three to four years of litigation costs for cases related to Special Education and a notation on how much of the cost was avoided by settling the cases and not going forward with court appeals. Mr. Bruesch commented on how some parents are being encouraged to file lawsuits by child advocates pursuing them as court observes and possible clients. Henry Lo suggested that the State Department of Education be alerted to these types of practices.

John Yuen asked for information regarding costs associated with the Del Terra Contract and work that was done over the summer with bond funds, including the costs that the District is obligated to pay under the Del Terra Contract with the District.

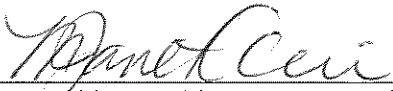
FUTURE MEETINGS

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.

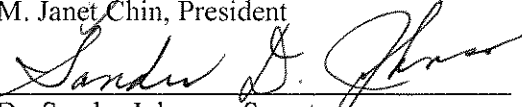
Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
November 10, 2011	SARB STAR Team Update
December 8, 2011	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Cindy Carter

Olivia De Leon

Nancy Eng

Elizabeth Hurley

Eliseo Acevedo Martinez

Amara Pang

Jason Otis

Martha Reyes

Art Reynolds

Steve Rogers

Lupe Rosales

Ted Saulino

Ken Tang

Michelle Truong

Vickie Walker