

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 19, 2017

The Garvey Board of Education met in regular session on October 19, 2017, at the Education Center, 2730 N. Del Mar Ave., Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Board President Ronald Trabanino.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mr. Bob Bruesch, Ms. Maureen Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Ms. Keilley Meng, Mr. Ronald Trabanino, and Superintendent Anita Chu.

Also in attendance were Ms. Grace Garner, Mr. Rene Hernandez, Ms. Staci Ma, Ms. Anna Molinar 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 are hereby made an official part of these minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Sandra Gonzalez 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 Henry Lo, seconded by Keilley Meng, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adjourned at 6:31 p.m. to closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Yes
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Keilley Meng	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 7:04 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Ronald Trabanino indicated there was no action taken during closed session.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Anita Chu thanked Jesse Chang and our staff, students, parents, and Board members for a wonderful installation day of the pond at Garvey Intermediate School on October 7th. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Garvey Garden is scheduled for some time in January 2018. Ms. Chu reported on a significant progress made in implementing the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative. She shared that a Makerspace is being

constructed at Bitely School where students can make, learn, and share with the use of a variety of technology tools including 3D printers, laptop, green screen, robots. Ms. Chu stated that maintenance staff are working with the principal, school staff, and vendors in designing and building the Makerspace. A grand opening ceremony will be scheduled at the time of completion. This is a pilot project with a vision of providing such facilities to students at the Computer Science Schools and eventually to all students with the use of Bond Funds.

Ms. Chu invited Board members to the Garvey Council PTA Reflections gallery on October 26, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. and the judging of student art work on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Henry Lo commended the staff and Jesse Chang for the progress being made on the pond at Garvey Intermediate School. He spoke of a grant made available by the San Gabriel Water District. Mr. Lo stated that last week he and Bob Bruesch attended a general membership meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Partnership to share ideas and information about resources in planning of goals for cities, chambers of commerce, and school districts.

Henry Lo shared about a roundtable held last week by California State Senator Scott Wiener regarding several bills on health issues and legislation regarding housing and surplus property.

Bob Bruesch spoke in favor of school districts being able to build family housing in an effort to increase student enrollment. He spoke about the pond at Garvey Intermediate and concerns regarding mosquito abatement. Mr. Bruesch indicated that members of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) will be visiting local schools to validate their applications for the Golden Bell Awards. He expressed his hopes for one of our schools to qualify for this highest award by CSBA.

Mr. Bruesch suggested that Ken Tang speak about a third park bench planned at Willard, along with those at Sanchez and Monterey Vista Schools. Mr. Tang stated the bench is dedicated to the 442nd regimental combat unit and Japanese boys who fought valiantly overseas and came back to settle in Rosemead and Monterey Park. A list of all names of families settling here will be developed and we will be seeking any of these persons still alive when a dedication of the park bench is planned.

Keilley Meng wished everyone a safe Halloween Day. On a question from Ronald Trabanino, Anita Chu stated that she would share with those interested, the design of the Makerspace at Bitely School.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Ken Tang, President of Garvey Education Association, addressed the Board commenting about everyone's commitment on a night with the phenomena of the Dodgers baseball team scoring high. He quoted psychologist Urie Bronfenbrenner, "*Every child needs at least one adult who is irrationally crazy about him or her.*" Mr. Tang thanked everyone for their support of every student in the District.

Mr. Tang invited Board members to a California Teachers Association dinner event on November 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at Rio Hondo College.

Mr. Tang spoke in favor of the pilot Makerspace at Bitely School; he indicated that he wants to advocate for equal access for all students using such facility to promote their creativity and he spoke of the importance of the involvement of school staff and parents in the design of the classroom.

Mr. Tang addressed the Mark Janus's lawsuit in the United States trying to remove the requirement to pay union fees.

Anita Chu mentioned that the Bitely principal has been working closely with his entire staff in developing the design of the Makerspace room. The construction of the Makerspace is a collaborative effort in support of

schools and school staff who are ready with knowledge and skills to implement the vision of 21st century teaching and learning.

Henry Lo spoke about bond expenditures and the proposed elimination of state and local tax deductions which may impact on future bond measures.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA):** None

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA:** None
Ken Tang reminded everyone of the GCPTA Reflections. The judging of student art work will be on October 25, 2017, and the art gallery will be on October 26, 2017 to showcase students' talent and the dedication of District staff. Mr. Tang thanked everyone for joining all the schools' PTA.
- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC):** None

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Sandra Gonzalez, Child Development Director, stated that the Head Start Program is under-enrolled by one slot and the Preschool Program has 13 vacancies. A quality improvement plan is being developed in collaboration with LACOE, specifically in areas of Education and Family Services. Dr. Gonzalez spoke about the new funding application process that is divided into two parts: the first part, due in November 2017, focuses on program and school readiness goals, and the second part, due in January 2018, includes program design and budget. Dr. Gonzalez gave an update on staff vacancies and stated there will be a two-day training for Head Start Policy Committee members.

Kady Nguyen, former PC Chair, introduced the newly elected PC officers: Elizabeth Arreola, Chairperson; Cherry Chin, Vice Chairperson; Arraya Gray-Hill, Parliamentarian; Hanrong Feng, Secretary; Valeria Gonzalez, Treasurer; and Guanghui Li, Sergeant-at-Arms.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Maureen Chin, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below.

Vote:	Bob Bruesch	Yes
	Maureen Chin	Yes
	Henry Lo	Yes
	Keilley Meng	Yes
	Ronald Trabanino	Yes

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 28, 2017
Approved.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance (Revised)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.

3. Williams Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints
It is recommended that the Board of Education receive the District's Williams Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending September 30, 2017, to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Approved.
4. Head Start/State Preschool Budget Adjustment & Request for advance Approvals (BAR/RAA) – Schedule I/K Revisions (Approvals (2017-2018))
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Head Start/State Preschool Budget Adjustment & Request for Advance Approvals (BAR/RAA) for Schedule I/K revisions for Program Year 2017-2018. Approved.
5. Head Start/State Preschool Program – Policies and Procedures Plan (2017-2018)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Policies and Procedures Plan of the Head Start/State Preschool Program for Program Year 2017-2018. Approved.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order 17-18-05 (Revised)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report 17-18-05 as presented. Approved.

C. Learning Support Services

1. AstroCamp Outdoor Education (Hillcrest School)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the participation of fifty sixth grade students, two teachers, and five adult chaperones in the AstroCamp outdoor education program from January 31, 2018 through February 2, 2018. The estimated total cost of 15,742.50 will be paid by donations, Associated Student Body (ASB) funds, and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funds. Approved.

D. Student Support Services

1. Membership/Recertification – Crisis Prevention Institute
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve membership/ recertification for three School Counselors and one Behavior Intervention Specialist in the Crisis Prevention Institute. Total cost not to exceed \$600.00; to be paid from Medi-Cal Billing Option Funds. Approved.
2. Contract Renewal Ratification – Paradigm Healthcare Services, LLC (Medi-Cal Direct Services)
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the automatically renewed 2017-18 contract with Paradigm Healthcare Services, LLC to provide Medicaid (Medi-Cal) direct services and annual Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule preparation. Total contract cost is not to exceed \$38,500.00; to be paid from Medi-Cal Billing Option Funds. Approved.
3. Contract – Los Angeles County Office of Education (SMAA Program)
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2017-2020 contract with Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide the administration of the California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program (SMAA) claims on behalf of the Garvey School District. Total cost not to exceed \$9,000.00; to be paid from Medi-Cal Billing Option Funds. Approved.
4. Contract Ratification – Five Acres Therapeutic School (Non-Public School Placement)
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2017-18 contract with Five Acres Therapeutic School for students who require a Non-Public School placement. Total contract cost is not to exceed \$64,203.80; to be paid from Special Education Funds. Approved.

5. Contract Ratification – Recess Speech Therapy (Non-Public Agency Services)
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2017-18 contract with Recess Speech Therapy for attendance at a collaborative meeting. Total cost of \$360.00; to be paid from Special Education Funds. Approved.
6. Contract Ratification – Stacy Johnson dba Steps To Speech, Inc. (Contracted Speech Language Pathology Assistants)
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the 2017-18 contract with Stacy Johnson dba Steps To Speech, Inc. to provide registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants to provide school-based speech therapy services to students who require this service as written in their Individualized Education Programs during School Year 2017-18. Total contract cost is not to exceed \$1,000.00; to be paid from Special Education funding. Approved.
7. Contract Amendment Ratification – Stacy Johnson dba Steps To Speech, Inc. (Contracted Speech Language Pathologist)
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify the amended 2016-17 contract with Stacy Johnson dba Steps To Speech, Inc. to provide one licensed Speech Language Pathologist to provide school-based speech therapy services to students who require this service as written in their Individualized Education Programs during the ten days in June of Extended School Year 2017. Total contract cost is not to exceed \$4,000.00; to be paid from Special Education Funds. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 17-18-05
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Purchase Order Report 17-18-05 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. Piggyback Bid Contract Amendment – SEHI Computer Products, Inc. (Technology Equipment)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the amendment to Contract No. MNNVP-133, piggyback bid with SEHI Computer Products, Inc. (reseller of Hewlett Packard Co.), to extend the contract through March 31, 2020. Approved.
4. Contract – Bergelectric Corporation (District Office Security Cameras)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Bergelectric Corporation for installation of security camera system at the District Office. Total cost of \$33,428.00 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.
5. Contract – GDL Best Contractors, Inc. (Makerspace at Bitely School)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with GDL Best Contractor, Inc. for construction of a Makerspace at Bitely School. Total cost of \$43,582.00 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.
6. Contract – HJ Mechanical Contractor (HVAC)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with HJ Mechanical Contractor for HVAC work at Emerson, Garvey, Monterey Vista, Rice, and Willard Schools. Total cost of \$84,987.00 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.

7. Contracts – SKC and Custom Craft Flooring (Williams Head Start)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contracts with SKC and Custom Craft Flooring for additional work for four relocatable Head Start buildings at Williams School. Total additional cost of \$81,956.82 to be paid from Head Start Funds. Approved.
8. Contract – Tropical Tree Service, Inc. (Tree Trimming Services)
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Tropical Tree Service, Inc. to trim trees at all sites as needed. Total cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.
9. Change Order – Southwest Mechanical, Inc. (HVAC)
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend contract with Southwest Mechanical to increase the contract by \$23,000.00 for installation of new ductwork for the HVAC units that were installed. Total amended cost of \$185,389.00 to be paid from Bond Funds. Approved.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Presentation by District Legal Counsel, James Baca, of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, on the California Voter Participation Rights Act (“CVPRA”)
James Baca, District Legal Counsel, addressed the Board regarding the California Voter Participation Rights Act (CVPRA). He gave an overview on Senate Bill 415 and how it will have an impact on schools. This bill is meant to remedy the low voter turnout at local elections held on off-cycle election years. The Safe Harbor provision of CVPRA states that by January 1, 2018, a district must have adopted a plan to consolidate a future election with statewide election no later than the November 8, 2022 statewide general election. Recently, California changed its primary elections from June to March. The recommendation to the Board is to consolidate the date of the District’s board elections with the date for the California statewide direct primary (i.e., March 2022 and two years thereafter in March of even-numbered years)

Mr. Baca spoke of the benefits by holding Board elections in March when primary elections are held, as opposed to having Board elections held in November. Board member terms will extend by four months if elections take place in March, or the terms will be extended by one year if elections are held on November. After passing a Board resolution, the recommendation will be sent to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. On a question from Ronald Trabanino, Mr. Baca indicated that there is usually a better turn out of voters when elections are conducted during primary elections (March 2020). During general elections (November 2020), sometimes there are too many proposals on the ballot that seem to lower the voter's interest for local elections. Bob Bruesch commented on the lack of interest from voters in recent years.
- B. Progress Report on Surplus Property Advisory Committee
Anita Chu gave an update on the progress and activities of the Surplus Property Advisory Committee. The Committee has met three times in September and October, 2017, to review two under-utilized school properties (Marshall Property and Egley Property). The Committee reviewed student enrollment projections and the different options available for the properties. The committee is developing a priority use list for each property. At the October 17th meeting, the recommended priority use list is as follows: Egley Property: 1) sale, 2) lease, 3) exchange, 4) as is; Marshall Property (Building Portion): 1) lease, 2) sale, 3) exchange, 4) as is; and Marshall Property (Joint Use Portion): as is.

The Committee will hold its next meeting on November 2, 2017 and the meeting will include a public hearing. The meeting agenda is to finalize the Report and Recommendations and submit it to the Board at the November 16th meeting.

Bob Bruesch spoke about the need for affordable housing and funding to be available for this purpose. Henry Lo stated that California Senator Scott Wiener is seeking to enact some new laws on school finances and uses of school property.

Anita Chu stated that the law requires the District to give notice to public agencies and give them priority before placing school property on auction for sale. At the next Board meeting, a resolution will be brought to the Board with recommendations from the Surplus Property Advisory Committee.

Henry Lo commented on other school sites that have some under-utilized property, such as Williams and Bitley Schools. Bob Bruesch spoke of the needed air conditioning repairs for the District Office. Anita Chu stated that the current Surplus Property Advisory Committee, as specified by the Board-adopted resolution in March 2017, is only reviewing two properties (Marshall Property and Egley Property).

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Nominations for Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization
The Board of Education may wish to discuss and possibly submit nominations for vacant or expired seats in the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts for the County Committee on School District Organization. These positions will serve a four-year term through the end of 2021. No action taken.
- B. Declaration of Need
On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board adopted the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

Maureen Chin wished everyone a happy Veterans Day. Ronald Trabanino thanked everyone for the hard work and for being an advocate for our students.

Henry Lo suggested to invite representatives from the City of San Gabriel and Monterey Park to speak at a future Board meeting. He asked about the District's smart phone apps and the social media available to parents and the community. Keilley Meng noted that some of the website pages need to be updated.


PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Closed session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and Public session to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
November 16, 2017 (moved from 11/9)	
December 7, 2017	Seating of new Board Members and Reorganization of the Board

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Ronald Trabanino, President



Anita Chu, Secretary

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

John H. Nunez
Sergei Orloff
Ken Tang