

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 13, 2020

President Mrs. Reuter called the regular meeting of the Glendora Unified School District Board of Education to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Community Board Room, Glendora Unified School District, 500 North Loraine, Glendora, CA 91741.

Board Members Present:

Elizabeth Reuter, President
Zondra Borg, Vice President
Robin Merkley, Clerk
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., Member
Cory Ellenson, 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, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as presented.

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).
- Anticipated Litigation GC 54954.5(c) pursuant to GC 54956.9(b)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors commented on the Governor's proposed budget that was released, stating that it looks good for schools and it will be interesting to see what happens after the May Revise. He will attend a budget workshop with School Services to learn more about the budget. He announced that the Board has chosen Leadership Associates to conduct the search for the new superintendent. On January 21st meetings will be held to gather input from employees and the community regarding the desired characteristics of a new superintendent.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

Sandburg Middle School students ended 2019 with many activities such as "Kindness Week"; band and orchestra holiday concerts; WEB field day; afterschool hip hop classes; and the annual Christmas 4 Kids toy drive. Thursdays are "think about college day" where students and staff wear college t-shirts.

Cullen Elementary School staff reflected on and discussed an article related to Social Emotional Learning and School Culture. Kindergarten students participated in the holiday performance and 5th grade students performed a patriotic assembly. Additionally, APU art students visited Cullen to provide STEAM lessons for our 1st and 3rd grade students. Lastly, 5th grade classes participated in Yes City GOV lessons including a visit to City Hall.

Sutherland Elementary School students are busy practicing for the upcoming performance of Willy Wonka. Everyone is very grateful for the recent Eagle Scout project of the planting of trees and plants in the parkway. Masterpiece Mornings will begin soon, with the feature topic of Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel.

Stanton Elementary School students enjoyed many activities before the end of the year including school wide PBIS lessons; PTA Breakfast with Santa; Hour of Code; and the PTA Book Fair. Fifth grade students participated in Yes City GOV. Teachers also worked together to evaluate and analyze RTI groups as well as reflect on the recent benchmark results.

Glendora High School students are looking forward to the second semester to include an event for gamers with cash prizes; a presentation about understanding test scores; and planning for Action, the spring assembly, and the Make a Wish assembly. The student body had a school wide vote on the graduation cap and gowns and unanimously voted for the traditional red cap and gown.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Glendora High School Draft 2020-2021 Student Handbook – Information Only

Mr. Lopez and Mrs. Norell presented the proposed GHS registration handbook. He reviewed the additions that include martial arts, Mandarin 2, ASL 4, Citrus Dual Enrollment Courses, Peer Assistant, Integrated C/D Algebraic Concepts. He also reviewed the revisions and deletions saying that the deletions include small ensembles, German 3, Tartan Leadership Class and Peer Assistant classes that have been moved into the new ASB class.

Mr. Ellenson asked clarifying questions regarding the culinary course commenting that it could be a pathway. He asked about the ROP courses and pathways noticing that the onsite courses are labeled ROP, but those that are offsite are not. He thought this may be confusing to students that are not familiar with ROP. He likes the pathways and how they are displayed as well as the sample 4-year plans. Ms. Borg was impressed with the number of offerings at all levels. She asked clarifying questions regarding the new Peer Assistance course and she thanked them for the presentation and for their work on the registration handbook. Mrs. Merkley thanked them for the information. Dr. Fernando asked how many sections of Mandarin will be offered and he thanked them for the information. Mrs. Reuter asked for an update on the Citrus Dual Enrollment Course and she expressed her appreciation for the information and the time put into the handbook.

PUBLIC HEARING

At the September 9, 2019 Board of Education meeting the Glendora USD Board of Education approved Resolution No. 2 to Initiate a Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2020 Board of Education Election

On December 9, 2019, the Board of Education held a public hearing to receive public input on and provide input regarding the draft maps of potential Board Member election district boundaries. Draft maps and archival information are available on the District web site.

As required a second public hearing was held on January 13, 2020. Board President Reuter opened the January 13, 2020 public hearing at 7:39 pm to receive public input on and provide input regarding the draft maps of potential Board Member election district boundaries. Draft maps and archival information has been available on the District website.

There was no response for public comment; the public hearing was closed at 7:40 pm.

Mrs. Reuter asked each of the Board Members for their comments and recommendations regarding the proposed maps.

Ms. Borg commented on the maps saying that she liked both the orange and the green maps; but that neither one of them stood out to her. She thought it was a good idea to use the elementary school boundaries and it made sense that voters could vote for someone they identify with. The one concern she had with the orange map was that it would leave a trustee area without a current board member in residence. She stated that she may have more comments after listening to the other board members' thoughts and comments.

Mrs. Merkley commented on her process saying that at first she wanted to go with the elementary school boundaries but after more thought was concerned that this may not create a board that is looking out for all schools. After much consideration she concluded that the green map is her top choice and the purple map is her second choice.

Mr. Ellenson initially thought that elementary school boundaries would be the best; but then realized that may take away from representing every school and every student. He liked the green and purple maps saying that they keep all board members accountable for all students. Between the two maps he liked the purple over the green map.

Dr. Fernando commented on the green map saying he is concerned with area 1 being so large; he likes aspects of the orange map but areas are divided strangely; he like aspects of the tan map that somewhat follows city council lines. He thought the purple map divides up the regions with main roads that would be easier to describe the trustee areas. His first choice is the purple map followed closely with potential revision to the orange map.

Mrs. Reuter thanked everyone for their comments on the maps. She prefers a map that, as suggested by Mrs. Merkley, has multiple representatives for the elementary schools. She has concerns with the optics of Area One on the green map and stated that her preference is for the purple map. She is satisfied that each trustee areas, the schools they represent and how the boundaries are defined by major streets and landmarks.

Mrs. Reuter called for a motion to select a trustee-area boundary map.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Mrs. Merkley the Board of Education unanimously approved to adopt the proposed Purple Map as the District Trustee Area Boundary Map.

Mr. Ellenson motioned to approve the sequence of elections, Mrs. Merkley seconded the motion;

Mr. Ellenson made a motion to amend the previous motion to change map area 4 to map area 1; and map area 1 to map area 4, Mrs. Merkley seconded the amended motion and the Board of Education unanimously approved the sequence of elections to be: 2020 elections 4 (Reuter); 5 (Merkley); and 2022 elections 1 (Borg), 2 (Ellenson), 3 (Fernando).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved Resolution No. 7 Adopting a Trustee Area Map and Initiating a Proposal to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization to Adopt By-Trustee Area Elections as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Mr. Ellenson, the Board of Education unanimously approved the General, Educational, Business and Personnel Consent Items with the following correction to the Minutes of the Regular meeting of December 9, 2019:

December 9, 2019 Minutes Page 3 under Staff Presentations change:
“8% of AP students to 98% of AP students”

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2019 and the Special Board Meetings of December 9, 2019 and December 17, 2019 as presented.
2. Accept gifts from Douglas Frymer as presented.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Special Education services as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1920000993 through 1920001114 in the amount of \$400,450.74; and amended purchase order number 1920000211, 1920000687, 1920000770, 1920000791 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.
3. Approve the student teaching agreement with Loma Linda University for the period commencing December 8, 2019 and terminating December 7, 2024.
4. Approve the student teaching agreement with the Western Governors University, the period commencing January 13, 2020 and terminating January 12, 2023 or until either party gives the other party thirty (30) days advance written notice.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Borg welcomed everyone back from the winter break and wished everyone a happy new year. She attended the PTA Council meeting where she provided factual information regarding public school funding. Next month she plans to speak about ADA and declining enrollment.

Mrs. Merkley welcomed everyone back after the holidays. She commented on declining enrollment and asked Ms. Borg to include the importance of DOC in her comments to the PTA Council regarding ADA and declining enrollment.

Mrs. Reuter welcomed everyone to the new year. She echoed Dr. Voors' message about Leadership Associates and the superintendent search. She commented that the Board members feel very confident about the choice and they trust the process and are excited to begin the search. Mrs. Reuter strongly encouraged those invited to participate in the input sessions on January 21; also an online survey will be available on the District website Jan. 20-31. The Board truly wants to hear from all the stakeholders. She has noticed that CSBA has adopted the Prop. 13 Schools and Communities First saying that this will be interesting as the District will need to figure out how to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

January 27, 2020

Certified by:

Robin G. Merkley, Clerk