

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 10, 2010

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on February 10, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 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 7:40 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen, and Superintendent Virginia Peterson.

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

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board adjourned at 5:08 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 5:51 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Bob Bruesch led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

Janet Chin indicated that there was no action taken during closed session.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Virginia Peterson read aloud a letter from the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department, regarding the District's immunization practices. The letter congratulated the immunization clinic staff for providing the residents of Los Angeles County with high standards of practice and an outstanding quality assurance review. Ms. Peterson commended Dolores Preciado and Micky Rios and her staff.

Virginia Peterson indicated that today was the 3rd day of Compliance Program Monitoring (CPM) conducted by a team of reviewers from the State Department of Education. The review is going very well. Ms.

Peterson commended the work of Anita Chu and Instructional Services staff who have done an outstanding job preparing for the review. An exit conference is scheduled for tomorrow. Board members are invited to attend.

Virginia Peterson announced that the Board will be giving out certificates to the recipients of this year's mini-grants awarded by the Garvey Education Foundation. Foundation Board Members Bob Bruesch, Les Nakasaki, and Peter Leung joined by Maureen Bateman did a surprise visit to each teacher's classroom and presented the Foundation check personally in front of each class.

Duff School Plans Update

Bob Bruesch indicated that frequent meetings have taken place regarding the use of space at Duff School. District staff and Board members have been talking to several partners, including the Boys & Girls Club, Woodcraft Rangers, Kaiser Permanente, and Asian Pacific Clinics, about having a living healthy program for students and families that will include counseling, cooking, mobile kitchen, psychological services, and recreational activities.

LACSTA Report

Bob Bruesch stated that at the last LACSTA (Los Angeles County School Trustees Association) there were 12 companies presenting solar energy initiatives for school districts. Locally, school boards are being very cautious with long term commitments and cost benefit expectations by working as a consortium of 5 school districts to see how to partner and share information gained from various solar energy companies. Our district will be hosting of one these meetings.

John Yuen commented on a recent seminar from the L.A. County Office of Education about school districts working with green operations and that a follow-up meeting will be scheduled some time in April 2010. Janet Chin mentioned that this Board will have to consider this matter when Board goes through the process of recruitment for a new superintendent.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Les Nakasaki, president of GEA, wished everyone a happy holiday weekend with diverse celebrations of Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Chinese Lunar New Year - Year of the Tiger.

Mr. Nakasaki addressed several issues relating to actions as part of the Garvey Education Coalition established many years ago to oppose legislative actions that affect public education. These actions have reached mind-boggling budget cuts, over \$3 billion in 2009-10. Our district is facing a deficit of \$3.2 million over the next two years. Mr. Nakasaki indicated that this year college students have organized a statewide rally to let people know that schools cannot afford to take 60% of state cuts. This translates into many job losses and reduction in student programs.

Mr. Nakasaki distributed flyers with information about the rally, "Start the Day for Students", on March 4, 2010. Mr. Nakasaki encouraged everyone to join in support of students and oppose state budget cuts to education. Mr. Nakasaki asked Board members to consider adopting a resolution in support of Start the Day for Students. Mr. Nakasaki emphasized that the efforts by the Garvey Education Coalition are not done at district expense.

Mr. Nakasaki congratulated Ms. Peterson on being awarded the California Superintendent of the Year Award by the American Association of School Administrators, a well deserved honor. Mr. Nakasaki stated that it will be hard to fill the position held by Ms. Peterson as the Board begins the process of looking for a new superintendent. He hopes that the Association will be part of the process as it has done in the past.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE: None

REPORT FROM GARVEY ORGANIZATIONS

Garvey Council PTA

Janet Chin acknowledged the presence of two PTA parents present at the meeting.

Les Nakasaki, member of the Garvey Council PTA, praised the community effort in the district for the past 33 years to make a difference in the children's education. He thanked teacher Robert Richardson from Temple Intermediate for attending tonight's Board meeting.

Mr. Nakasaki announced the PTA Founders' Day event on March 3, 2009, at the Rosemead Recreation Center. The \$10 tickets are sold in advance only.

Garvey Education Foundation

Les Nakasaki, Board Member of the Garvey Education Foundation, reported that the Foundation gave out mini-grants totaling \$4,500 to very deserving teachers:

Andrea Calderon, Bitley	\$250.00	Mike Kenny, Sanchez	\$500.00
Lily Lee, Emerson	\$250.00	Shirley Wong, Willard	\$500.00
Sean Green, Garvey Int.	\$250.00	Debbie Benavidez, Temple Int.	\$250.00
Michael Drange, Garvey/Temple	\$500.00	George Woo, Temple Int.	\$500.00
Patricia Kasababian, Garvey Int.	\$500.00	Christopher Spitler, Temple Int.	\$500.00
Jane Hirata, Rice	\$250.00		

Mr. Nakasaki thanked the people who donated money to the Foundation and who participated in this year's TGIF fundraiser. The Foundation is looking forward to the April 28th fundraiser dinner honoring Superintendent Virginia Peterson.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Eliseo Martinez addressed the Board regarding conflicting information on hiring of substitute teachers for school business and also addressed a concern on the use of cell phones by teachers during class. Mr. Martinez described a unity activity for the District, showing a diversity kit that the Board can endorse to remind everyone of the need to be considerate of each other and to build unity among students and staff. Mr. Martinez made a recommendation to have the school office staff attend customer service seminars so that parents and the community feel welcomed at each site.

Robert R. Richardson spoke regarding the superintendent selection process.

Bob Bruesch suggested that the diversity kit presented by Mr. Martinez be shown to middle schools and student councils.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At the request of John Yuen, the minutes of the Special Board meeting on January 7, 2009, were tabled for approval at the next Board meeting.

FORMATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Virginia Peterson noted a revision to Agenda Item No. 233. The number of hours and amounts of the contract were changed.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, 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	225	Second reading and possible adoption of revisions to Board Policy 3511 – Energy and Water Management.
Pupil Personnel	230	Recommendation to expel and to suspend the expulsion of student 09-10-04, a 7 th grader at Temple Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 48915(a)(1): Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self –defense. 48915(a)(2): Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.
	231	Recommendation to expel and to suspend the expulsion of student 09-10-05, a 5 th grader at Bitely Elementary School for violation of the following Education Codes: 48900(b): Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object. 48915(a)(2): Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.
	232	Recommendation to expel and to suspend the expulsion of student 09-10-06, a 5 th grader at Bitely Elementary School for violation of the following Education Codes: 48900(b): Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object 48915(a)(2): Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.
Instructional Services	233	Extension of contract with Total Education Solutions to provide an additional half-day of Occupational Therapy services for students in the Garvey School District. Cost for the additional half-day would be \$90 per hour for an additional 77 154 hours, not to exceed \$6,930 \$13,860 This would be added to the current contract of \$46,620, for a total contract amount of \$53,550 \$60,480 for the 2009-10 year.
	239	Presentation on the 2008-09 Accountability Progress Report for the Garvey School District.
Business Services	244	Agreement between the City of San Gabriel and the Garvey School District for joint use, land tenure, maintenance and operation of school and community park and recreation open space and facilities at Marshall School.(Information made available prior to meeting).

A. Board/Superintendent

(224) Approved Conference/Convention Attendance Report and addendum. Consent.

*(225) On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board approved the second reading and adoption of revisions to Board Policy 3511 – Energy and Water Management.

(226) Ratified contract agreement with California Pediatrics & Family Services, Inc. (CAL-PEDS) to provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) training programs to the Head Start/State Preschool teaching staff, from February 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Total cost of \$5,951.25; to be paid by Head Start/State Preschool Funds. Consent.

B. Human Resources

(227) Approved Personnel Assignment Report No. 09-10-12 and addendum. Consent.

(228) Approved Proposed Agreement with California School Employees Association, Chapter 292, for the 2008-09 school year regarding non-monetary and monetary issues. Consent.

C. Pupil Personnel Services

On the motion of John Yuen, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for Item Nos. 229-232.

*(229) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #09-10-03, from the school district for a period commencing February 11, 2010, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student is a 5th grader at Monterey Vista Elementary School for violation of the following Education Codes:

48900(a)(1): Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

*(230) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #09-14-04 from the school district for a period commencing February 11, 2010 and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student is a 7th grader at Temple Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes:

48915(a)(1): Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self –defense.

48915(a)(2): Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- *(231) On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), to approve the recommendation to expel student #09-10-05 from the school district for a period commencing February 11, 2010 and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student is a 5th grader at Bitely Elementary School for violation of the following Education Codes:
- 48900(b): Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
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- *(232) On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, the Board approved the recommendation to expel student #09-10-06 from the school district for a period commencing February 11, 2010 and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student is a 5th grader at Bitely Elementary School for violation of the following Education Codes:
- 48900(b): Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object
 - 48915(a)(2): Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 (Henry Lo not present for the vote), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- (233) Approved extension of contract with Total Education Solutions to provide an additional half-day of Occupational Therapy services for students in the Garvey School District. Cost for the additional half-day would be \$90 per hour for an additional ~~77~~ 154 hours, not to exceed ~~\$6,930~~ \$13,860 This would be added to the current contract of \$46,620, for a total contract amount of ~~\$53,550~~ \$60,480 for the 2009-10 year. Consent.
- (234) Approved payment of mileage to and from school, at a rate of \$.55 per mile, for a child with autism who is unable to ride the school bus. Payment will be made to the parent for transportation with cost not to exceed \$110; to be paid from Special Education funds. Consent.
- (235) Approved revision of contract with The Almanson Center to reflect the additional cost of an amount not to exceed \$19,732.80. This amount is to provide an educational program, speech services, transportation and an aide for transportation support, if needed, for a child with autism residing in the Garvey School District. Total revised contracted services would not exceed \$56,931.20 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year; to be paid from Special Education funds. Consent.

D. Instructional Services

- (236) Approved attendance for 100 5th and 6th grade students, and 3 teachers from Monterey Vista School, to attend a four-day, three-night outdoor education program at Forest Lawn Scout

Reservation in Cedar Glen from June 1-4, 2010. The estimated cost of \$23,712.80 will be paid from Title I, Fundraising, Student Council and PTA Funds. Consent.

- (237) Approved submission of the 2009-2010 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part II) for an estimated total of \$5,986,556. Consent.
- (238) Approved employment of Martha Navarro to provide four informational workshops to Emerson Elementary School parents on February 19, 2010, March 12, 2010, April 23, 2010 and May 28, 2010. Total cost of \$600; to be paid from Emerson School's Economic Impact Aid Program funds. Consent.
- *(239) Presentation held on the 2008-09 Accountability Progress Report for the Garvey School District.

Anita Chu commented that this week's extensive Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) review included a presentation similar to tonight's Board presentation on the State Accountability Report including AYP and API data. The state reviewers were very impressed with the charts and information presented by Dr. Cheng-Ou Chang at their entrance meeting.

Dr. Cheng-Ou Chang showed a variety of student information consolidated into charts and tables. He explained the 4 requirements for AYP (adequate yearly progress): 1) The district must have a minimum of 95 percent participation (including special education students) in statewide testing. 2) The percent of student scoring at or above proficient must meet the annually specified target or qualify for safe harbor or meet 2 or 3 year formula. 3) The district must have a Growth API (Academic Performance Index) of 650. 4) Specified graduation rate (this does not apply to elementary school districts such as Garvey).

Dr. Chang explained that API scores range from 100 to 1000 with 800 set as the state goal. Growth targets are set each year school wide and for numerically significant sub groups.

Bob Bruesch asked questions regarding increasing requirements to keep longitudinal data. Dr. Chang indicated that the district is already doing this type of data collection and analysis which teachers use to determine student needs. John Yuen commented on the need of the Hispanic subgroup which has not met the 2009 target.

Dr. Chang presented the official AYP and API reports. He indicated that out of 11 schools in the district, 4 are not in program improvement and 7 are in program improvement (4 in Year 1, 2 in Year 3, and 1 in Year 4).

Dr. Chang explained the scores for statewide ranks and similar school ranks. Bob Bruesch noted RTTT will utilize test data and the OARS program will assist teachers in finding the specific skills where individual students show a weakness.

Anita Chu indicated that what is most helpful for teachers is to know the areas of strength and weakness for each student. Virginia Peterson commended the efforts of Dr. Chang and noted that with limited resources the district is going in the right direction focusing on those children with the greatest needs.

Anita Chu addressed the state's CPM review this week, and the process of corrective actions for program improvement schools and challenges for staff to ensure that significant progress

is made consistently. She emphasized that the district needs to continue to improve, and she congratulated the teachers and staff for their continuous efforts going in the right direction.

E. Business Services

- (240) Approved Purchase Order Report #09-10-10. Consent.
- (241) Approved Appropriation Transfers. Consent.
- (242) Approved Notice of Completion for Hinkley & Associates for Exterior Upgrades at Emerson Elementary. Consent.
- (243) Approved Notice of Completion for Painting and Décor for interior painting of eighteen (18) head start classrooms. Consent.
- (244) Approved Notice of Completion for Apple Valley Communications for new voice and data wiring at Bitely, Marshall, Sanchez, Willard and Williams Elementary. Consent.
- (245) Approved Notice of Completion for W.H. Byars Roofing for replacement of roofs at Willard and Williams Head Start Buildings. Consent.
- *(246) Approval of agreement between the City of San Gabriel and the Garvey School District for joint use, land tenure, maintenance and operation of school and community park and recreation open space and facilities at Marshall School.(Information will be available prior to meeting).

Virginia Peterson acknowledged the presence of staff from the City of San Gabriel, Rebecca Perez, Director of Parks and Recreation, and grant writer Nancy Mathews. Ms. Peterson noted the impressive work that the City has done in planning for the submission of a grant to provide park space at Marshall School.

Michael Coughlin reviewed with the Board the joint use agreement with the City of San Gabriel. The agreement is for 30 years with possible 5-year extensions. Virginia Peterson noted that the City of San Gabriel has conducted community meetings and had a good turn out of staff and community at the meetings.

Rebecca Perez thanked principal Carol Brotsky for accommodating the community meetings at Marshall school. Ms. Perez indicated that the conceptual design of open space at Marshall School has been completed and that grant awards will be announced in Fall 2010. The deadline to submit the grant application is on March 1, 2010.

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve the agreement between the City of San Gabriel and the Garvey School District, Item No. 246.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

Board members will be polled for the possible change of date for the Board meeting of March 4, 2010 and to select a date for a Special Board meeting in the next week or two. Virginia Peterson distributed Board photographs and asked members to select their choice for display at the District Office.

Ms. Peterson reminded everyone of the upcoming 1st Annual Youth Summit on February 20, 2010. She invited Board members to the CPM exit meeting tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.

Janet Chin spoke of the Public Safety Center's upcoming CERT training by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Bob Bruesch suggested that diversity kits for middle school students would be very helpful.


Henry Lo asked Board members, if interested, to write a letter of support for appropriations on behalf of the Asian Pacific Family Center. Tony Ramos spoke of the need to review the district's website for modernization and improvements in communication to encourage parent involvement.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING


The following meeting will be a regular meeting on March 4, 2010 (moved from March 3rd), 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 8:46 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Virginia Peterson, Secretary

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

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