

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 20, 2010

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on January 20, 2010, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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 5:25 p.m.), Mr. Tony Ramos, Mr. John Yuen (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), 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: 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 5:16 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

Dewey student Tag Falk led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

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

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Virginia Peterson spoke of the weather alerts and cautionary steps for students walking near storm channels. She handed out information from LACOE that was distributed to schools on this matter. Mention was made that several years ago local high school students were killed by rushing water in storm channel.

Virginia Peterson addressed an analysis done by the District on the Governor's budget proposal. Ms. Peterson stated that the District will need to cut \$3.2 million by 2011-12. She stated that regardless of how the budget is actually adopted, education will most likely be cut in a similar amount.

Virginia Peterson pointed out the bulletin boards displaying student work from Willard School regarding the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Wildcats!! and 1st grade children's writing.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Michael Drange, treasurer of GEA, thanked the Board for asking the Association to participate in the discussion on RTTT (Race to the Top) at the special Board meeting of January 7, 2010. Mr. Drange encouraged everyone to keep the dialogue going as the District moves forward with the initial bargaining proposals. The Association looks forward to working collaboratively to serve the students in the District.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Bob Bruesch reported on today's meeting of the Head Start Policy Committee. The County is beginning a program to train parents regarding a variety of children's health issues. A handbook in 4 languages will be distributed. Mr. Bruesch stated that Key Clubs of the Western San Gabriel Valley, a division of Kiwanis, have asked to use Garvey Intermediate School for a health fair sometime this year.

REPORT FROM GARVEY ORGANIZATIONS

Garvey Council PTA

Cathie Camacho and Ken Tang spoke of the California PTA Reflections program that encourages the fine arts at all levels. Garvey School District received 108 entries. Five students received their award tonight.

Garvey Education Foundation

Bob Bruesch announced that on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, the Garvey Education Foundation will hold their annual dinner at Luminarias Restaurant in honor of retiring Superintendent Virginia Peterson.

Henry Lo also suggested that the Foundation also recognize Ms. Peterson for being named the California Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators. Ms. Chin stated that she would also like to do a press conference announcing Ms. Peterson's award.

Virginia Peterson reminded everyone of this year's TGIF event at Charlie Brown's Restaurant on Friday, January 22, 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

District Advisory Committee (DAC)/District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC)/Asian District English Language Advisory Committee (ADELAC)

Marilyn Malmquist and Yolanda Burgueno presented a report on the evaluation of the District's parent involvement programs that was conducted at the joint parent committee meeting at the end of last year. The most popular topics were those presentations made by District staff.

Mrs. Maria Herrera, DELAC chairperson, spoke on behalf of parents. She expressed her gratitude for the District's support to parents, especially those who are new to the various parent committees. Parents are especially appreciative of information given by Dr. Cheng-Ou Chang from the District regarding test scores and their interpretations; presentations by David Jung regarding internet safety; presentations by Dolores Preciado on health, especially flu prevention and first aid procedures. Ms. Herrera hopes that the District continues to promote these educational programs for parents which she and her children have been receiving since 1978.

Janet Chin thanked Ms. Herrera for her comments. Virginia Peterson indicated that reports to the Board from these parent committees will be done 3 times per year.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Nancy Eng addressed the Board regarding her concerns about a recent incident at Bitley School that involved a student bringing a knife to school. Ms. Eng suggested that staff and parents become aware of such incidents and understand what has lead to the incident with proactive efforts to prevent future incidences. This way, parent frustration and disruptions will be minimized. Ms. Eng also suggested approaching the City of Rosemead to reinforce child safety in schools and the community through such programs as the STAR Program that was in place until recent years. Bob Bruesch and Dolores Preciado spoke of the various ways that parents are given information about child safety at the time of student enrollment and throughout the year. Tony Ramos suggested a sign-off process for parents to verify they have read policies and information related to their child's safety in school.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the Board approved the minutes of December 17, 2009, as written.

FORMATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 5 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	206	Board to discuss and select a Board Member to be the Head Start Liaison for 2010.
	209	Board to discuss and vote to move the meeting of March 3, 2010 to March 4, 2010.
	210	Board to discuss and select Superintendent Search firm. (Proposals available for viewing in the Superintendent's Office.)
Human Resources	213	A public hearing will be held to discuss the Garvey School District's Interest-Based Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Garvey Education Association for 2009-2010.
	214	A public hearing will be held to discuss the Garvey School District's Interest-Based Initial Bargaining Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 292, for 2009-2010.
Pupil Personnel Services	215	Board to take action regarding the recommendation to expel and to suspend the expulsion of student no. 09-10-01, an 8 th grader at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 48900 (b): Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.

Category	Agenda Number	Subject
Pupil Personnel Services (Continued)	216	Board to take action regarding the recommendation to expel and to suspend the expulsion of student no. 09-10-02, an 7 th grader at Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Codes: 48900 (b): Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
	217	Board to take action regarding the recommendation to readmit student number 08-09-12, who has completed his rehabilitation program satisfactorily.
Business Services	222	Presentation by Moss, Levy & Hartzheim on the 2008-09 Audit Report.
	223	Presentation by Go Green and possible action regarding proposal for energy savings. (Information available in Business Office.)

A. Board/Superintendent

- (205) Approved Conference/Convention Attendance Report and addendums. Consent.
- *(206) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by acclamation, Board selected Board Member Tony Ramos as the Head Start Liaison for 2010.
- (207) The Board received the District's Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009 to be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Information only.
- (208) Adopted Resolution No. 09-10-08 regarding development of a community park in San Gabriel at Marshall School. Consent.
- *(209) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (John Yuen abstained), the Board approved moving the Board meeting of March 3, 2010 to March 4, 2010.
- *(210) Board discussion and selection of Superintendent Search firm. (Proposals available for viewing in the Superintendent's Office.)

Bob Bruesch asked the Board to consider the additional \$3.2 million cut that the school district must prepare for causing more staff reductions, taking more teachers out of the classroom, and increasing class sizes. Mr. Bruesch recommended that the selection process be done internally and save approximately \$17 to \$23 thousand dollars. Henry Lo asked questions about the applicant evaluation and screening process.

Bob Bruesch moved to not hire a superintendent search firm and that the process be done in-house. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Tony Ramos commented about keeping the possibility open to consider a search firm at a future time.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to table this item for discussion at a future meeting.

- (211) Approved contract amendment with the California State Department of Education in accordance with the attached 2009/2010 amended FT&C Language (Attachment A) for the State Preschool – CPSS-9204 contract for program year 2009-2010. Consent.

B. Human Resources

- (212) Approved Personnel Assignment Report No. 09-10-11 and addendum. Consent.
- *(213) A public hearing opened at 8:08 p.m., and closed at 8:09 p.m., to discuss the Garvey School District's Interest-Based Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Garvey Education Association for 2009-2010. There were no requests to speak.

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding teacher evaluations, Genaro Alarcon indicated that the Union and the District have already agreed to have a committee review and recommend an evaluation process. It does not have to be a part of bargaining proposal at this time.

- *(214) A public hearing opened at 8:10 p.m., and closed at 8:11 p.m., to discuss the Garvey School District's Interest-Based Initial Bargaining Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 292, for 2009-2010. There were no requests to speak.

C. Pupil Personnel Services

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for item numbers 215, 216, and 217.

- *(215) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student no. 09-10-01 from the school district for a period commencing January 21, 2010, and ending no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. The student is an 8th grader at Garvey Intermediate School, for violation of the following Education Code: 48900 (b): Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.

On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by John Yuen, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- *(216) On the motion of Bob Bruesch, seconded by Tony Ramos, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to expel student no. 09-10-02 from the school district for a period commencing January 21, 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 Garvey Intermediate School for violation of the following Education Code: 48900 (b): Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.

On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to suspend the expulsion. Evidence must be provided of meeting the rehabilitation plan.

- *(217) On the motion of Tony Ramos, seconded by Bob Bruesch, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Henry Lo abstained), the Board approved the recommendation to readmit student number 08-09-12, who has completed his rehabilitation program satisfactorily.

D. Instructional Services

- (218) Approved contract with the Music Center to provide student workshops and teacher-training sessions in the area of drama for Bitely School from January 25 to June 21, 2010. Total cost of \$4,200; to be paid from Title II, Part A funds. Consent.

E. Business Services

- *(219) Purchase Order Report #09-10-09.

John Yuen asked a question regarding the cost of one purchase order. Virginia Peterson indicated that this was one of the Supplemental Education Services providers under Program Improvement. Expenditures are for the whole year and based on the number of students who sign up for the program. The cost may not reach \$100,000 if students drop out of the program.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to approve Item No. 219.

- (220) Approved Appropriation Transfers. Consent.
- (221) Accepted letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education concurring with the 2009-10 First Interim Reports Positive Certification. Consent.
- *(222) Presentation held by Moss, Levy & Hartzheim on the 2008-09 Audit Report

Hadley Hui presented the District's 2008-09 Audit Report. He indicated that an unqualified opinion was issued, meaning that the District's financial statements were found to be in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). There were no material weaknesses found in the District's internal control procedures. There were no material weaknesses noted in state compliance areas. An unqualified opinion was issued for major programs tested, such as Child Nutrition. Several findings were made last year and these were corrected.

Bob Bruesch commented on the findings of last year related to ASB procedures. On a question from Janet Chin, Mr. Hui explained the process of measuring disbursements, deposits, and receipt samples along with back up information. John Yuen commented on the findings and asked for recommendations for improvement.

- *(223) Presentation by Go Green and possible action regarding proposal for energy savings. (Information available in Business Office.)

Former Lt Governor Cruz Bustamante, President Paul Galindo, and Vice President Mike Najera of Go Green Consultants LLC, discussed with the Board a proposal to serve the District in developing an energy sustainability program. The proposal would move forward from an

earlier letter of intent approved by the Board and would allow representatives from Go Green to represent the District in further discussions with its utility companies concerning the District's energy consumption. At the same time, because the District has indicated that it cannot provide any upfront funding, Go Green would explore subsidies and grant funding that would pay for the proposed energy conservation project.

Janet Chin asked about the timeframe of the project from the stage of developing a proposal and/or agreement. Mr. Bustamante stated that within 30 days a proposal can be brought back to the Board for consideration. The proposal would also include timeframes as to when the District may be able to generate savings after construction. Tony Ramos asked about other facilities that have begun to use this concept of energy conservation. Mr. Bustamante stated that fuel cell generation plants are in place at the Sheraton-San Diego and at Cal Poly University.

Henry Lo asked questions about emissions and environmental concerns. Mr. Galindo stated that Go Green would work with the City of Rosemead regarding variances and obtain the necessary CPUC permits. Bob Bruesch addressed the issues of having community support and engineering reports that have to be conducted according to State environmental laws. Mr. Bruesch also asked for an explanation of how the fuel cell will work. John Yuen spoke of the need to have an open discussion about the development of the proposal. Tony Ramos talked about expandability of the program with rising new technologies.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, to initiate the financial, legal and technical vetting process.

On a question from Henry Lo, Bob Bruesch stated that this motion would only cover an information gathering process and not commit the District further.

Bob Bruesch moved, John Yuen seconded, to amend the motion to authorize staff to engage in a thorough vetting process, the costs of which would be reimbursed by Go Green, with a contract to be brought back to the Board by March 24.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 (Henry Lo opposed).

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD

On a question from Bob Bruesch regarding notification of parents enrolled in a tutoring program, Anita Chu stated that all parents that contacted her were satisfied with the District's response.

Bob Bruesch asked Board members to review a draft of a letter to be sent to Carlos Salcedo on the untimely death of his brother and Red Ribbon Week in October 2010, in the memory of Bobbie Salcedo.

Tony Ramos suggested a review of the District's website and content of information, updates, and web page organization.

Tony Ramos asked about the District's student and family activities in response to the recent Earthquake in Haiti, in terms of fundraising and earthquake preparedness. Virginia Peterson will prepare a summary of school activities on this matter.

Janet Chin talked about CERT training for residents that the City of Rosemead is conducting regarding community safety and emergency response.

Bob Bruesch moved, Henry Lo seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0, to waive the District policies and extend the Board meeting 11:00 p.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board re-adjourned to closed session at 8:25 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 9:12 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

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

On a unanimous decision, the Board appointed Dolores Preciado as interim superintendent upon the retirement of Superintendent Virginia Peterson. Board members thanked Dolores Preciado for her efforts. Additionally, the Board appointed the Board President to negotiate with Ms. Preciado and the Superintendent as Consultant.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

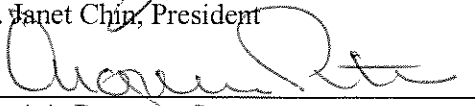
The following meeting will be a regular meeting on February 10, 2010, at the Education Center. Closed session will begin at 5:00 p.m., public session to begin at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



M. Janet Chin, President



Virginia Peterson, Secretary

**REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AT GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Carol Brotsky

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