

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 25, 2019

President Mr. Ellenson called the regular meeting of the Glendora Unified School District Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Community Board Room, Glendora Unified School District, 500 North Loraine, Glendora, CA 91741.

Board Members Present:

Cory Ellenson, President
Elizabeth Reuter, Vice President
Robin Merkley, Clerk
Zondra Borg, Member
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., 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 with the following amendments:

1. *Add to the Recognition Section of the Agenda an additional item for the Glendora Friends of Rotary donation presentation.*

2. *Amend the February 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes Student Board Report with the corrected reports as follows:
Sutherland Elementary School fifth grade students visited the Griffith Park Observatory and the 1st grade students went to the Mt. SAC observatory. Auditions to perform in the Wizard of Oz are coming up and everyone is looking forward to Family STEAM night in April.

Sandburg Middle School is working with Goddard Middle School planning the combined dance again this year; this is a great event to get middle school students together.*

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).
- Superintendent Evaluation

RECOGNITION SECTION

- A. Dr. Dominic DiGrazia introduced Ria Kubota the California Music Educators Association, Southwestern Section Teacher of the Year. On behalf of the Board of Education he presented her with a certificate and congratulated her for this honor. Ms. Borg thanked her for all she does and for reaching so many kids. Mrs. Reuter expressed appreciation of the balance that music brings and the passion that Ms. Kubota has; she thanked her for giving kids this opportunity. Dr. Fernando appreciates hearing students speak of the high expectations and standards expected of them by Ms. Kubota and he thanked her. Mrs. Merkley commented that music helped her daughter in school and gave her confidence and she thanked Ms. Kubota for all she does.
- B. Glendora Friends of Rotary President, Kristin Villwock presented a check for \$3,952 to purchase projectors for each of the elementary schools. She commented that this donation represents the proceeds from various fundraising events throughout the community such as the Glendora Fest. Mr. Ellenson thanked her for all she does saying that he is proud to be associated with the Friends of Rotary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors is looking forward to the PTA Founder's Day Dinner later this week. The Community Read-In or Dr. Seuss Day is this Friday saying that students and community volunteers are looking forward to reading in the classrooms. Next week will be early-out for all the elementary schools as parent conferences are scheduled that week.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There was no Student Board report.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

- A. Bruce Bolton, President of Chapter 247 of the California School Employees' Association presented the negotiations proposal for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- B. Brock Jacobsen presented the District's new website. He commented that the changes to the website are because of new legislation requiring websites to have certain accessibility guidelines in place. Another important new feature is responsiveness, which is how a site looks on different sources, such as a tablet or cell phone. Mr. Jacobsen reviewed how to navigate through the website as well as various links. He also demonstrated how Google Translate is imbedded into the website for those needing a different language in order to view the website.

Mrs. Reuter commented that she loves the news and announcements section. She is looking forward to the Glendora High School site and asked about plans for the other schools. Mr. Ellenson also asked about other schools updating their sites. Ms. Borg appreciated the use of actual District photos, she was impressed with Google Translate and she thanked Mr. Jacobsen for his work. Mrs. Merkley asked clarifying questions regarding District and school communications with parents through the website. She thanked Mr. Jacobsen commenting that the website looks great. Dr. Fernando thanked Mr. Jacobsen for his work on the website and asked about the possibility of using widgets for Twitter and Facebook.

- C. Dr. Becky Summers presented information on dual language immersion programs. In a dual language immersion program students are taught literacy and academic content in English and a partner language. The goal is for students to develop high levels of language proficiency and literacy in both program languages; to demonstrate high levels of academic achievement, and to develop an appreciation for and an understanding of diverse cultures. Dr. Summers reviewed a list of resources needed to start a program as well as the costs. She also reviewed what districts in this area are doing and those that have a dual immersion program. Districts with dual immersion programs report challenges such as meeting the demand for quality bilingual workforce, additional cost of teachers as students roll up from grade to grade, the need for bilingual special education teachers, and secondary teachers that are BCLAD.

Ms. Borg thanked Dr. Summers for her research saying that it was helpful to see what area districts are doing. She asked about requiring a commitment from parents to stay in the program as well as dips in standardized test scores and the cost of the program. Mrs. Reuter asked if there is data on the long term trajectory for these students and if there are any state funds or grants available for this type of program.

Mrs. Merkley commented that dual language immersion programs are exciting especially the cultural benefits for the students. She thanked Dr. Summers for the report. Mr. Ellenson asked clarifying questions regarding how the program progresses through elementary, middle, and high school. He thanked Dr. Summers for the report.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Dr. Fernando, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, the Board of Education agreed to vote for Eileen Miranda Jimenez (West Covina USD) and Christina Lucero (Baldwin Park USD) to serve on the Subregion 23-C CSBA Delegate Assembly.
2. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education approved the estimated expenditures for the Low Performing Students Block Grant as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the General, Educational, Business and Personnel Consent Items except for Educational Services Item Number 4 as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2019 as amended.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify the Glendora High School Orchestra field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.
2. Approve Special Education services as presented.
3. Approve services of educational consultant, The Constitutional Rights Foundation, to provide professional development for the K-12 Articulation Committee for History Social Science on February 25, 2019.

4. Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education approved the School Safety Plans for 2019-2020 as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1819001315 through 1819001399 in the amount of \$238,826.06 for the 2018-2019 school year and amend purchase order numbers 1819000209 and 1819001308 as presented.

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 learning activity agreement with California State University, Fullerton, for the period commencing February 25, 2019, and terminating February 24, 2024.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Reuter commented on a webinar she participated in to prepare for CSBA Legislative Action Day on March 12. She will be in Sacramento speaking to Legislators regarding educational and budgetary issues that concern the District

Ms. Borg thanked Dr. Voors and the District for providing the Special Study Session on boardsmanship. She commented that the meeting allowed the Board Members an opportunity to get together, learn about each other, as well as create an understanding of the direction of the District. Ms. Borg congratulated Jennifer Prince as the ACSA Region 15 Administrator of the Year and Ria Kubota as the California Music Educators Association, Southwestern Section Teacher of the Year. She also thanked the Friends of Rotary for the donation to purchase classroom projectors and she said that she is looking forward to participating in the Community Read-In.

Dr. Fernando attended a track meet on Saturday and he highlighted something that may have went unnoticed during one of the relays. The GHS team was in the lead but dropped the baton between runners. Dr. Fernando noted that the runners did not blame each other but were very supportive and that he is very proud of the character of our students.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Ms. Borg the Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

March 11, 2019

Certified by:

Robin Merkley, Clerk