

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 22, 2018

President Mrs. Merkley 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:

Robin Merkley, President
Cory Ellenson, Vice President
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D, Clerk
Zondra Borg, Member
Elizabeth Reuter, 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 Ms. Borg, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, 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).
- Superintendent's Evaluation

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors commented on Red Ribbon Week saying that this week there are many activities planned at the schools. He encouraged people to attend one of the events that GHS is hosting for parents and students on the risks of vaping. Dr. Voors reminded everyone that the visitors from Nakamura Junior High School are arriving on Thursday to visit Sandburg Middle School. During their visit, the District will host a luncheon with the Board of Education, Glendora City Council and Nakamura visitors to commemorate the 30-year Sister City relationship. Monday October 29 is the Glendora Education Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament; this is a significant GEF fundraiser that participants look forward to each year. District administration will meet again in November to review the Strategic Plan. Dr. Voors gave a brief update on the plan commenting that Dr. Summers will present the survey results in the area of improving and creating internal communication. Also, in the area of creating a safe school environment, a survey is being conducted to get staff input and the task is moving forward in a good direction. Dr. Voors expressed his sympathy on the passing of Ben Bollinger saying that he had many connections to GUSD.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Matthew Doughly, reported on the following activities:

Glendora High School students are looking forward to a number of fall activities include a pumpkin carving contest, Halloween Trivia, and a costume contest. Sophomore student, Emma Barrosa is leading YES City Gov to expose high school students to local politics. The applications for GEF 21st Century Teacher Grants are due November 9th. Congratulations to Athlete of the Week, Jaden Gonzales and to the volleyball team as they move on to the first round of CIF playoffs.

Whitcomb High School athletes are looking forward to basketball season that will begin soon. The PTSA sponsored Ladies Night Out is scheduled this Friday and is always a fun event.

Goddard Middle School Allegro Choir performed the Sound of Music. Eighth grade students created virtual reality field trips to important revolutionary events. Math Buddies has begun for the year and is where upperclassmen tutor those who want help. Sixth grade students conducted a do-it-yourself experiment where they questioned, researched, and documented their lab experience.

La Fetra Elementary School is proud of their maintenance department and staff for managing the October 15th power outage. Because of the power outage, October 16 was a day off for students, but it was still a productive day for teachers to work on catching up and take time for group collaboration. The upcoming Family Reading night should be fun with face painting, In-n-Out, book exchanges, and live reading. Also, PTA is sponsoring a pumpkin patch on October 19.

Sellers Elementary School students and staff participated in the annual walk-a-thon on October 5. This will be a busy week with many fun activities planned for Red Ribbon Week.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Annual School Reports:

- Stanton Elementary School Principal Dr. Najarro accompanied by Mrs. Darla Elder presented the school's annual report. Dr. Najarro began with a review of house rules and behavior standards. She commented on the number of support programs in place for students including a reading intervention teacher, Bartons, homework club, as well as social emotion support. Students also enjoy activities such as, I Heart College Day, MAD scholars, Grad Walk, STEAM After School, and a Coding Club. The entire Stanton family is grateful for the support from the community including GEF, PTA, Foothill Church, Rotary, and Kiwanis. Dr. Najarro reviewed the SBAC test results data noting that in ELA over 54% of the students tested proficient or higher which is an increase of 1%. Third grade had a slight decrease and teachers are analyzing that data to focus on this year. In Math 53% of the students tested proficient or higher, this is a 10% increase from last year. Dr. Najarro reviewed cohort data in both ELA noting an increase in reading from 3rd to 4th grade and 4th to 5th grade. She also reviewed the data in the specific subgroups commenting that EL students are making significant strides in closing the achievement gap. Stanton staff continues to grow through staff development with great collaboration at all grade levels. Staff has really focused on Wonders, PBIS and NGSS-STEAM activities. They will continue with the goals to increase student performance by 5% in math and ELA schoolwide, focus on climate and culture and continue to bring college and career readiness to students and parents.

Mrs. Reuter appreciated the time Dr. Najarro put into the presentation, and she really appreciated the cohort data. She asked clarifying questions regarding technology ratio per students and technology in the lower grades. She also asked about professional development site meetings, as well as feedback regarding the parent education nights. Mr. Ellenson appreciated that the presentation was very unique and customized. He commented that it is important to hear what the climate is like on campus, and that her

presentation really captures the voices of the school and he thanked her for that. He noted that the Math and ELA scores showed significant gains and he commended the teachers for their work in that area. He asked clarifying questions regarding NEU and AVID. He thanked Dr. Najarro and commended the staff for all they are doing. Dr. Fernando thanked Dr. Najarro and the Stanton staff commenting that they are making a significant impact. He really appreciated the “family history” slide. He commended the college and university going culture they are facilitating for the students commenting that first generation college students are who colleges are looking for. The reinforcement of the writing claim is impressive and exciting work that is very vital to student and long term professional success. Ms. Borg thanked Dr. Najarro for the report and the staff for attending the meeting. She loved the format of the presentation and the family theme. She asked about student opportunities in STEAM activities. She also asked clarifying questions on how to target the students that are just below meeting the standards. She is excited about the growth the school has made and she appreciates all the work being done at Stanton. Student Representative Matt Doughly appreciated the communication with staff and he asked clarifying questions on the listening portion of the standardized tests. Mrs. Merkley commented on the focus on staff collaboration saying that it is important to the school climate. She asked clarifying questions regarding the different primary languages of the students, attendance, and homework buddies saying that the Glendora library also offers tutoring assistance. She thanked Dr. Najarro for the excellent presentation and the staff for attending.

- La Fetra Elementary School Principal, Marie Porcell accompanied by teacher Tiffany Koontz. Mrs. Porcell noted the school’s mission and vision statements. She commented that the school’s focus is RTI, AVID and PBIS; these are areas the staff agreed that they really want to work on. RTI programs included a reading specialist for students in 1st through 3rd grade, homework club, team teaching, and intervention study teams. Mrs. Porcell reviewed the AVID program commenting on focused note-taking, organization and collaboration. She proudly reported that the school met the goal to increase the number of students meeting or exceeding ELA standards by 5%. This same goal for math was not met. She reviewed test data for 3rd and 4th grade in ELA and math. In 4th grade ELA, there was an 11% increase from 2017 to 2018; and 2% in math. Also, 43% of students were advanced in writing in 4th grade. Students performed strongly in math concept and procedures. The target goals for this year are to have 80% of all students meeting or exceeding standards in ELA and Math and for 20% to show growth. Mrs. Porcell reviewed the action plans in place to work toward these goals. She commented on the amazing teachers and support staff that all go above and beyond. La Fetra is also grateful for the support of the community through GEF, PTA, La Fetra Foundation and other community groups.

Student Board Representative Matthew Doughly noted that student conducted research is an important part of college; and that AVID is a good thing. Ms. Borg thanked Mrs. Porcell for the report and she asked clarifying questions regarding RTI, small group instruction, and AVID. She congratulated the school on the test scores saying that they are amazing. Dr. Fernando thanked Mrs. Porcell for her work and the teachers for attending the meeting. He also appreciated the focus on information literacy especially in a world of social media it is really important to help develop the importance of information literacy. Mr. Ellenson appreciated the great report commenting that he liked the way she addressed the goals and action plans. He thanked her for the breakdown of AVID skills and the photos helped to actually see how it works. He asked clarifying questions regarding 5th grade departmentalization and the La Fetra Foundation. Mrs. Reuter thanked her for the wonderful presentation saying that she appreciated all the data. She asked about AVID implementation and strategies saying that she appreciates the districtwide structure of AVID. She also liked the school's goal setting and action plans. She congratulated the teachers and success thus far and appreciates that they continue to work towards their goals. Mrs. Merkley enjoyed the video and commented that it is good for the students to see their teachers as real people. She asked clarifying questions about classroom projectors and math facts.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, the Board of Education unanimously approved new Board Policy 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parent Students as presented for second reading.
2. Upon a motion by Dr. Fernando, seconded by Mr. Ellenson, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Developer Fee Annual Report for the reporting period ended June 30, 2018.
3. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the amended Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Codes for Glendora Unified School District as presented.

4. Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved Resolution Number 6 approving the creation of a new Fund 67 for the payment of SGVSDSIA JPA Workers' Compensation Claims for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Dr. Fernando, seconded by Mr. Ellenson, the Board of Education unanimously approved the General, Educational, Business and Personnel Consent Items as follows:

1. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2018 as presented.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve the Special Education Services for the contracts as presented.
2. Approve funds to be paid to Maxim Healthcare Services Inc. for vision and hearing screening as presented.
3. Approve the school plans for 2018-2019 as presented.
4. Approve the 2018-2019 first quarter Valenzuela/CAHSEE report as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1819000730 through 1819000821 in the amount of \$597,798.91 for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Approve/ratify Certificated and Classified Warrants D1433228-1475428, W5876058-W5888819; General Fund Warrants W24818364-W24846923; Adult Education Fund Warrants W24837981; Food Services Fund Warrants W24818380, W24837990, W24841079, W24843515, W24843522, W24843524, W24843525, W24843529, W24843531, W24779392; Deferred Maintenance Warrants W24818369, W24834971, W24834977, W24837986, W24837987, W24846906; County School Facilities Fund Warrants W24841077; and Day Care Fund Warrants W24822990 for a total of \$ 779,996.05.

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify Certificated Personnel Employments, Retirements, Resignations, and Leaves.

2. Approve/ratify Classified Personnel Employments, Retirements, Resignations, and Leaves.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Ellenson thanked Mr. Chaldu and the Glendora Friends of Rotary for serving all night, at the recent downtown event.

Dr. Fernando is looking forward to Matt running in Cross Country meet this weekend, and wished him good luck.

Ms. Borg congratulated the girls volleyball team as they advance to the 2nd round of CIF playoffs. Ms. Borg congratulated Mrs. Reuter who was honored for her service to the Foundation at a recent GEF meeting. Ms. Borg reminded everyone that GEF is offering teacher grants and she encouraged teachers to apply.

Matthew Doughly, Student Representative thanked Dr. Fernando for mentioning the race. He commented that Cross Country has taught him that collaboration is very important.

Mrs. Merkley reminded everyone that this Friday is the WHS Ladies Night Out, fundraiser, which is always a lot of fun.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Borg, seconded by Dr. Fernando the Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting in memory and honor of Ben Bollinger at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

November 13, 2018

Certified by:

Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D., Clerk