

GARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosemead, California

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 9, 2012

The Garvey School District Board of Education met in regular session on February 9, 2012, at the Education Center, Rosemead, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m., by Board Vice President John Yuen.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were M. Janet Chin, Mr. Henry Lo, Mr. John Yuen, and Superintendent Dr. Sandra Johnson.

Not present at the meeting due to illness were Mr. Bob Bruesch and Mr. Tony Ramos.

Also in attendance were Mr. Genaro Alarcon, Mr. Michael Coughlin, Ms. Dolores Preciado, Dr. Mary Suzuki, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Henry Lo led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sandra Johnson talked about a recent visit to the school district in Riverside, California to see a demonstration on how students use one-to-one technology and hand-held devices to access online textbooks, internet, etc. Dr. Johnson reminded everyone of the facility assessment and equipment needs currently taking place to develop a long-term plan for the District.

Janet Chin stated that this week she attended a Public Safety Connections meeting; a series of community safety meetings in the City of Rosemead that will discuss a city year-long plan. She reminded everyone of the SGV Youth Summit on February 25th. Participants can sign up online and there are postcards available with details about registration. Ms. Chin spoke about a community emergency fair by the City of Rosemead along with a yard sale at Edison's Parking lot. At the fair, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will give a demonstration on how to survive a disaster for approximately 72 hours. There will be free hotdogs for those attending.

Henry Lo indicated that he attended a Lunar New Year festival recently held in Monterey Park. He also attended a community meeting regarding public utilities at Temple City where discussions took place about the lessons learned with the power outage during the high winds. All community agencies need to have direct access and a coordinated emergency plan in preparation for these types of disasters. Not long ago, Mr. Lo attended a community planning meeting in San Gabriel. The city wants a joint meeting with the Board in the future.

REPORT FROM UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Education Association (GEA)**

Michael Drange, president of GEA, read aloud a written report and asked that it be placed as part of the minutes. Mr. Drange requested a revision to the minutes under the GEA Report by placing a separate heading for Dr. Johnson's comments relating to instructional minutes.

- **California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Vickie Walker, president of CSEA, Chapter 292, and Brianne Parsons, chapter public relations officer of CSEA, made a Power Point presentation on the CSEA negotiations timeline and how the procedures differ from GEA.

Genaro Alarcon and Dr. Sandra Johnson gave a recap on the District timeline for last year's negotiations. Marie Alexander, labor relations representative of CSEA clarified that last year's negotiations dealt with the effects of the layoffs and not the contract negotiations.

Henry Lo asked questions about how the District can collaborate to make the CSEA contract negotiations process smoother and be able to move along and expedite the process this year. John Yuen reassured Ms. Walker that the Board will try to work together with CSEA as much as possible.

REPORT FROM HEAD START REPRESENTATIVE

Cindy Carter-Bedoya addressed the Board regarding the upcoming dates of the self-assessment training on February 15th, and her hope is that a Board member can be present.

Ms. Carter-Bedoya explained that the L.A. County Office of Education (LACOE) is up for re-competition for funding. A time-sensitive survey needed to be completed by the chair of the Policy Committee and the Board President indicating the District's intent to apply through LACOE for funding. This year the option was given for agencies to apply for funds as a grantee. Ms. Carter-Bedoya stated that a conference call with LACOE'S Head Start Director Keesha Woods is scheduled for February 24th, at 3:30 p.m., regarding this re-competition process.

Ms. Carter-Bedoya talked about several grants that were applied for using one-time funding regarding health and safety issues, facility needs, and classroom assessments. The grants totaled \$146,605 through seven mini-grants that could not exceed \$30,000 each.

Ms. Carter-Bedoya answered questions from Janet Chin regarding the re-competition of funding through LACOE, versus becoming our own grantee. She talked about the upcoming visits to sites during the self-assessment review. Ms. Chin spoke in support of one of the grants requesting a reverse-osmosis system at several school sites and the Child Development Office for use by students and staff.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Garvey Council PTA**

Dr. Sandra Johnson spoke of the upcoming PTA Founder's Dinner on Wednesday, February 15, by reservations only, at \$12 per person. For full details of the event, contact Cathie Camacho or Marion Sumimoto.

- **Garvey Education Foundation**

Michael Coughlin addressed the upcoming Garvey Education Foundation gala dinner on April 25th at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Dr. Johnson reminded everyone that the mini-grant applications were due the following day.

HEARING OF PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Christopher Spitler, George Woo, and three Temple students addressed the Board regarding a fundraiser by the Temple Performing Arts Society on Friday, March 9th, at 5:30 p.m. Several package options are given at \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5. Flyers with details about the event were provided at the meeting. The students also presented an oversized thank-you card to Dr. Johnson for facilitating the purchase of music chairs for Temple students.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: None

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m. to a closed session and addressed those items posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened in public at 8:15 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

John Yuen indicated that no action was taken during the closed session

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the Consent Agenda as indicated below:

A. Board/Superintendent

1. Approval of Minutes 1
The minutes of the following meetings are submitted for approval:
Board Meeting – January 19, 2012

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the minutes with one correction to include a separate heading for Dr. Johnson’s comments in the GEA Report.
2. Conference/Convention Attendance - Revised 2
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve requests for conference and convention attendance as presented. Approved.
3. Resolution No. 11-12-09 – African American History Month 3
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 11-12-09 recognizing February 2012 as African American History Month. Approved.
4. Resolution No. 11-12-10 – Savannah Memorial Park 4
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 11-12-10 recognizing California Historical Landmark status for Savannah Memorial Park. Approved.
5. Amendment #2 to Early Head Start/Head Start State Preschool Contract 5
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Amendment #2 to Contract for Early Head Start/Head Start State Preschool Program for 2011-2012 school year, Contract C-12235:11:12. Approved.

6. Accept Donation 6
It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Mr. J.A. Fredrickson to the Rice School Music Program. Accepted.

B. Human Resources

1. Personnel Assignment Order - Revised 7
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Assignment Report No. 11-12-10 as presented. Approved.
2. Student Teaching Agreement 8
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Student Teaching Agreement with Whittier College as presented. Approved.
3. Student Teaching Agreement 9
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Student Teaching Agreement with Cal State University Los Angeles as presented. Approved.

C. Pupil Personnel Services

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board waived the District's policy regarding disclosure of the student's name in public for Items C.1 to C.3.

1. Readmission of Student 10
On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the recommendation to readmit student number 10-11-18 who has completed his rehabilitation plan satisfactorily.
2. Readmission of Student 11
It is recommended that the Board of Education readmit student number 10-11-21 who has completed the rehabilitation plan satisfactorily. Item withdraw and not approved.
3. Readmission of Student 12
On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the recommendation to readmit student number 10-11-22 who has completed his rehabilitation plan satisfactorily.
4. Amend Contract with Sunbelt Staffing 13
It is recommended that the Board of Education amend/ratify approval of mileage for a contracted Occupational Therapist. Approved.

D. Instructional Services

1. Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Induction Program 14
It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education for the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Induction Program from January 2, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Approved.
2. 2011-2012 Single Plans for Student Achievement 15
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2011-12 Single Plans for Student Achievement for Roger Temple Intermediate School as required by Education Code sections 52853 and 52855. Approved.

E. Business Services

1. Purchase Order Report 16
It is recommended that the Board approve Purchase Order Report No.11-12-10 as presented. Approved.
2. Appropriation Transfers 17
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Appropriation Transfers as presented. Approved.
3. Name Change on Service Contract 18
Ratify contract revision due to name change on service contract which was approved on March 10, 2011, from LECG to Grant Thornton. Approved.
4. Budget Calendar 19
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 Budget calendar as presented. Approved.
5. Safe School Ambassadors Training – Hillcrest School 20
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of the Community Matters Organization to provide a two-day Safe School Ambassadors Training program to Hillcrest School staff, students and Parents. Approved.
6. Safe School Ambassadors Training – Willard School 21
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the employment of the Community Matters Organization to provide a two-day Safe School Ambassadors Training program to Willard School staff, students and Parents.

Reports and Information Items

- A. Report from Bond Oversight Committee on site visits made during winter holiday. 22

Michael Coughlin gave background information on the conditions for Measure Q bonds that were approved by the voters in 2004, to form a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee of up to seven members representing the District's taxpayers, and to make sure that the money has been spent as promised to the voters. Mr. Coughlin stated that in recent months, the Committee has had a more consistent membership and that at their January meeting, members of the committee made visits to all eleven school sites and observed the work that has been accomplished by Del Terra, Inc.

Art Landing, chair the Bond Oversight Committee, and committee members Maureen Bateman, Nancy Eng, and Ted Saulino presented a written report of the committee. Mr. Landing stated that the Committee is happy to report that in terms of what was supposed to be done and accomplished, there were a great deal of improvements made to schools and that the tax money has been well spent. Mr. Landing called attention to some of the things items in the report concerning:

- 1) The gymnasium floors at Temple and Garvey Intermediate schools.
- 2) The air conditioning and irrigation equipment installation at Monterey Vista.
- 3) Concern with the equipment for detection of gas leaks.
- 4) Type of grass at the school sites to withstand the wear and tear from student activities.
- 5) Some observations regarding some areas that may not be directly related to the projects included in Measure Q bond funds.

Ted Saulino, member of the Bond Oversight Committee, addressed more specifically some areas of the Bond Oversight Committee regarding:

- 1) The water drains at the portable buildings in Rice School.
- 2) The water irrigation system at Hillcrest School and safety problems with equipment failures and pot holes on the school yard.
- 3) Safety of classroom doors that do not stay open.
- 4) Cracked cement at some of the schools.

Mr. Saulino noted that Proposition 39 requires the District to make the public aware of facility improvements and accomplishments to see how the bond money has been spent. He recommended doing this via some pictures and reports posted on the District's web site.

Nancy Eng, spoke as a taxpayer, and thanked all the committee members of the Bond Oversight Committee for the report being provided. She addressed a concern about the gymnasium floors and the expectation of taxpayers to have a finished product with no need to have repaired after the project had been accepted as complete. Ms. Eng also noted the classroom doors and their basic functionality. Ms. Eng found these concerns very troubling.

Art Landing stated that the Committee is looking forward for the audit report from Nigro & Nigro when it becomes available. He spoke in support of having Bond/Modernization information available on the District's web site.

Henry Lo spoke in support of having a more detailed list of projects and improvements on the District's web site.

Janet Chin commented on the signing-off done for the schools' gymnasiums and the causes for the bubbling of floors. Mr. Coughlin indicated that the floor problem at the gymnasium of Temple Intermediate School was due to rain water underneath the floor; and the floor problem at the gymnasium of Garvey Intermediate School was due to insufficient adhesive. He indicated that the District proceeded to approve the work based on information that was provided at that time and that the suggested floor materials have not lived up to its expectations. The District is working with Susan Trevizo to address these repairs.

John Yuen commented on the great and deep discussions held by Board members in the past regarding the decisions made on the gymnasium floors and the need to continue working for a solution.

Dr. Sandra Johnson reminded Board members on the plans for beautification in conjunction with the City of Rosemead and the community by April 21, 2012 that would improve some of the issues discussed.

On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board waived the Board Bylaws and extended the meeting to 10:00 p.m.

- B.** Receive letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education concurring with the 2011-12 First Interim Report's Positive Certification. Information only. 23
- C.** Dr. Mary Suzuki demonstrated the StarBoards interactive technology (at the Media Center). 24 Board members were impressed with the interactive software that enhances the teaching practices, along with textbook materials available online. Dr. Suzuki spoke of the students and teacher engagement opportunities that this technology provides.

Action Items

- A. Public Hearing – Credential Waiver 25
A public hearing opened at 8:44 p.m., and closed at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the District’s intent to employ an Adaptive Physical Education Teacher on a credential waiver. There were no requests to speak.
- B. Approve Adaptive Physical Education Specialist Credential Waiver Application 26
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the recommendation to submit a Credential waiver application for the Adaptive Physical Education Specialist Credential for Rene Herrera to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- C. Public Hearing – CSEA Bargaining Proposal 27
A public hearing opened at 8:45 p.m., and closed at 8:46 p.m., regarding the Garvey School District’s Interest-Based Bargaining Proposal to the Classified School Employees Association Chapter 292 for 2011-2012. There were no requests to speak.
- D. Bargaining Proposal for 2011-12 to Classified School Employees Association, Chapter 292 28
On the motion of Henry Lo, seconded by Janet Chin, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved the Garvey School District’s Interest-Based Bargaining Proposal to the Classified School Employees Assoc., Chapter 292 for 2011-2012.
- E. Revised Board Administrative Regulation 5113 - Students Absences and Excuses 29
On the motion of Janet Chin, seconded by Henry Lo, and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 (Bob Bruesch and Tony Ramos not present), the Board approved upon its first reading the revisions to Board Administrative Regulation 5113 - Students Absences and Excuses.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS: None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Sandra Johnson indicated that a Leader in Me class presentation by Hillcrest students might be held at a future meeting, possibly on March 22nd (considering the move of the March 29th meeting).

Janet Chin asked for policy proposals that relate to opportunities for children if they fall behind a grade level by providing academic tutoring, extended English Learning instruction, and/or health/vision/mental health screenings.

Dr. Johnson indicated that at a future meeting, there will be a presentation by Becky Wetzel regarding an update on the STAR Team. She indicated that recently, there was an excellent presentation to the Garvey Intermediate staff that included the latest brain research and lesson planning.

Janet Chin noted that on February 15th, there will be an educational Town Hall meeting at the Robert Kennedy School in Los Angeles, California, in cooperation with L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigoza, and there will be a tour that begins at 6:00 p.m.

The following are future Board meetings and agenda topics. Public session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and closed session to begin at 7:00 p.m. The meeting of March 29th could possibly change to March 22, 2012.

Meeting Date	Agenda Topic
February 23, 2012	
March 8, 2012	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

John Yuen, Vice President

Dr. Sandra Johnson, Secretary

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

Maureen Bateman
Michael Drange
Nancy Eng
Nancy Kugler
Arthur W. Landing
Pat Molina
Thomas Nelson
Brienne Parsons
Ted Saulino
Chris Spitler
Vickie Walker