

Glendora Unified School District
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 9, 2019

Mr. Ellenson called the organizational meeting of the Glendora Unified School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Board Room, Glendora Unified School District, 500 North Loraine, Glendora, CA 91741.

Board Members Present:

Elizabeth Reuter
Zondra Borg
Robin Merkley
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D.
Cory Ellenson

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
Janette Walczak, Director, Business Services

AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Reuter, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, 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).
- Anticipated Litigation GC 54954.5(c) pursuant to GC 54956.9(b)
- Readmission of Student #2018-2019-X-1

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A call was made for nominations of Board Officers to serve from December 9, 2019 to the December 2020 organizational meeting.

A nomination by Ms. Borg to elect herself as President was seconded by Mrs. Merkley. Board of Education vote: 2-yes; 3-no the nomination did not pass.

A nomination by Mr. Ellenson to elect Mrs. Reuter as President was seconded by Dr. Fernando. Board of Education vote: 3-yes, 2-no; the nomination was approved.

A nomination by Mrs. Reuter to elect Ms. Borg as Vice President was seconded by Dr. Fernando and unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

A nomination by Dr. Fernando to elect Mrs. Merkley as Clerk was seconded by Mrs. Borg was unanimously approved by the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors commented on the Public Hearing held at 5:00 pm to receive input on the draft maps of potential Board Member election district boundaries. There were four draft maps provided by the District's demographer and a 5th map was presented by a community member. These draft boundary maps will be posted on the District's website. Dr. Voors asked District residents to take time to go to the website and review the maps saying that this is very important. Dr. Voors stated that he is looking forward to Glendora High School's annual report. He also commented on Giving Tuesday noting that the Glendora Education Foundation was able to raise over \$58,000 which was generously matched by an anonymous donor. Dr. Voors thanked GEF for all they do for the school district.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Dominic Svagdis reported on the following activities:

La Fetra Elementary School students participated in a PTA sponsored drawing assembly where students learned about drawing techniques and created a masterpiece to take home. Fifth grade students participated in YES City Gov.

Sellers Elementary School students enjoyed participating in the elementary cross country meet in November with some students taking 2nd place in various competitions. Students are conducting a toy drive for Children's Social Services and 4th and 5th grade student performed a holiday program for students, staff and parents.

Goddard Middle School hosted 26 students from Moka Japan, visiting and touring places such as Newport Beach and Knotts Berry Farm. The Japanese visitors were also excited to participate in the Halloween activities. The Allegro Choir, orchestra and band all performed in various holiday concerts. The PE department held their annual Turkey Trot raising funds to renovate the Fit Lab.

Whitcomb High School night school students completed their first trimester before the Thanksgiving holiday; classes will start up again after the Winter Break. Citrus College will meet with seniors to present registration information. Leadership students are working with the PTA to provide students with an end of the semester gathering to include lunch and a small gift exchange.

Glendora High School students helped to raise funds on Giving Tuesday for two new water refill stations. Students participated in Cocoa and Cram where they gathered in the Event Center to study for finals while enjoying hot cocoa. ASB students planned the event and served the hot cocoa with teachers and NHS students helping with study questions. ASB students are now working on events and games for different groups throughout the school.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Glendora High School Assistant Principals, Jamie Norell, Rod Tilton, and Eric Bondurant presented the schools' annual report. Mr. Bondurant presented the SBAC data for English Language Arts (ELA) stating that of the students tested, 72% met or exceeded the standard which is a 6% drop from last year. Staff is pleased with the improvement of the SES students. Overall math data shows an 8% gain from last year, with 64% meeting or exceeding the standard. Mr. Bondurant proudly reported that they have closed the achievement gap of the SES students in both ELA and Math. Focus for the coming year will be to target EL students in ELA and Math. Mrs. Norell noted the tremendous growth in A-G completion rates as well as growth in the AP program commenting that 98% of AP students attempted the exam and 85% of those earned a passing score. Participation in taking the college entrance exams continues to grow in both SAT and ACT. AVID continues to serve more students year after year with 100% of the AVID seniors being accepted to university. The Capstone program had an 80% diploma rate and Mrs. Norell commented that they will look for ways to improve and grow that program as well as take a look at dual enrollment and investigate the science curriculum. This year the Career Tech Ed program added photography to the original four pathways. Sixty-five students completed a pathway last year. Mr. Tilton commented that the staff is committed to supporting in all ways and to educating them to make better choices.

This year vaping prevention and education was a focus in health classes as well as parent information meetings. Students continue to do more and this creates a need to support those that are struggling. GHS has a very strong team that is focused on supporting students academically and emotionally to help them build strong character and create "Tartans 4 Life". Mrs. Norell commented on WASC, noting that 2020 is the final year of the 6-year accreditation and staff will begin to identify areas of as they prepare for the 2021 WASC visit.

Ms. Borg asked clarifying questions about the high percentage of students in the "near standard" in math and ESL and the possibility of AVID assisting them. She was very appreciative of and asked about the restorative practices used for vaping use discipline. She thanked them for the report. Mrs. Merkley thanked the administrators for the great report and asked about the state's AP passage rate comparison with GHS. She also asked for information on how many AVID students accepted to 4-year university go on to enroll and attend. Mr. Ellenson thanked them for the presentation. He commented on what stood out to him stating that the increase in math scores was significant and that he is highly proud of the AP pass rate. He asked about the graduation requirements compared to A-G completion rate as well as dual enrollment and if the school would consider an early college program. He asked clarifying questions regarding the AP Capstone 80% diploma rate and what that means as well as follow up information on students attending Citrus College. Dr. Fernando thanked the staff for the presentation and commented on the AP seminar and research program saying that he has heard that many students have enjoyed it and it is a great addition to the program. He appreciated that registration was seamless, and the students helping were excellent, and he commended the team for organizing the process. He asked clarifying questions regarding the student engagement regarding graduation gowns and response to the vaping issue. He was pleased with the AP statistics commenting that is a strength for GHS. He asked about student stress and clarifying questions on how GHS is working with students to help in this area. Mrs. Reuter thanked GHS for the presentation. She asked clarifying questions regarding student stress and mental health and what mental health services are available to students. She asked how many people participated in the Tartan University podcast and she thanked the staff for making this available and thinking outside the box to increase participation.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce Bolton Past CSEA President announced the new CSEA Executive Board. JoAnne Johnson GTA President, commented on the Schools and Communities First Initiative

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkely, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved to select Cory Ellenson as the District's representative to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization.
2. Upon a motion by Mr. Elleson, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously approved to select Dr. Fernando as the District's representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association to serve from January through December 2020.
3. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the selection of Board of Trustees' committee assignments for 2020 as follows:
 - a. GEF (Glendora Education Foundation): Ms. Borg
 - b. GUSD PTA Council: Ms. Borg
 - c. Coordinated School Health Committee: Mrs. Merkley
 - d. Chamber of Commerce Legislative Action: Mrs. Reuter
 - e. Glendora Coordinating Council: Mrs. Merkley
 - f. LCAP Stakeholder Committee: Dr. Fernando
Mrs. Merkley
4. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Board Meeting Calendar for January through December 2020 as presented.
5. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved Resolution Number 6 Authorizing Competitive negotiation for E-Rate Priority One Data Circuits as presented.
6. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education unanimously approved the 2019-2020 First Interim Report as presented.
7. Upon a motion by Mr. Ellenson, seconded by Mrs. Merkley, the Board of Education unanimously approved the recommendation for readmission of student #2018-2019-X-1 commencing at the start of the second semester, January 6, 2020.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2019.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Special Education Services as presented.
2. Approve funds to be paid to Alpha Interpreting Agency for American Sign Language (ASL) for interpreting services as presented.
3. Approve the Glendora High School Girls Soccer field trip as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1920000869 through 1920000992 in the amount of \$291,592.07 and amended purchase order number 19200000801 for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Approve Resolution Number 5 Authorized Signature Resolution 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.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Fernando thanked Bruce Bolton for his years of service as the CSEA President. Dr. Fernando commented on the CSBA Annual Education Conference saying that he was grateful for the opportunity to attend and he appreciates the Board Members and their commitment to the schools; adding that it was meaningful time spent together with the other Board members. He also commented on the keynote speaker at the conference, Ron Suskind, saying that his presentation and sharing about his son with Autism was incredible.

Ms. Borg commented that the CSBA conference was enlightening and she also enjoyed the time spent together with the other Board Members and she thanked Suzette and Janette in the Superintendent's Office for making all the arrangements. Ms. Borg thanked Mr. Ellenson for his leadership this past year as Board President and she congratulated Mrs. Reuter as the new president adding that she looks forward to working with everyone in collaboration this year.

Mrs. Merkley congratulated GHS student, Tiffany Gomez, who was recognized by the Glendora Coordinating Council for generously donating her field goal kick prize money. Mrs. Merkley stated that the Coordinating Council recognizes students each month and asked for nominations of K-12 students or student groups. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a relaxing vacation.

Mr. Ellenson thanked Bruce Bolton for his service as CSEA President saying that he has been a great leader and a good friend. Mr. Ellenson commented that he is looking forward to 2020 and the important things to be done.

Mrs. Reuter commented that it was a pleasure to attend the CSBA Conference, saying that the sessions she attended were interesting and thoughtful. The conference was also a wonderful opportunity for professional development and she thanked the District for the support. She wished everyone a lovely holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Ms. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

January 13, 2020

Certified by:

Robin Merkley, Clerk