

Glendora Unified School District  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 28, 2019

President Mr. Ellenson called the regular 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:

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 Ms. Borg, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adopt the agenda with the following amendment:

“General Function Consent Item Number 1: Correct the date from January 14, 2018 to January 14, 2019”

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education met in closed session to discuss the following items. No reportable 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).
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Government Code Section 54957

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Voors reported on the Strategic Plan commenting on the District Safety Committee (DSC). The DSC is made up of site and district administrators; teachers at all levels; classified staff; GTA and CSEA leadership; the School Resource Officer; and a mental health coordinator. He stated that the DSC has held two meetings in October and December; there are two more meetings scheduled for this school year. The meeting brainstorming sessions focused on three general categories of safety: 1) policies, procedures, protocols; 2) information, communication, and technology; and 3) facilities & physical resources. Dr. Voors commented that the DSC has developed a video for staff, students and parents detailing the Standard Response Protocols. Also, a safety survey was developed and administered and analyzed. The information from that survey has been very helpful to reinforce the discussions taking place with the DSC. Now the committee is working to identify actionable priorities in all three areas of safety that can be focused on to take the steps to make the District as safe as possible. Dr. Voors commented on other activities throughout the District such as Cullen Elementary School's Open House and National School Counselors week. Most of the high school winter sports are in the running for CIF including boys and girls basketball as well as wrestling.

### STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

Glendora High School activities include ACSA Speech Contest sign ups, Powderbuff game, Action shirt sales, Sadie Hawkins Dance, CSF sign ups, and the Show Choir Showcase was this weekend.

Goddard Middle School PTA held a family bingo night where families attended in their pajamas.

La Fetra Elementary School Site Council met to come up with suggestions for the comprehensive school safety plan. Second grade classes are participating in a field trip to the Farm at Fairplex where they will learn about agriculture and healthy meal options. Fifth grade students are looking forward to Healthy Living Lessons and Mrs. Hopkins is facilitating the after-school Memory Tiles Workshop. Artwork created at this workshop will be used to decorate the cafeteria.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION

Valerie McMaster-Shaw, from Christy White and Associates reported on the District annual audit. Based on the audit there are three unmodified opinions, there were no audit findings or audit adjustments. This is fantastic news and reflects the hard work of Marc Chaldu and Janette Walczak. The most significant change for the District was in the implementation of GASB 75 because of new post-employment retirement benefits.

Ms. Borg asked clarifying questions regarding ADA compensation and CFDA; she thanked the auditor for the report. Mrs. Merkley appreciated the auditor and she thanked Marc Chaldu, Janette Walczak and the Business Services team for their work. Dr. Fernando thanked them for their work and commented that it was helpful to understand the true nature of pension obligations and the implications to the District's budget. Mr. Ellenson asked clarifying questions regarding the pension liability. He appreciated the thorough report and thanked the auditor and everyone who worked on it.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Dr. Fernando, the Board of Education approved the agreement with Facilitron for facility management services as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Merkley, seconded by Mrs. Reuter, 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 January 14, 2019.
2. Accept gifts from Lifetouch, Modern Lighting, and Edison International as presented.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approve services of educational consultant Angela Saucedo, M.A., to provide two 70 minute workshops on the topic of Compassion/Empathy Fatigue on February 11, 2019.
2. Approve employment of Disaster Survival Skills, LCC/Wayne Bennett, to provide CPR training services on February 11, 2019 at a rate of \$49.95 per person for up to 70 GUSD employees.
3. Approve services of educational consultant Foster Horizons, Inc., to provide one 90 minute keynote session and one 70 minute workshop on the topic of Trauma-Informed Practices on February 11, 2019.
4. Approve/ratify the Glendora High School AVID field trip as presented. All procedural requirements of the District have been met.

**BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approve/ratify purchase order numbers 1819001203 through 1819001263 in the amount of \$86,792.57 for the 2018-2019 school year and revised purchase order numbers 1819000456-457 and 1819002283.
2. Approve the transportation agreement with Zum 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 student teaching agreement with Alliant International University, Inc. A California Benefit Corporation, for the period commencing January 1, 2019 and terminating December 31, 2024.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Fernando attended the information meeting, "Understanding Test Scores and commented that the presenter did an incredible job. He said that with the presenter's information many of the families present were able to understand PSAT and SAT scores. The presentation also provided an understandable explanation of what the tests mean. Dr. Fernando expressed his appreciation for these types of presentations.

Mrs. Reuter appreciated Dr. Voors' update on the Strategic Plan and the progress of the District Safety Committee. She commented on the Citrus College incident that occurred earlier in January. She received a few inquiries as to whether or not the District has emergency procedures in place for such an incident; and was confident when responding that the District has been working on protocols and now has a link that parents can access to learn about them. She thanked the District Safety Committee for working diligently this year to get these processes and procedures in place. Mrs. Reuter commented that it was a pleasure to attend the State of the City/Schools event. She thanked Dr. Voors for his presentation complimenting him on a tremendous job presenting all the good happening in the District as well as what we are working on to improve.

Mrs. Merkley was proud to nominate GHS student Jillyn Turunen for the Glendora Coordinating Council Youth Recognition Award.

Ms. Borg commented that she has had a busy couple of weeks attending many meetings and events throughout the District. The Whitcomb High recognition breakfast is always a fun event where students that have worked hard are honored by the school and community. She thanked the Glendora Kiwanis for sponsoring this event. At the recent GEF Board Meeting Brock Jacobsen and Will Carter presented an overview of the new projectors the District would like to install in the classrooms; Ms. Borg said the projectors are amazing and the GEF is hoping to fund them through some of the funds raised at the Food for Thought event. She reminded everyone to purchase tickets for this annual event. She also commented that it may be nice to have a Board meeting presentation on District technology as it relates to the Strategic Plan. Ms. Borg viewed the District's new website commenting that it is easy to navigate, is very user friendly and she commended the IT staff for its design and implementation. The State of the City/Schools address was great and she thanked Dr. Voors for his presentation. Also, the Sandburg Middle School recognition breakfast is another great event where students are honored for their academics as well as character.

Mr. Ellenson commented that Dr. Voors represented GUSD very well at the State of the City/Schools event and that everyone was very interested in all he had to say. He commented on the District's Strategic Planning facilitator, Marilyn Snider saying that the ESGVROP has hired her and she did a great job at their recent meeting bringing all district representatives to consensus.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Approval Date:

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February 11, 2019

Certified by:

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Robin Merkley, Clerk