

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry, Board Room
10 a.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry, Los Angeles, California.

President Marlene Canter called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Mónica García, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, Mr. David Tokofsky, and President Marlene Canter. Mr. Mike Lansing arrived at 11:37 a.m.

Mr. Lauritzen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

Ms. LaMotte welcomed Ms. Cecilia Cooper, Teacher and Young Black Scholars Advisor at the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies. Ms. Cooper described to the Board how the Young Black Scholars collected the outdated textbooks on campus and donated them to New Orleans schools after Hurricane Katrina.

After discussion, Board Members decided they would look into gathering outdated textbooks throughout the District to be donated to New Orleans schools. Mr. Michael Eugene, Business Manager, will survey District facilities for possible storage sites.

Ms. LaMotte next introduced Mr. Troy Peloquin, Director of Volunteers and Donations, Recovery School District of New Orleans. Mr. Peloquin was able to attend the Board Meeting due to the generosity of Delta Airlines, which donated the round trip ticket. Mr. Peloquin thanked Ms. Cooper and the Board for the book donation, and stated that the New Orleans Recovery School District has great needs ranging from additional teachers to band uniforms.

Ms. LaMotte then welcomed Ms. Tanya Walters, District Bus Driver and founder of the GodParents Youth Organization (GYO). In 2005 Ms. Walters formed GodParents Youth Organization, a nonprofit public benefit organization, composed of a core group of California school bus drivers who share a common love for young people. On Sunday, December 26, 2006, GYO embarked on a trailblazing experience called the "Share Care Project", a week long trek that took 20 students from California to hurricane ravaged Louisiana and back. They distributed needed items in gift backpacks to their peers still living in temporary housing throughout the areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

After discussion and commendation from the Board Members and Superintendent Brewer, Ms. LaMotte presented Ms. Cooper, Mr. Peloquin, and Ms. Walters with Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Board.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.
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SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

FERIA DEL LIBRO

Ms. García welcomed Ms. Maria Casillas, Executive Director, Families in Schools, and Co-Founder of Feria del Libro. Ms. Casillas gave an overview of Feria del Libro. The Feria del Libro is an annual literacy campaign that partners Families In Schools, the District, the City of Los Angeles, L.A.'s Best, the Boyle Heights Learning Collaborative, Alliance for a Better Community, and other community and corporate organizations. The fair is a community effort that encourages family literacy and home reading activities.

Ms. Angelica Solis, Alliance for a Better Community, Ms. Laura Barrera, La Opinión, and Ms. Carmen Schroeder, Local District 5 Superintendent, addressed the Board.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. García presented Ms. Casillas with a Certificate of Appreciation.

CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Canter thanked the Creative Artists Agency (CAA) and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for their collaboration in the donation of 1,124 pieces of furniture to the District.

Mr. Bert Ball from L.A. Shares gave the Board an overview of the program.

Mr. Dale Petrulis, Director, Partnership and Adopt-A-School Program, also thanked CAA and the Sheriff's Department for their generosity.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.
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SUPERINTENDENT'S INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

ELIZABETH LEARNING CENTER

Ms. Canter welcomed Mr. George Nanoski, Teacher and Academic Decathlon Coach. Mr. Nanoski and an Academic Decathlon team member spoke to the Board about the Elizabeth Learning Center's Academic Decathlon team and its performance. Mr. Jacob Aguilar, Lead Teacher, Health Academy, gave the Board an overview of the school's small learning communities and various campus activities.

Following discussion, the students shared with the Board their future plans.

Mr. Collins responded to questions regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, announced the following items would be discussed in closed session:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9 (a))

Mendoza, et al. v. State of California, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 105481

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6)

Negotiator: Superintendent Brewer

Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
California School Employees Association
Los Angeles City and County School Employees' Union (SEIU Local 99)
Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council
Los Angeles School Police Officers Association
Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association
Teamsters
United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)
District Represented Employees and Contract Management Personnel

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The Board recessed the public portion of the meeting at 11:41 a.m.
Closed session discussion began at 11:53 a.m. and ended at 1:25 p.m.
All Board Members were present during the closed portion of the meeting.

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The Board reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 1:31 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky, and President Canter. Ms. LaMotte arrived at 1:31 p.m. and Mr. Lansing at 1:37 p.m.

Ms. Maribel Medina, Special Counsel to the Board, announced there were no reportable actions.

STUDENT INPUT

Ms. La'Quentanae Jones, School Leadership Committee President at Fremont High School, began her presentation to the Board with an update on the school's academic decathlon team. She also talked to the Board about the positive impact of Beyond the Bell and Small Learning Communities on campus.

The school is currently preparing for an October 2007 Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit. The school recently named the football stadium after alumnus Ricky Bell. Ms. Jones presented Ms. LaMotte with a card on behalf of the Fremont High School family in appreciation for her assistance in acquiring a new marquee sign for the school.

Mr. Vicente Rosales, Student Body President, gave an overview of the academic aspects of Jordan High School, including the new 4x4 academic schedule and the implementation of Small Learning Communities. Mr. Rosales informed the Board that the school's athletic department has expanded to include swimming, water polo and golf. Mr. Rosales also described some of the various activities, events and community service events taking place on campus.

Student Body President TaKisha Baylor from Foshay Learning Center thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. Foshay is celebrating its 80th anniversary. Ms. Baylor described Foshay Learning Center as a very diverse and unique school with 3,500 students in grades K through 12. The secondary school is made up of four academies. Ms. Baylor also described to the Board some of the many programs taking place on campus.

Mr. Robert Collins, Chief Instructional Officer, Secondary Instruction, responded to questions from Board Members regarding elective classes, small learning communities, A-G implementation, and access to courses.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL PROCESS

Mr. Gregory McNair, Chief Administrative Officer, Charter Schools Division, began his presentation with an overview of the charter renewal process that was developed in 2006 and implemented this year. Topics reviewed by Mr. McNair included legislative intent with respect to charter schools, academic, operational and fiscal performance, key assumptions, past reauthorization processes, PERB report, oversight visits, AB 1137, and the criteria charters must meet.

Mr. McNair, Mr. Andy Johnsen, Director, Charter Office, and Mr. Jerry Thornton, Inspector General, responded to questions from Board Members regarding the reauthorization process, No Child Left Behind rules, areas of analysis, academic performance, comparison schools, nonrenewal categories, operational success, governance and oversight issues, authority to audit, deadlines, PERB reports, and the operational capacity of the Charter Office.

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The Board recessed the meeting at 2:42 p.m. to accommodate a press conference.

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The meeting reconvened at 3:59 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky, and President Canter. Ms. García arrived at 3:59 p.m.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.

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RECEIPT OF DISTRICT'S INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL

President Canter made the following statement:

The Board will be receiving the District's Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA). There will be an opportunity to address the Board on the initial proposals at the Board meetings of February 27 and March 13, 2007, in the Board Room. Those persons who wish to address the Board on the proposals may call Area Code (213) 241-7002 or toll free (877) 772-6273 ext. 128, prior to 5 p.m. the Mondays prior to the meetings or sign up at the time of the meetings.

Mr. Crain responded to questions from Board Members regarding parameters of reopener agreements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Korenstein moved adoption of the following reports designated as Consent Calendar items in accordance with Board Rule 61:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 207 – 06/07
Naming of Panorama City Elementary School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 208 – 06/07
Naming of International Studies Learning Center

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS

Board of Education Report No. 219 – 06/07 – Proposal to Amend Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for Projects at Various Schools: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 220 – 06/07 – Ratification of Contract Actions and Approval of Professional Services Contracts: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky requested information regarding the contract with Commerce Energy, contract evaluations, and the reason for the number of amendments to one contract to be answered by the next meeting.

Board of Education Report No. 222 – 06/07 – Approval of the Relocation Plan for Seven Proposed South and Central Region Schools: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Terrence Fennessey, Director, Acquisition and Relocations, responded to questions from Board Members regarding relocation plans.

Board of Education Report No. 226 – 06/07 – Amendment to New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to Authorize Use of Measure K, R, and Y Joint-Use Funds at Glassell Park Elementary Early Education Center: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky asked why there was a delay in the contract with the LA Design Center, when will it be finalized, and how was paid to the negotiator to get the agreement.

Board of Education Report No. 218 – 06/07 – Agreements and Amendments: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky asked if there was only one provider for specific services, how long has the mental health grant been providing services and does it provides, and what was the cause for the increase in the legal contract.

Board of Education Report No. 221 – 06/07 – District’s Initial Negotiating Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA): Assigned to Regular Calendar of the March 13, 2007, Regular Board Meeting.

Board of Education Report No. 227 – 06/07 – Notice of Release/Reassignment for Certificated, Management, Supervisory, Confidential Employees, Staff Counsel, and Certificated and Classified Contract Management Employees: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Ms. Korenstein asked what employees were being notified at schools.

Board of Education Report No. 228 – 06/07 – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Ms. Korenstein asked what is the difference between the current MOU and this report.

Board of Education Report No. 229 – 06/07 - Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) for Belmont Pilot Schools Network Agreement: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Ms. Korenstein asked if a school is not doing well, what are the options.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 210 – 06/07 Agreements and Amendments

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Ms. Ronni Ephraim, Chief Instructional Officer, Elementary, and Mr. Duane Johnston, Chief Procurement Officer, responded to questions from Board Members regarding contract extension, amendments to existing contracts, project completion, evaluation, and contractors.

On roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 abstention, Mr. Tokofsky.

DIRECTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 215 – 06/07
Various Purchasing Transactions

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 216 – 06/07
Student Expulsion Issues

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 217 – 06/07
Student Reinstatements

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 223 – 06/07
Liability Insurance Claims

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 224 – 06/07
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Mr. Tokofsky moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 225 – 06/07
Routine Personnel Actions

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

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President Canter passed the gavel to Mr. Lauritzen in order to present her motions.

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BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Canter moved the following resolution regarding Budget Transparency and Accountability with the amendment to change the date in Item 8 for the implementation plan from February 28 to March 13, 2007:

Whereas, the Board of Education's adopted goals are to increase academic performance and eliminate the achievement gap; secure a seat for every child; increase the high school graduation rate; and provide a modern and safe learning environment;

Whereas, the 2006 Council of the Great City Schools audit found that the District's budget was not driven or shaped by the Board's instructional priorities and goals;

Whereas, the Audit further revealed that budget expansions and cuts were not based on measurable criteria and that District programs in the budgetary process were not being measured for their effectiveness or for programmatic redundancies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to:

1. Restructure the District's budget to clearly articulate the strategic direction and priorities of the Superintendent and the Board and incorporate measurable objectives and outcomes for programs. The budget document should communicate how the budget relates to the District's mission, goals, and operational activities and who is accountable organizationally for specified outcomes.
2. Base decisions on program expansions or cuts on goal-driven and measurable criteria. Ineffective as well as redundant programs should be eliminated, not simply reduced in funding.
3. Work with the Program Evaluation and Research Branch as well as the Board's Independent Analysis Unit to develop objective criteria and create annual evaluation tools for programs in the budgetary process. These tools should be used to measure the effectiveness of programs and to identify redundancies.
4. Prepare an annual historical budget analysis examining the District's past fiscal issues, problems, challenges, and accomplishments in order to gain additional perspective on how to guide the District in the future.
5. Tie Local District and school budgets explicitly to the District's instructional goals and priorities.
6. Establish a clear process to solicit input from Local District personnel, principals, and others on the annual budget process;
7. Develop a District-wide budget calendar to ensure that finance decisions are made on a standard basis and can be made early enough to avoid midyear financial disruptions; and
8. Develop an implementation plan for these items and report back to the Board by ~~February 28~~ March 13, 2007.

Ms. García seconded the motion.

Superintendent Brewer responded to questions from Board Members regarding the alignment of goals and budget.

Ms. Canter amended the first “Whereas” to delete the words “eliminate the achievement gap” and replace them with “promote implementation of the Los Angeles Unified School District Proficiency Plus policy.” This was accepted by the seconder as a friendly amendment.

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The final version of the resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the Board of Education’s adopted goals are to increase academic performance and promote implementation of the Los Angeles Unified School District Proficiency Plus policy; secure a seat for every child; increase the high school graduation rate; and provide a modern and safe learning environment;

Whereas, the 2006 Council of the Great City Schools audit found that the District’s budget was not driven or shaped by the Board’s instructional priorities and goals;

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7. Develop a District-wide budget calendar to ensure that finance decisions are made on a standard basis and can be made early enough to avoid midyear financial disruptions; and
8. Develop an implementation plan for these items and report back to the Board by March 13, 2007.

Ms. Canter moved the following resolution regarding the Week of the School Administrator:

Whereas, Leadership matters for the Los Angeles Unified School District and the more than 700,000 students it serves;

Whereas, School administrators are passionate, lifelong learners who believe in the value of quality public education;

Whereas, The title “school administrator” is a broad term used to define many education leadership posts. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, special education and adult education leaders, curriculum and assessment leaders, school business officials, classified educational leaders, and other school District employees are considered administrators;

Whereas, Providing quality service for student success is paramount for the profession;

Whereas, Our schools operate with lean management systems. The District employs fewer managers and supervisors than most public and private sector industries including transportation, food service, manufacturing, utilities, construction, publishing and public administration;

Whereas, Good school leaders develop a network of support from various communities (fellow administrators, teachers, parents, students, businesses, community members, Board Members, colleges and universities, community and faith-based organizations, elected officials and District and county staff and resources) to promote ongoing student achievement and school success;

Whereas, Research shows great schools are led by great principals, and great districts are led by great superintendents. These site leaders are supported by extensive administrative networks throughout the state;

Whereas, The State of California has declared the week of March 4-10, 2007, as the “Week of the School Administrator”; and

Whereas, The future of the District as an educational system depends upon the quality of its leadership; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles commends all school leaders for the contributions they make to successful student achievement.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the resolution, which by general consent was adopted.

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President Canter assumed the Chair.

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lauritzen, Ms. Korenstein, Mr. Tokofsky – Purchase of 46 Light Lift Gate Buses

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District bus drivers safely transport students;

Whereas, The Transportation Branch set a goal of relying upon 50% District drivers and 50% contract drivers to transport students;

Whereas, Currently, District drivers consist of 46% of the overall fleet;

Whereas, The District relies on contractors to transport 75% of its light lift gate bus routes;

Whereas, The District conducted a survey of the bus yards and determined 46 stalls are available to park light buses;

Whereas, The District has the opportunity to purchase the additional buses at a substantial savings; and

Whereas, Purchasing 46 additional buses will maximize the use of District resources, bring the Branch closer to its 50/50 goal, and reduce reliance on contract drivers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Transportation Branch to purchase 46 additional light buses so that in fiscal year 2007-08 46 contract routes will be driven by District drivers.

Mr. Tokofsky – Magnet Program

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District has one of the most successful magnet programs in the nation;

Whereas, The waitlists for magnets each year exceed spaces available;

Whereas, The choices provided by magnets alleviate the harms of racial isolation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District receive alternative plans and their costs and benefits by April 15 to expand the number of magnets and or magnet seats through general funds, reallocation of TIGG Funds, or closure and transfer of the lowest performing magnets to new sites;

Resolved further, That the Board receive plans by April 15 to alleviate the bottleneck at middle school magnets due to the comparable lack of seats with respect to elementary and high school magnets;

Resolved further, That the Board receive District data on the number of classrooms in magnets that are not filled to District norms and what plans are in progress to fill those in the years ahead;

Resolved further, That the Board receive the costs and spans of control of the magnet coordinators and their place in the structure of magnets; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board receive the comprehensive future plans and budgets for the magnets in District.

This item was assigned to the Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Equity Committee.

Mr. Tokofsky – Life Skills Course

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Unified School District add a third year of either science or social studies to the 9-12 high school requirements by replacing courses that do not require reading as part of their curriculum.

This item was assigned to the School Safety, Student Health and Human Services, and Human Relations Committee.

Mr. Tokofsky – Developer Fees

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District receive public quarterly reports of monies collected as Impact Fees by city jurisdictions as well as council districts of the City of Los Angeles; and be it

Resolved further, That the Board receive public quarterly reports of Impact fee's expended by projects.

This item was assigned to the Audit, Business, and Technology Committee.

Mr. Tokofsky – Grand Avenue Authority

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District receive legal advice in Closed Session regarding the fiscal impacts and litigation alternatives concerning the Grand Avenue Authority.

Ms. García announced her intention to introduced two resolutions in Support of Feria del Libro and to Affirm Commitment to Spirit and Intent of the Project Stabilization Agreement.

MOTIONS REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Korenstein moved the following:

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District authorizes staff to submit a request for exemption from the State Teachers' Retirement System post-retirement Earnings Limit for Mr. Ronald Oswald during the period he serves as Director of Secondary School Services in Local District 1 from February 1, 2007, through June 30, 2007.

Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion.

Mr. Tom Killeen, Executive Officer, Human Resources, responded to questions from Board Members regarding education code and timelines.

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following:

Resolved, That Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles ratifies the reappointment of Scott Folsom, representing the 10th District PTSA, Virginia Tanzmann, representing AIA Los Angeles, and Tyler McCauley, representing the County of Los Angeles, as Members of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee commencing February 1, 2007.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Crain and Mr. Kevin Reed, General Counsel, responded to questions from Board Members regarding conflict of interests.

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles ratifies the installation of the Los Angeles Unified School District Human Relations Council, an all-volunteer and advisory body, which will advise and make recommendations to the Board of Education in matters related to human relations, diversity, and equity. The Council, facilitated by the Office of Human Relations, Diversity and Equity, will review policies from a community, parent, staff, bargaining unit, and student perspective and support the human relations work of that office. The members of the Council are:

Dan Alba, L.A. Regional Director
Facing History and Ourselves

Alicia Loncar, Lobbyist, SEIU and Local 99,
representing Classified Bargaining Units

Cris Arzate, President 12 Public Affairs,
representing Monica Garcia, District 2
Board Member

Charles Narcho, Chairperson LAUSD Indian
Education Parent Committee, LAUSD Parent

Jenny Betz; Project Director A World of
Difference Institute Anti-Defamation League

Angel J. Perea, Consultant Workforce
Development Project, representing United
Teachers of Los Angeles

Tessa Charnofsky, LAUSD Parent, Youth
Program Manager Hathaway-Sycamore Child
and Family Services, and as of 2/07, West
Valley Area Director of the Mayor's Office

Beverly Lemay, Program Manager, Tools for
Tolerance for Professionals and Teens,
Museum of Tolerance

Dafer Dakhil, Director Omar Ibn Al Khattab
Foundation, representing David Tokofsky,
District 5 Board Member

Merle Price, Cal State University Northridge
Department of Educational Leadership,
representing Superintendent Brewer

Rabbi Allen Freehling, Executive Director,
L.A. City Human Relations Commission,
Gary De La Rosa, designee

Annick Draghi, Assistant Principal Belmont
High School, representing the Associated
Administrators of Los Angeles

Joyce Germaine-Watts, Faculty, Fielding
Graduate University

Tzivia Schwartz-Getzug, Executive Director
Jewish World Watch

Stephanie Graham, Consultant, Equity and
Student Achievement, LACOE

Douglas Semark, Executive Director,
Gang Alternative Program

Michael Hopwood, Operations Coordinator
Local District 7, representing Marguerite
LaMotte, District 1 Board Member

Donna "Obie" Slamon, Parenting Educator,
representing Jon Lauritzen, District 3
Board Member

Howard Jacobs, Director of Public Affairs and
Government Relations, Gay and Lesbian
Adolescent Social Services (GLASS),
representing Marlene Canter, District 4
Board Member

Robin Roma, Executive Director, L.A. County
Human Relations Commission

Michele Wittig, Professor Cal State University
Northridge, representing Julie Korenstein,
District 6 Board Member

Wendy Warren, LAUSD Small Learning
Communities Coordinator San Pedro High
School, representing Mike Lansing, District 7
Board Member

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

REPORT ON BUSINESS TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT PAYROLL

The following speakers addressed the Board on this item:

Ms. Adriana Salazar, Teamsters Local 572

Ms. Connie Oster, Teamsters Local 572

Superintendent Brewer and Mr. Charles Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer, apologized for the problems associated with BTS to the District timekeepers, and District employees and remarked on comments made to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Mr. Burbridge responded to questions from Board Members regarding ongoing problems, telephone systems, pay centers, and process.

Mr. Michael Bilbrey, California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Mr. Michael O'Sullivan, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA)
Mr. Paul Quezada, Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association
Mr. James Ream, Los Angeles School Police Officers Association
Ms. Linda Guthrie, UTLA
Mr. Benny Bernal, SEIU, Local 99
Ms. Marie Antoinette Ferrell, SEIU, Local 99
Ms. Valerie Beckland
Ms. Threetha Boyd-Lawson
Mr. Keith Berry
Mr. A. J. Duffy, UTLA
Mr. Bill Lloyd, SEIU, Local 99
Mr. Daniel Villao, Building and Trades Council

Ms. Medina, Mr. Burbridge, and Superintendent Brewer responded to questions from Board Members regarding due diligence, auxiliary pay, correction of problems, percentage of errors, and contractor responsibilities.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.
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BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS (continued)

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding the Resolution in Support of Charter Amendment L:

Mr. David Hernandez
Mr. Ted Hayes

Ms. García moved:

Whereas, Charter Amendment L will appear on the March 6, 2007, ballot in all areas served by the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Whereas, Candidates for the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles are not subject to any term limits or contribution limits, and those few rules that do exist are rarely enforced;

Whereas, The California State Constitution grants the City of Los Angeles the right to regulate school board elections and candidates, but until now the City had failed to exercise that authority;

Whereas, If approved by voters, Charter Amendment L will bring District elections into line with the best practices in good government by holding School Board candidates to the same ethics and accountability standards followed by other citywide elected officials and candidates;

Whereas, Charter Amendment L will amend the Los Angeles City Charter to:

- Establish School Board campaign contribution limits and give the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission oversight and enforcement authority;
- Establish School Board member term limits of 3 four-year terms;
- Establish a Citizen's Committee to review and set compensation for School Board Members; and

Whereas, These reforms were overwhelmingly endorsed by the Presidents' Joint Commission on Los Angeles Unified School District Governance, a 30-member volunteer Commission with appointees by the Los Angeles City Council, the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, Mayor Villaraigosa, and the other cities served by the District; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Governing Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District hereby expresses its support for Charter Amendment L and its passage by the voters on March 6, 2007.

The resolution failed for lack of a second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subject indicated:

Ms. Suzanne Duckett Charter Schools

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President Canter passed the gavel to Mr. Lauritzen and left the meeting.

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Mr. George Garrett	Gang Violence
Mr. Manuel Aldana	Education
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo	Parent Involvement and Accountability
Ms. Gabriella Gallegos	Brown Berets
Mr. Andy Viscarra	Brown Berets
Ms. Frances Rosenberg	Brown Berets
Dr. John Fernandez, Latino Movement USA	American Vision U.S. History Textbook
Ms. Alicia Navarrez	American Vision U.S. History Textbook
Mr. A. J. Duffy, UTLA	Discipline Policy
Ms. Zella Knight	Parental Involvement
Ms. Deborah Crockett	Response by Educational Equity Office
Mr. Paul Freese	Discipline Policy
Ms. Cleo Ray	Discrimination and Racism

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President Canter assumed the Chair.
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Mr. Du Nguyen	Changing Son's Classroom at Clover ES
Mr. James Ream, L.A. School Police Assoc.	Police Shortages
Mr. Paul Quezada, Sergeant and Lieutenant Assoc.	Police Shortages
Ms. Yolanda Rodriguez	Campus Violence
Mr. Max Gonzalez, LASPA	Police Shortages
Ms. Helen Price	Active Districtwide Implementation of Second Step Violence Prevention Program
Mr. Francisco Torrero	Concerns

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.
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REGULAR CALENDAR (continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 213 – 06/07
Discipline Foundation Policy: School-Wide Positive Behavior Support

Mr. Reed responded to questions from Board Members regarding postponement of the report.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Maisie Chin, Community Asset Development Redefining Education (CADRE)
Ms. Diane Evans
Ms. Roslyn Braodnax
Ms. Kirti Baranwal
Rev. L. B. Tatum
Ms. Mayra Jimenez, United Students and Inner City Struggle
Mr. Max Zarou
Mr. Jerome Terrell
Mr. Jose Rodriguez
Ms. Josefina Mercado

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Ms. Korenstein moved that the meeting be extended to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion,
which by general consent was adopted.
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Mr. Reed and Ms. Donnalyn Jaque-Anton, Associate Superintendent, Division of Special Education, responded to questions from Board Members regarding commitment to the Independent Monitor and input from United Teachers Los Angeles.

Following discussion, Board Report No. 213 – 06/07 was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

President Canter made the following statement:

Before action is taken on the Report of Correspondence regarding Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Summary from Renee Jackson, Executive Liaison Administrator, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Speakers should go to the recording booth at the back of the auditorium and fill out a card. Those individuals will be heard after any speakers already on the list.

There were no speakers.

Mr. Tokofsky moved that the recommended disposition of the items of correspondence as indicated in the report be approved. Mr. Lansing seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García and Ms. Korenstein were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lansing moved the approval of the following minutes of the governing board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

1 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, December 14, 2004
10 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, December 5, 2006
12 p.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, December 12, 2006
1 p.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, December 19, 2006
10 a.m., Regular Board Meeting, January 9, 2007
10 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, January 16, 2007
10 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, January 23, 2007
10 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, January 30, 2007
10 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, February 1, 2007

Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García and Ms. Korenstein were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lauritzen moved that Ms. Marlene Canter and Mr. David Tokofsky, Members of the Board, be found on Board business at the time of the Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2007. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García and Ms. Korenstein were absent.

Mr. Crain announced there will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting in the Board Room on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 1 p.m. regarding Special Education.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lansing moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: April 22, 2008

MARLENE CANTER
PRESIDENT

JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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