

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, March 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, March 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 10:15 a.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Mónica García, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, Mr. David Tokofsky, and President Marlene Canter. Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte and Mr. Mike Lansing arrived at 10:55 a.m. and 10:29 a.m., respectively.

Mr. Lauritzen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

Ms. Canter welcomed Ms. Jasmine Florentine from North Hollywood High School. Ms. Florentine thanked the Board Members for the opportunity to address them. She shared her experiences as a member of the school's Academic Decathlon team. She had earned the top overall score in California and the 2nd highest overall score in the nation.

Board Members congratulated Ms. Florentine on her accomplishments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL EDUCARE'S ACHIEVEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO
EXCELLENCE (ACE) AND OTHER 9TH GRADE PROGRAMS

Ms. Canter welcomed Mr. Frank Nishimura, Los Angeles High School Principal, to the Board. Mr. Nishimura gave a brief overview of the programs available at Los Angeles High School and introduced the staff members who provided further details of the programs such as the ACE Student Success Program, a comprehensive student success, youth empowerment, and character-building program. The program assists young people in becoming high achievers, promotes healthy relationships in the home and in the community, and works to prevent destructive social behaviors like substance abuse, violence and crime.

Ms. Elena Anthony, Assistant Principal, discussed the effect of the ACE Program on teachers. The ACE Program includes professional development for the entire faculty, grade level, or departmental teams, student success workshops, parent involvement classes and curriculum, including "Making the Best of Me" teacher guides and student workbooks. Ms. Cynthia Headrick, School Improvement Facilitator, spoke about teacher collaboration. Ms. Karla Spivey, Testing Coordinator, provided further details on the ACE Program and various partnerships with a wide variety of agencies and organizations.

Mr. Nishimura responded to questions from Board Members regarding overcrowding, numbers of students, small learning communities, tracking student progress, 9th Grade Houses, and CST testing.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.

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SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

PACOIMA MIDDLE SCHOOL SINGERS

Ms. Korenstein introduced Dr. Scott Mandell of the Pacoima Middle School Television, Theater, and Performing Arts Magnet. Dr. Mandell informed the Board that the group will be traveling to Washington D.C. in April 2007 to represent the Los Angeles Unified School District in the America Sings Festival.

Following Dr. Mandell's presentation, the Pacoima Middle School Singers performed for the Board and introduced themselves.

Dr. Mandell responded to questions from Board Members regarding sponsorship.

2006 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

President Canter welcomed Dr. Phillip Hart, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute (ULI) Los Angeles. Dr. Hart gave the Board a brief overview of the mission and goals of the Urban Land Institute. The mission of the Urban Land Institute is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide.

Dr. Hart introduced, Mr. Michael Banner, Trustee, ULI. Mr. Banner presented Superintendent Brewer and Mr. Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive, the 2006 Award of Excellence.

Superintendent Brewer and Mr. Mehula thanked the ULI.

Dr. Hart and Ms. Brianna Garcia, also from ULI, responded to questions from Board Members regarding high school programs and advisory services.

BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

President Canter introduced Dr. Julie Slayton, Chief Research Scientist, Program Evaluation and Research Branch, who gave a report on the Budget Transparency and Accountability Resolution adopted by the Board on February 13, 2007. Dr. Slayton covered topics such as strategic planning, reorganization process, budget and calendar process, performance measures, timelines, resource implications, expected outcomes, and goal alignment.

Dr. Slayton and Superintendent Brewer responded to questions from Board Members regarding the current strategic plan, expectations of new initiatives, alignment of budget to District's goals and objectives, communication plan, audit review, organizational changes, Board participation, timelines, policy, and funds.

RECEIPT OF BARGAINING UNION'S INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS

Mr. James Ream, President, Los Angeles School Police Association, addressed the Board on the Initial Negotiating Proposal from the Los Angeles School Police Association regarding Unit A.

RECEIPT OF DISTRICT'S INITIAL REOPENER BARGAINING PROPOSALS

President Canter made the following statement:

The Board has received the Initial Negotiating Proposal from the Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA) for Unit A and will be receiving the District's Initial Proposal to the Los Angeles City and County School Employees Union, SEIU, Local 99, for Units B (Instructional Aides), C (Operations – Support Services), F (Teachers Assistants), G (Playground Aides), S (Classified Supervisors), and E (Skilled Crafts). There will be an opportunity to address the Board on the initial proposals at the Board meetings of March 29 and April 10, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISTRICT'S INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS

President Canter made the following statement:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the District's Initial Negotiating Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

There were no speakers.

President Canter announced:

This was the final opportunity to speak to the District's initial negotiating proposals to the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Mr. Tokofsky requested the following information for all bargaining units:

- Current numbers and types of employees
- Amount the District invests in training, and
- Amount of work provided by nonunion employees or outsourced

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 237 – 06/07
Fenton Primary Center Charter Petition

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 239 – 06/07
Ratification of Actions Taken by the Office of the General Counsel

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 242 – 06/07
Naming of West Adams Preparatory High School

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Ms. Irene Sumida, Director, Fenton Avenue School, Mr. Edwin Van Ginkel, Senior Development Manager, Real Estate, Ms. Maribel Medina, Special Counsel to the Board, and Mr. Gregory McNair, Chief Administrative Officer, Charter Schools Division, responded to questions from Board Members regarding construction funds, land costs, relief schools, timelines, school sites, viable projects, and the charter approval process.

Following discussion, Board of Education Report No. 237, Fenton Primary Center Charter Petition – 06/07 was postponed until later in the meeting.

By general consent, Board of Education Report Nos. 239 and 242 – 06/07 were adopted. Ms. García and Mr. Lansing were absent.

Later in the meeting, Ms. García recorded an aye vote on the reports.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Korenstein moved that Board of Education Report No. 237 – 06/07 be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. McNair, Ms. Sumida, Mr. Mehula, Mr. Jim Cowell, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive for New Construction, Ms. Medina, and Mr. Kevin Reed, General Counsel, responded to questions from Board Members regarding charter policy, attendance area, school site selection, impact on other schools, certificates of occupancy, magnet schools, desegregation funds, impact on strategic execution plan, contingencies, and permits.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 abstention, Ms. LaMotte.

CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Personnel (Government Code §54957)

Employee Evaluation:

Superintendent of Schools

2. Conference with Legal Counsel

Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9 (c))

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The Board recessed into closed session at 12:31 p.m.
Closed session discussion began at 12:47 p.m. and ended at 2:12 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 2:15 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky, and President Canter. Ms. García and Mr. Lansing were absent.

Mr. Crain announced there were no reportable actions.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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STUDENT INPUT

Mr. Christian Pinto, Student Body President, described to the Board the positive impact the creation of Small Learning Communities (SLCs) has had on the Birmingham High School campus. Mr. Pinto described some of the events and activities taking place at Birmingham, such as Culture Day, Academic Decathlon, and the Writing Center. Mr. Pinto ended his presentation detailing the school's athletic accomplishments.

Ms. Alicia Green, Student Body President, detailed various Canoga Park High School accomplishments. The Canoga Park's varsity soccer team won the championships, the Academic Decathlon team ranked in the City's top ten, the school's API score increased by 23 points, and the United Colors program received recognition. Ms. Green also detailed the school's concerns to the Board, including the auditorium's broken sound system, a pipe organ that needs to be repaired, the need for a baseball field, and the damaged marquee.

Student Body President, Ms. Christine Lee, described the many activities taking place at Chatsworth High School. Chatsworth students are participating in a wide variety of events, including freshman orientation, the HOPE program, Pennies for Patients, school mixers, Junior Shakespeare Festival, and the blood and canned food drives. Chatsworth is in the process of implementing SLCs and 9th Grade Houses. The main concern on campus is the decline of revenues in the Student Body funds from on-campus sales.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 262 – 06/07 Second Period Interim Financial Report

Mr. Tokofsky moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Ms. Betty Ng, Controller, addressed the Board on the report.

Ms. Ng, Mr. Charles Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Roger Rasmussen, Budget Director, Dr. Randy Ross, Board of Education Director of Educational Policy, and Superintendent Brewer, responded to questions from Board Members regarding budget, financial projections, proposed budget cuts, reorganization, revenues and expenditures, legislative analysis, timelines, comparison to previous budgets, state and federal funding, special education program, and appropriation of funds.

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

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.
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SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

EXCELLENCE IN RECYCLING AWARD

On behalf of the Board, Ms. García presented the recipients of the Recycling Award with Certificates of Recognition. The purpose of the “Recycling Excellence” Awards Program is to offer cash awards to eligible District schools that document their recycling program and waste prevention initiatives. Only District schools that are participating in the voluntary Joint Los Angeles City-LAUSD Blue Bin Recycling Program will be eligible to participate in the “Recycling Excellence” Awards Program. In September 2005, the Bureau of Sanitation partnered with the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) to provide a free curbside blue bin recycling program to all District elementary schools located within the City limits.

First prize was awarded to Dahlia Heights Elementary School; other award recipients were Pacific Palisades Elementary School, Camino Nuevo Charter Academy, Canfield Elementary School, Charnock Road Elementary School, Harding Elementary School, Kenter Canyon Elementary School, Short Avenue Elementary School, and Van Gogh Elementary School.

Representatives from each of the schools accepted the awards and described to the Board their school’s recycling efforts.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS

Board of Education Report No. 248 – 06/07, Facilities Contracts: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky requested information regarding numbers of bids on contracts and change orders on construction projects.

Board of Education Report No. 251 – 06/07, Ratification of Real Estate Leases, Licenses, and Other Agreements or Instruments that are Necessary or Incidental for the Use of Real Property: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 253 – 06/07, Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into a Lease for Region 6 Construction Project Management at 5701 South Eastern Avenue, City of Commerce: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Ms. LaMotte requested information on where other project management groups are housed.
Mr. Tokofsky requested information on items receiving signature from the reorganization team.

Board of Education Report No. 254 – 06/07, Amendment to the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to Authorize use of Measure K, R, and Y Joint-Use Funds at Liechty Middle School (Central Los Angeles Area Middle School No. 1), Central Los Angeles Area High School No. 2, and Valley Region High School No. 5 and No. 1: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky requested analyses of the history of joint-use project.

Board of Education Report No. 255 – 06/07, Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Authorize use of Measure K Board Member Leveling Funds, Local District 1 Measure R Alteration and Improvement Funds, and Measure K, R, and Y Joint Use Funds for Project at El Camino High School: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 257 – 06/07, Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for Use of Measure R and Measure Y Funds to Upgrade and Redesign Campuses to Create Small Learning Schools: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky requested information on Bond Oversight Committee review, United States Department of Education funds, and the total dollars allocated or committed. Ms. García requested information on unallocated funds.

Board of Education Report No. 258 – 06/07, Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for Increment Two of Measure Y Basic Repairs to Fund the 2007 Deferred Maintenance Program Contribution for LAUSD: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. Neil Gamble, Director, Maintenance and Operations, responded to questions from Board Members regarding selection and prioritization process.

Board of Education Report No. 259 – 06/07, Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Add a Police Substation Project at Maclay Primary Center: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 260 – 06/07, Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for Projects at Various Schools: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 244 – 06/07, Master Resolution for General Obligation Refunding Bonds: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Mr. Burbridge responded to questions from Board Members regarding timelines for refunding.

Board of Education Report No. 245 – 06/07, Master Resolution Regarding Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Measures K and R: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 263 – 06/07, Agreement Amendment: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Mr. Tokofsky requested a summary of parents' opinions regarding special education.

Board of Education Report No. 273 – 06/07, Academia Semillas del Pueblo Charter School Renewal:
Assigned to Regular Calendar

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Ms. Violet Gonzalez Kim
Mr. Fidel Rodriguez
Mr. Heath St. John

Superintendent Brewer responded to questions from Board Members regarding standards and timelines.

Board of Education Report No. 277 – 06/07, Naming of Carmen Lomas Garza Primary Center:
Assigned to Consent Calendar

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Board of Education Report No. 256 – 06/07, 206-2009 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA): Assigned to Consent Calendar

Mr. Reed responded to questions from Board Members regarding the caseload for speech pathologists and the staffing of Small Learning Communities.

Board of Education Report No. 264 – 06/07, District’s 2006-2007 Initial Reopener Bargaining Proposals for Unit B, Instructional Aides: Assigned to the Consent Calendar of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2007

Board of Education Report No. 265 – 06/07, District’s 2006-2007 Initial Reopener Bargaining Proposals for Unit C, Operations-Support Services: Assigned to the Consent Calendar of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2007

Board of Education Report No. 266 – 06/07, District’s 2006-2007 Initial Reopener Bargaining Proposals for Unit F, Teacher Assistants: Assigned to the Consent Calendar of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2007

Board of Education Report No. 267 – 06/07, District’s 2006-2007 Initial Reopener Bargaining Proposals for Unit G, Playground Aides: Assigned to the Consent Calendar of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2007

Board of Education Report No. 268 – 06/07, District’s 2006-2007 Initial Reopener Bargaining Proposals for Unit S, Classified Supervisors: Assigned to the Consent Calendar of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2007

Board of Education Report No. 269 – 06/07, District’s 2006-2007 Initial Reopener Bargaining Proposals for Unit E, Skilled Crafts: Assigned to the Consent Calendar of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2007

REPORT POSTPONED FROM REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2007

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 220 – 06/07
Contract Actions and Professional Services Contracts (Attachment B)

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Mr. Mark Hovatter, Director, Facilities Contracts, responded to questions from Board Members regarding board report format and contract actions.

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

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.
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RECEIPT OF REPORTS (continued)

Board of Education Report No. 278 – 06/07, Application for Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) – SB 1133: Assigned to Special Board Meeting of March 22, 2007

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Mr. Jaime Vega, Inner City Struggle
Mr. Marqueece Harris Dawson, Community Coalition
Ms. Marilyn Martinez, South Central Youth Empowered Through Action

Mr. Dawson and Mr. Reed responded to questions from Board Members regarding selection and process.

Ms. García requested information on California High School Exit Exam consideration, Academic Performance Index growth, Title I ranking, and plans for best use of funds. Mr. Lansing requested information on class size reduction and other uses for the funds.

Mr. John Ralles, Director, SB-1X Office, also addressed the Board.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 221 – 06/07
District's Initial Negotiating Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA)

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 230 – 06/07
Agreements and Amendments

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 238 – 06/07
Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School Renewal

This item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of March 29, 2007.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 243 – 06/07
Animo College Preparatory Charter High School Nos. 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12

The public hearing and action on this item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of March 29, 2007.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 246 – 06/07
Student Expulsion Issues

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Maria Mendez (Case No. 123 - 06/07)
Ms. Robin Thomas (Case No. 129 – 06/07)

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lansing seconded the motion.

Mr. Hector Madrigal, Director, Pupil Services, responded to questions from Board Members regarding expulsion records.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 247 – 06/07
Student Reinstatements

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 261 – 06/07
Various Purchasing Transactions

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Duane Johnson, Chief Procurement Officer, Mr. Eugene, Mr. Dan Isaacs, Chief Operating Officer, Superintendent Brewer, and Mr. Dennis Barrett, Director, Food Services, responded to questions from Board Members regarding purchasing options, storage, bulk purchasing, P-card use, environmental impacts, recyclable products, Sabia task order, and timelines.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, with the exception of Ms. Korenstein who voted no on Contract No. C-238. Ms. García was absent.

Later in the meeting, Ms. García recorded an aye vote on the report.

The final vote was 7 ayes, with the noted exception.

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President Carter modified the Order of Business.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subject indicated:

Mr. Roberto Fonseca	District Advisory Committee Issues
Dr. John Fernandez, Latino Movement USA	American Vision U.S. History Textbook
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo	Parent Involvement
Ms. Barbara Johnson and Cleo Ray	Local District Issues
Ms. Rosio Martinez	School Police Shortages/Safety
Ms. Olga Hall	Education
Ms. Jonni Sommers	Education
Ms. Kay Brown	Education
Mr. Juan Cortez	Police Shortages
Ms. Alicia Bautista	Police Shortages
Ms. Blanca Palacios	Police Shortages
Mr. Hoku Jeffrey, By Any Means Necessary	Observance of Cesar Chavez Holiday
Ms. Ali Cruz	Observance of Cesar Chavez Holiday
Roosevelt High School Student	Observance of Cesar Chavez Holiday
Ms. Elena Rosales	Traditional Calendar for Independence ES

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.
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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 270 – 06/07 Provisional Internship Permit

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García and Mr. Lansing were absent.

Later in the meeting, Ms. García recorded an aye vote on the report.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 271 – 06/07
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García and Mr. Lansing were absent.

Later in the meeting, Ms. García recorded an aye vote on the report.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 272 – 06/07
Routine Personnel Actions

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

Mr. Robert Fisher, Director, Employee Relations, responded to questions from Board Members regarding timelines for receipt of reports.

After discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Lansing was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 275 – 06/07
Liability Insurance Claims

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 276 – 06/07
Notice of Release/Reassignment for Certificated Administrators

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

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lauritzen announced his intention to bring forth a resolution requesting the Office of the Inspector General examine the implementation of the Business Tools for Schools system.

Ms. García requested action at the next meeting on a resolution requesting Support of Cesar E. Chavez Day.

BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Mr. Bill Ring addressed the Board on the resolutions regarding the Magnet Program and Life Skills Course.

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, re-allotment of TIIG 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, 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 and action postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of March 29, 2007.

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 and action postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of March 29, 2007.

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 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 and action postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of March 29, 2007.

Ms. García moved the following resolution in Support of Feria del Libro:

Whereas, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District pursues collaboration with teachers, parents, community members, and civic leaders to achieve higher levels of student academic performance;

Whereas, Academic achievement is dependent on proficiency in all aspects of literacy, and in particular, in the reading ability of students;

Whereas, Reading books after school and on weekends is a desirable habit that translates into love for reading, improved reading skills and academic achievement;

Whereas, Many students who attend the District schools do not have reading material in their homes and their communities lack access to bookstores and libraries;

Whereas, A culture of literacy and high achievement must be a shared responsibility of families, schools, and communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District promotes and supports the Million Word Challenge to encourage students to read millions of words “beyond the bell;”

Resolved further, That the Board collaborates with the City of Los Angeles, Families in Schools (FIS), the Alliance for a Better Community (ABC), the Boyle Heights Learning Collaborative (BHLC), La Opinión, Telemundo, the Disney Company, Washington Mutual Bank, Target, and other partners and sponsors in the “5th Annual “Feria del Libro: A Family Book Fair” to be held on June 2, 2007;

Resolved further, That the Board, the Superintendent, and his designated staff collaborate in the planning and implementation of the Million Word Challenge and the “Feria del Libro: A Family Book Fair” so that students can purchase quality books from diverse book vendors, participate in literacy-based activities, and begin to develop book buying/ownership habits as an investment in their future, nurturing a life long appetite for books and for reading; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent directs central office, Local District, and school site staff to support and participate in this event, and to inform and invite students and their families to participate in all related activities.

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

Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein – Affirm Commitment to Spirit and Intent of the Project Stabilization Agreement

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is engaged in a \$19.3 billion construction program, which is one of the largest and most ambitious construction programs in the nation;

Whereas, The District needs support from the local contracting community and local unions to accomplish the goals of building new schools and improving existing facilities to provide sufficient facilities and technologies to properly educate the children within the District's boundaries;

Whereas, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District entered into a Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA) in 2003 with local building and construction unions to ensure labor harmony, provide uniform labor relations, prevent work stoppages or slowdowns, encourage contracting with small business, hire local workers when possible, provide a sufficient supply of skilled craft persons and establish a standardized grievance/dispute resolution;

Whereas, These goals are an essential element of the partnership that the Board and District have labored to build and strengthen through adoption of the Project Stabilization Agreement and any deliberate actions which violate the spirit and intent of the PSA must be seen as the most serious challenge to the integrity of the District's commitment to its stated goals and objectives, and dealt with accordingly;

Whereas, Contractors performing work on District projects who engage in conduct contrary to not only the letter, but the spirit and intent of the PSA, and are, among other things, jeopardizing the District's ability to provide a sufficient supply of skilled craft persons on its projects; and

Whereas, A contractor who violates the letter, spirit or intent of the PSA is likely in breach of a legally enforceable contractual provision; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, in its proprietary capacity, condemns deliberate efforts to subvert and disrupt the spirit and intent of the Project Stabilization Agreement and thereby directs the Superintendent or his designee to take all necessary measures to hold contractors engaged in these practices accountable for their actions, up to and including the revocation of their pre-qualification status to bid and work on District projects.

This item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of March 29, 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the Regular Board Meeting of March 27, 2007 be rescheduled to March 29, 2007. Ms. García seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

Mr. Lauritzen announced that the Budget and Finance Committee will meet March 27, 2007.

Ms. LaMotte announced the Curriculum and Instruction Committee will meet March 27, 2007.

Ms. LaMotte announced that March is National Women's History Month.

Mr. Tokofsky announced there will be a Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 1 p.m. on March 15, 2007, regarding Quality Education Investment Act (SB 1133).

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. LaMotte moved the approval of the following minutes of the governing board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

10 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, February 6, 2007
10:30 a.m., Special Closed Session Meeting, February 20, 2007

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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Korenstein moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. García seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: May 13, 2008

MARLENE CANTER
PRESIDENT

JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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