

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, June 26, 2007
Recessed to 1 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 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, June 26, 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. Mike Lansing, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, Mr. David Tokofsky, and President Marlene Canter. Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Superintendent David Brewer, III, was present.

Mr. Lauritzen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business
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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

At the invitation of the Board, Dr. Philip Hart, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute Los Angeles (ULI), stated that the Sky Arc team from Reseda High School was the winner of the Citywide Urban Plan High School Program. The team received \$1,000 scholarship for each of its members. He introduced Ms. Starlett Quarles, Co-Chair of the Urban Plan Program and a member of the ULI Executive Committee, who provided a brief background on this year's project, which was to build a development plan for the Marlton Square Project in Baldwin Hills. She called on the team members to share their winning project.

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President Canter passed gavel to Mr. Lauritzen and left the meeting.
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Ms. García commented on the 77 middle schools that submitted 545 projects in 25 categories to the Los Angeles County Science Fair Junior Division. She noted that Hollenbeck Middle School entered a total of 16 projects, of which 3 were from their Magnet School. Of the 16 projects, 13 were among the finalists, earning Hollenbeck the title of having the most awards. She stated that at the California State Science Fair, Hollenbeck was one of 969 participants and came in second place with 8 awards.

Ms. García introduced Mr. Larry Simonson and Mr. Fred Contrell, teachers at Hollenbeck, who called on some of the students to share their projects. Mr. Leonard DeLeon, Magnet Coordinator of the Hollenbeck Math, Science and Technology Magnet, also addressed the Board.

Ms. Korenstein welcomed kindergarten students from Valerio Primary Center. She stated that Valerio has 11 full-day kindergarten classes, 3 SRLDP classes, a special education program, and a diverse student population. She noted that as the result of having full-day kindergarten and Open Court Learning, students are learning to read before leaving kindergarten. Dr. Jim Morris, Local District 2 Superintendent, addressed the Board. The students then read individually to each Board Member.

The Board saluted their colleague Mr. Tokofsky for his years of service to the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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President Canter assumed the Chair.
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A song from Ms. Karen Benjamin and Mr. Alan Chapman began the salute.

Remarks were heard from the following speakers:

- Mr. Dan Isaacs, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr. Jack O'Connell, California Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Hon. Richard Riordan, Former Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
- Hon. Richard Polanco, Former California State Senator
- Hon. Esteban Torres, Former United States Congressman
- Ms. Pamela Huntoon, Education Deputy to Los Angeles City Councilmember Jan Perry

President Canter read a list of commendations received from government officials and agencies addressed to Mr. Tokofsky.

Remarks continued to be heard from:

- Mr. Mark Slavkin, Former Board of Education President
- Mr. Eric Boyd, representing State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas
- Ms. Tammy Kahn, representing Assemblymember Ted Lieu
- Ms. Elizabeth Garcia, representing Assemblymember Anthony Potantino
- Hon. David Roberti, Former State Senate President Pro Tem
- Hon. Mike Roos, Former State Assemblymember

Ms. Benjamin and Mr. Chapman performed.

The presentation continued with remarks from:

- Mr. Bill Lloyd, SEIU Local 99
- Mr. Jerry Thornton, Inspector General
- Mr. Alan Warhaftig, Magnet Coordinator, Fairfax Magnet Center

Mr. Dafir Dakhil
Mr. Darry Sragow
Mr. Don Davis, Superintendent's Chief of Staff
Mr. Ron Prescott
Ms. Miki Tokofsky, mother to Board Member Tokofsky
Mr. Peter Tokofsky, brother to Board Member Tokofsky
Mr. Paul Chapman
Mr. Stewart Bubar, Culver City School Board Member
Ms. Helen Hernandez

Video messages from Ms. Sandra Tsing-Loh and Mr. Steve Barr were viewed.

The program continued with remarks from:

Ms. Geraldine Contreras, representing Assemblymember Mike Eng
Dr. Santiago Jackson, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Adult & Career Education
Mr. Sigifredo Lopez
Ms. Marion Joseph
Dr. Ronni Ephraim, Chief Instructional Officer, Elementary
Dr. Jim Morris, Local District 2 Superintendent
Mr. James Reem

Ms. Benjamin and Mr. Chapman again performed.

Final remarks were heard from:

Mr. Day Higuchi, United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)
Ms. Linda Guthrie, UTLA
Mr. Bill Lambert, UTLA
Ms. Susan Gossman, California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Ms. Valerie Hopkins, CSEA
Mr. Todd Clark, Constitutional Rights Foundation
Mr. Marshall Croddy, Constitutional Rights Foundation
Dr. Mike O'Sullivan, President, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
Ms. Karen Timko, School Mental Health Services
Ms. Kelly Jones, School Mental Health Services
Mr. Jack Moskovitz
Ms. Sheila Smith
Ms. Ana Lasso, Former Chief of Staff to Mr. Tokofsky
Ms. Sarah Bradshaw, Former Chief of Staff to Mr. Tokofsky
Mrs. Tara Tokofsky, wife of Board Member Tokofsky
Misses Rachel and Rebecca Tokofsky, daughters of Board Member Tokofsky

Board Members and Superintendent Brewer wished Mr. Tokofsky success in his future endeavors.

President Canter presented Mr. Tokofsky with a Board resolution and the traditional school bell.

Mr. Tokofsky thanked the Board Members and wished the new Board continued success.

CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Personnel (Government Code §54957)

Employee Evaluation:

Superintendent of Schools

Public Employee Employment:

Regional Construction Director

Director of Real Estate

Business Manager

Local District Superintendents (3)

Director of Maintenance & Operations

Director of Operations – New Facilities

Senior Resident Construction Engineer

New Construction Manager

Assistant Superintendent, School Operations

Regional Construction Directors (2)

Director, Benefits Administration

Asst. Supt., Secondary Education & School Support Services

Director of Transportation

Chief of Staff

Executive Director, Innovation Division

Chief Information Officer

Assistant Superintendent, Small Learning Communities

Assistant Superintendent, Staff Relations

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

2. Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation (Government Code §54956.9 (a))

Los Angeles Unified School District v. American International Group, Inc., et.al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 348165

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

Negotiator: Superintendent Brewer

Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
California School Employees Association
Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council
Los Angeles School Police Officers Association
Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association
Service Employees International Union, SEIU Local 99
Teamsters
United Teachers Los Angeles
District Represented Employees and Contract Management Personnel

President Canter made the following statement:

This is a Board Meeting of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education convened pursuant to Government Code 54957. This meeting has been called for the purpose of considering the recommendation of loss of confidence of Dr. Roberta Konrad. This matter was properly placed on the Board's closed agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)1, which is the personnel exception under California's opening meeting law known as the Brown Act. Also pursuant to the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54957(b)2, the employee in question was given 1) notice that the matter has been placed on the closed agenda of a regular meeting scheduled for today, June 26, 2007, at 10 a.m.; and 2) an opportunity to request that the matter instead be heard in open session. I have been informed that the employee has made a timely request that the matter be heard in open session; therefore, this matter will be heard at this time.

Before we begin, I will take a few minutes to explain the process that will be used to conduct this open session. Under the Brown Act, an employee may request that complaints and charges be heard in open session. Complaints and charges have been interpreted to include serious concerns warranting discipline, even if the employee is at-will. The open meeting requirement does not give at-will employees the right to formal charges or other for cause termination due process rights. It just means that when such a request is made, we are required to hear in open session the complaints and/or charges that we would have otherwise heard in closed session. Therefore, we will hear from Ms. Linda Del Cueto, Local District 8 Superintendent, and Maureen Diekman, Director of Local District 4, on the factual basis for her recommendation in open session. The employee will then be given an opportunity to speak. The Board will then entertain public comment from anyone else who wishes to speak on the matter. After public comment, the Board will move to closed session for deliberations. The Board will determine whether discipline is appropriate and the level of discipline in closed session. Any final action will be announced when the Board reconvenes in open session.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Leticia Figueroa, Principal of Bushnell Way Elementary School
Ms. Maureen Diekmann, Local District 4 Director, Elementary Schools
Ms. Linda Del Cueto, Local District 8 Superintendent, former Assistant Superintendent of Staff Relations
Mr. Richard Alonzo, Local District 4 Superintendent

Dr. Roberta Konrad
Mr. Leni Posner
Dr. Mike O'Sullivan, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Ms. LaMotte called on Ms. Krystle Evans, a former Crenshaw High School student, to join her at the podium. Ms. LaMotte presented Ms. Evans with a commendation for her service and dedication to the community and the students of Crenshaw High School. Ms. Evans, who is a student at the University of California Los Angeles, was being recognized for her efforts in encouraging other Crenshaw High School students to pursue college careers. Certificates were also presented to the current student government members of Crenshaw High School.

CLOSED SESSION (Continued)

Mr. John Schafer, Los Angeles County Building and Trades Council addressed the Board.

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The Board recessed into closed session at 2:21 p.m.
Closed session discussion began at 2:30 p.m. and ended at 3:43 p.m.
All Board Members were present during the closed portion of the meeting.

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The Board reconvened at 3:56 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Lauritzen, and President Canter. Mr. Tokofsky arrived at 3:58 p.m.

Ms. Medina announced the following reportable actions:

The Board approved the following Public Employee Employment contracts:

Mr. Philip Aja, Regional Construction Director, term period ending 6/30/08
Mr. Ronald Bagel, Director of Real Estate, term period ending 6/30/09

The vote was unanimous 7 ayes.

Mr. Michael Eugene, Business Manager, term period ending 6/30/10

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. García

Mr. Martin Galindo, Local District 6 Superintendent, term period ending 6/30/09
Mr. Richard Gamble, Director of Maintenance and Operations, term period ending 6/30/09

The vote was unanimous, 7 ayes.

Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Director of Operations, New Facilities, term period ending 6/30/10

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. García

Mr. Don Johnson, Senior Resident Construction Engineer, term period ending 6/30/09

Mr. Raju Kaval, New Construction Manager, term ending 6/30/09

Mr. Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, School Operations, term period ending 6/30/09

Ms. Gail Pipal, Regional Construction Director, term period ending 6/30/08

Ms. Susan Rodriguez, Director, Benefits Administration, term period ending 6/30/08

Ms. Liza Scruggs, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education & School Support Services,
term period ending 6/30/09

Ms. Carol Truscott, Local District 7 Superintendent, term period ending 6/30/09

Mr. Enrique Boull't, Director of Transportation, term period ending 6/30/09

Mr. Don Davis, Chief of Staff to the Superintendent, term period ending 6/30/10

Ms. Linda Del Cueto, Local District 8 Superintendent, term period ending 6/30/09

The vote was unanimous, 7 ayes.

Ms. Gale Hughes, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Relations, term period ending 6/30/09

The vote was 5 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. García and Ms. LaMotte

Ms. Kathie Littman, Executive Director, Innovation Division, term period ending 6/30/09

The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. LaMotte

Ms. Shelly Westin, Special Projects Officer, term period ending 6/30/08

The vote was unanimous, 7 ayes

The approval of the loss of confidence recommendation made by District staff of Dr. Roberta Konrad failed.

The vote was 3 ayes, Mr. Lansing, Ms. García, Ms. Canter, 1 no, Ms. LaMotte, 3 abstentions, Ms. Korenstein, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 449 – 06/07

Adoption of the Superintendent's 2007-08 Provisional Budget Including Policies

Followed in Preparing the Superintendent's Provisional Budget

President Canter made the following statement:

An opportunity will be given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the Superintendent's 2007-08 Provisional Budget Including Policies Followed in Preparing the Superintendent's Provisional Budget.

This constitutes a public hearing, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to the item should go to the recording booth at the back of the Board Room and fill out a speaker's card. Those individuals will be heard after any speakers already on the list.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Mr. Winston Brown, Area Bus Supervisor, Transportation Branch
Ms. Connie Oser, Teamsters Union, Classified Supervisors
Ms. Judy Wilborn, Assistant Area Bus Supervisor

Dr. Roger Rasmussen, Director of Budget Services, and Mr. Eugene responded to concerns expressed by the speakers.

Ms. Susan Gossman, California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Ms. Valerie Hawkins, CSEA
Mr. Matt Gentile, CSEA
Ms. Erica Duarte, CSEA
Ms. Linda Tubach, Collective Bargaining Education Project
Mr. Abe Petrou, Math Professional Development Facilitator
Ms. Marcia Bosma, Math Professional Development Facilitator
Dr. Philip Ogbuehi, Math Professional Development Facilitator
Mr. Nigel Nisbet, Math Professional Development Facilitator
Mr. Victor Provencio, Math Professional Development Facilitator
Mr. Robert Garcia
Ms. Irma Muñoz
Ms. Alicia Loncar, SEIU Local 99
Ms. Sharon Walker

Superintendent Brewer commented on the number of public budget meetings and briefing with Board Members held to address various aspects of the budget. He stated that the provisional budget is dedicating over \$200 million in class size reduction, \$12 million to supplement State funds for textbooks, shifting resources to continue academic coaching initiative, and directing resources to change the culture of low achieving schools. The Superintendent reiterated his commitment to fulfilling the District's mission and is awareness of the difficult decisions that need to be made to address the \$95 million deficit. He outlined his goal of streamlining the District and eliminating inefficiencies.

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

Superintendent Brewer and Ms. Donnalyn Jacque-Anton, Chief Educational Officer, responded to questions regarding Special Education assistance, Mr. Robert Collins, Chief Instructional Officer, Secondary, responded regarding professional development/training positions, Dr. Rasmussen, Dr. Ronni Ephraim, Chief Instructional Officer, Elementary, and Mr. Eugene responded regarding textbooks and consumable material, and Dr. Janalyn Glymph, General Manager of KLCS-TV, responded to questions regarding other budget reductions by Board Members.

Following discussion, action on the budget was postponed to the reconvened session of the Regular Board Meeting which took place on June 28, 2007.

At the reconvened meeting, Mr. Mike Ford, representing CSEA, addressed the Board.

Superintendent Brewer, Dr. Rasmussen, Mr. Burbridge, and Ms. Del Cueto responded to questions from Board Members.

Superintendent Brewer reviewed again the provisional budget for Board Members.

Superintendent Brewer, Mr. Mehula, Mr. Burbridge, Mr. Davis, Dr. Ephraim, and Dr. Rasmussen responded to questions from Board Members.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 423 – 06/07
Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report,
Proposed Central Region Elementary School No. 14 Project

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 424 – 06/07
Project Reapproval for Central Region Elementary School No. 14

The following speakers addressed the Board on Board of Education Report Nos. 423 & 424 – 06/07:

With the consent of Board Members, Mr. J. Miguel Flores representing the Silverstein Law Firm for Right Site Coalition was given the opportunity to speak in place of Brad Turner

Ms. Christine Peters, Right Site Coalition

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

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Mr. Bennett Kayser, Vice President, Greater Echo Park/Elysian Neighborhood Council
Ms. Isa-Kae Meksin, Echo Park Resident
Ms. Ida Talalla, Echo Park Resident
Mr. Andrew Garston, Right Site Coalition
Mr. Mitch O’Farrell, Office of Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti
Ms. Ines Curtis

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President Canter assumed the Chair.

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Ms. Juanita Dellomes, Echo Park Resident
Ms. Patricia Mendoza
Ms. Elizabeth Salazar

Ms. Isamar Camacho	Cesar Chavez Holiday
Ms. Cleo Anderson	Gifted Program
Ms. Cleo Ray	Education of African American Students
Ms. Esther Lofton	No Response from Superintendent and Board Members regarding Petition
Mr. Manuel Aldana	Education
Ms. Barbara Torres shared her time with Mr. James Wickes	Better Tools Schools (BTS) at Garfield High School

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President Canter assumed the Chair.

Mr. Rolando Rodriguez	School Concerns
Ms. Denise Neal	Homeless and Native American Children’s Needs

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Canter made the following statement:

An opportunity will be given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the Request for Waiver of California Code of Regulations to Permit Scanning of District Records

This constitutes a public hearing, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to the item should go to the recording booth at the back of the Board Room and fill out a speaker’s card. Those individuals will be heard after any speakers already on the list.

There were no speakers.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 420 – 06/07
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of
Central Region Elementary School No. 19 and Early Education Center

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 427 – 06/07
Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into a Lease Amendment to Extend the Lease for District Field
Office for Board of Education Member M. LaMotte, 5351 West Adams Boulevard

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 428 – 06/07

Authorization to Enter into a Lease Amendment to Extend the Lease for 2400 West 24th Street for the Jesse Owens Community Day School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 430 – 06/07

Amendment to New Construction and Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plans for Use of Measure Y Funds

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 432 – 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 Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 433 – 06/07

Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Fund Alteration and Improvement and Board Member Priority Projects at Various Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 434 – 06/07

Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Cancel Twenty-Four Projects

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 435 – 06/07

Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Fund a Culinary Arts Facility Upgrade at Dorsey High School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 436 – 06/07

Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Fund a Police Substation Project at Local District 1 Offices

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 437 – 06/07

Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Include 140 Chanda Smith Modified Consent Decree On-Demand Accessibility Projects

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 438 – 06/07

Amendment to Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Approve the Methodology for Establishing Core Facilities Priorities and the Approval of 24 Grandstand Renovation Projects Utilizing Measure Y Funding

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 444 – 06/07

Fourth Annual Progress Report on Proposition 47 Funded Critically Overcrowded School Program (COS I) Preliminary Apportionments

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 445 – 06/07

Third Annual Progress Report on Proposition 55 Funded Critically Overcrowded School Program (COS II) Preliminary Apportionments

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 455 – 06/07

Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for Track Improvement at Marshall High School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 418 – 06/07
Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Measure K, Series C (2007), Measure R, Series H (2007) and
Measure Y, Series E (2007)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 439 – 06/07
Supplemental Educational Service Providers Contract

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 446 – 06/07
Naming of Island Elementary School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 447 – 06/07
Naming of Arleta High School of Science, Math and Related Technologies

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 448 – 06/07
High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETS)
After School Service Provider Contracts

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 458 – 06/07
2006-2007 Reopener Agreement Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the
Teamsters Local 572 for Unit S, Classified Supervisors

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 459 – 06/07
2005-2008 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the
Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association, Unit H

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 460 – 06/07
Submission of the 2007-08 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 461 – 06/07
Request for Board Designation of Senior Management Positions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 440 – 06/07
Request for Waiver of California Code of Regulations to Permit Scanning of District Records

Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent the Consent Calendar was adopted.

Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, requested that Board Members reconsider the approval of the consent calendar to separate Board of Education Report No. 448 – 06/07, which requires that Mr. Lansing recuse himself from any discussion. Ms. García moved the reconsideration. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

Ms. García moved adoption of the reports designated as Consent Calendar items in accordance with Board Rule 61 with the exception of Board of Education Report No. 448 – 06/07. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 448 – 06/07
High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSETS)
After School Service Provider Contracts

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

RECEIPT OF REPORTS

Board of Education Report No. 469 – 06/07 – Agreements and Amendments: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 475 – 06/07 – Establishment of Interest Bearing Checking Account to Disburse Federal Title IV Financial Aid to Eligible Division of Adult and Career Education Students Attending Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 483 – 06/07 – Authorization to Enter Into Negotiations with the Westside YMCA for the Development and Joint Use of Facilities at University High School Campus: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 488 – 06/07 – WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO MEETING

REPORTS POSTPONED FROM REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF
APRIL 24, MAY 22, AND JUNE 12, 2007

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 417 – 06/07
Establishment of New Special Reserve Fund – Non-Capital Outlays

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

REGULAR CALENDAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 419 – 06/07
Ratification of Contract Actions and Approval of Professional Services Contract

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 421 – 06/07
Approval and Resetting of Facilities Services Division's Delegations of Authority

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 425 – 06/07
Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report,
Proposed Valley Region Elementary School No. 10 Projects

The following speaker addressed the Board:

Ms. Marie O’Connell read a statement from Ms. Ana Godoy

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 426 – 06/07
Project Approval Valley Region Elementary School No. 10

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 429 – 06/07
Authorization to Enter Into a Development Agreement and Ground Lease for the
Development of Joint-Use Project at the District Owned Site of the
Proposed Glassell Park Early Education Center

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 443 – 06/07
2006-2007 Qualified Zone Academy Bond Issuance

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 456 – 06/07
Agreements and Amendments

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

Mr. Collins and Mr. Burbridge responded to questions from Board Members.

Mr. Lansing moved that the agreements with the City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Building and Safety, No. 0800048 and Pearson Achievement Solutions Nos. 0800285 and 0800304 be postponed to the reconvened meeting on June 28, 2007, and the balance of the report be adopted. Ms. García seconded the motion.

By general consent, the report, with the exceptions noted, was adopted.

At the reconvened meeting on June 28, 2007, Mr. Lansing moved the report with the substitution of pages 28 and 29 with “revised” pages 28 and 29, adoption of the agreements with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, No. 0800048, and Pearson Achievement Solutions Nos. 0800285 and 0800304, and the substitution of pages 35 through 40 with “revised” pages 35 through 40. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Collins, Mr. Glenn Daley, representing the Program Evaluation and Research Branch, Ms. Sharon Curry, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Student Integration Services, Mr. Burbridge, Ms. Betty Ng, Controller, and Mr. Eugene responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the items as amended were adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 462 – 06/07
Temporary Expansion of the New Construction Relocation Payment Revolving Account

Ms. García moved the report be adopted with the amendment that the Board receives a monthly report of activities on the account. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 464 – 06/07
Delinquent Tax Financing

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

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 468 – 06/07
Amendment to Board Rule 1104 Regarding Daily Schedules of Schools

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

Mr. Eugene and Mr. Reed responded to questions from the Board Members.

With the Consent of Board Members, following speakers were given the opportunity to address the Board:

Ms. Adriana Salazar
Ms. Alicia Loncar, SEIU Local 99

Action on the report was postponed to the reconvened Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2007.

At the reconvened meeting on June 28, 2007, Mr. Reed, Mr. Eugene, and Ms. Del Cueto responded to questions by Board Members.

On roll call, the report was adopted, 4 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lauritzen. Ms. Korenstein was absent.

DIRECTS (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 472 – 06/07
Various Purchasing Transactions

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

Mr. Burbridge responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 473 – 06/07
Naming of William Jefferson Clinton Middle School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 489 – 06/07
Naming of 4th Street Primary Center

Ms. García moved that Board of Education Report Nos. 473 and 489 – 06/07 be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 474 – 06/07
Provisional Internship Permit

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 480 – 06/07
Routine Personnel Actions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 481 – 06/07
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Ms. Korenstein moved that Board of Education Report Nos. 474, 480, and 481 – 06/07 be adopted. Ms. García seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 482 – 06/07
Report of Warrants Issued, Request to Reissue Stale-Dated Warrant, and Donation of Money

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

BOARD MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following resolution regarding 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 receives public quarterly reports of Impact Fees expended by projects.

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

The following speakers addressed the Board on Mr. Lauritzen's resolution regarding Tenure for Adult Teachers:

Ms. Jane Hirsh, Math Teacher, Education and Career Center Mid Wilshire
Ms. Fumi Bankole, Teacher, AFOC
Mr. Roger Barwise, ESL Teacher, Education and Career Center Mid Wilshire

Mr. Ed Rodriguez, ESL Teacher, Jefferson Community Adult School
Mr. Douglass Hoffman
Ms. Vashi Ratsinger

Board Members requested that Mr. Lauritzen's resolution be postponed to the reconvened June 28, 2007, Board Meeting.

At the reconvened meeting, Mr. Lauritzen moved:

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District has incorporated the Division of Adult and Career Education within the Secondary Division;

Whereas, Providing educational services to parents of school-age children is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve the school performance of children;

Whereas, Los Angeles has the most undereducated and underemployed adult population of any major metropolitan region in the United States;

Whereas, The District, through its Division of Adult and Career Education, provides educational services to 450,000 adults each year;

Whereas, A quality education program depends on attracting and keeping highly skilled and experienced teachers;

Whereas, It is becoming increasingly difficult to hire and retain highly qualified career and technical education and adult education teachers;

Whereas, Existing policy and practice restrict many adult and career education teachers to part time positions; thus, denying them the opportunity to become tenured teachers; and

Whereas, Denying job security and permanent status to the vast majority of adult education and career and technical education teachers is detrimental to our educational programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the topic of permanent teachers in adult education be analyzed from programmatic and fiscal perspectives to identify the percentage of teachers that would enhance teacher tenure; and that the goal be for the number of permanent teachers be increased, if fiscally feasible, from its present percentage.

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

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following resolution regarding National Volunteer Week:

Whereas, EmpowerLA is a collaborative of the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District School Volunteer Program, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Police Activities League, Safe School Ambassadors, School Employees Union, the Mayor's Office, and the City Attorney's Office;

Whereas, Volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations like the members of the EmpowerLA collaborative;

Whereas, The entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small;

Whereas, Thousands of volunteers working in their communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children;

Whereas, During this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service;

Whereas, EmpowerLA will work with schools to coordinate the service projects and volunteer recognitions during the National Volunteer Week;

Whereas, The giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

Whereas, Volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District recognizes the significance of volunteers and the importance of National Volunteer Week, which will be held from April 23, 2008, to May 3, 2008; and be it

Resolved further, That the Board urges all schools to participate in the activities of the National Volunteer Week with the help of the EmpowerLA collaborative.

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

MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. García moved the following motion regarding a Resolution of Intention to Approve an Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

Whereas, The Public Employees' Retirement Law permits the participation of public agencies and their employees in the Public Employees' Retirement System by the execution of a contract, and sets forth the procedure by which said public agencies may elect to subject themselves and their employees to amendments to said Law;

Whereas, One of the steps in the procedures to amend this contract is the adoption by the governing board of the public agency of a resolution giving notice of its intention to approve an amendment to said contract, which resolution shall contain a summary of the change proposed in said contract; and

Whereas, The following is a statement of the proposed change:

To provide Section 20904 (two years additional service credit) for miscellaneous members.

Now, therefore be it Resolved, That the governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District does hereby give notice of intention to approve an amendment to the contract between said public agency and the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, a copy of said amendment being attached hereto, as an "Exhibit" and by this reference made a part hereof.

Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Reed responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the motion was adopted. Mr. Lauritzen was absent.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

Mr. Lauritzen was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

10 a.m., Special Meeting, May 17, 2007

11 a.m., Special Meeting, May 29, 2007

10 a.m., Special Meeting, June 19, 2007

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

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The meeting was recessed at 9:26 p.m. to reconvene at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2008.

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The June 26, 2007, Board Meeting was reconvened simultaneously with a Special Board Meeting at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007.

The following Members were present: Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Lauritzen, and President Canter. Ms. LaMotte and Mr. Tokofsky arrived at 1:37 p.m.

Superintendent David Brewer, III, was present.

Mr. Lauritzen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business
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INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

ROY ROMER SCHOLARSHIP FOR CIVIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

President Canter stated that the Roy Romer Scholarship was established to honor the District's former Superintendent's career commitment to public service in giving back to the community. Two graduating students who demonstrated consistent volunteerism in their schools and communities have been selected to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Ms. Beverly Ryder gave the background on the scholarship. Former Superintendent Roy Romer presented and Ms. Ryder presented certificates of recognition to two of the finalists Erika Ballesteros and Caroline Faradolu and recognized Awais Khan, Omair Khan, and Jennifer Lew who were unable to attend the meeting. The students gave brief descriptions of their volunteer work and stated which colleges they would be attending in the fall. Ms. Ryder then introduced Ms. Sea Choi from Belmont High School and Kelsey Jimerson from Westchester High School, scholarship winners.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION SAFETY AWARD

Mr. John Kimber, Regional Manager, Liberty Mutual Loss Prevention, provided background regarding the establishment of the Safety Award to recognize companies that take significant efforts and achieve significant results in the reduction of accidents. Mr. Bill Turner, Account Manager for Liberty Mutual, presented the Los Angeles Unified School District Facilities Services Division with the award. On behalf of the Facilities Services Division, Mr. Mehula accepted the recognition and acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Dave Holmquist and the staff of Risk Management and Insurance Services.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.
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CLOSED SESSION (Continued)

1. Personnel (Government Code §54957)

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Mr. Tokofsky moved to reconsider the action regarding the loss of confidence of Dr. Roberta Konrad. Ms. García seconded the motion.

Ms. Medina, Mr. Reed, and Ms. Del Cueto responded to questions from Board Members.

The motion to reconsider was adopted 4 ayes, 3 noes, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lauritzen.

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The Board recessed into closed session at 2:07 p.m.
Closed session discussion began at 2:11 p.m. and ended at 2:42 p.m.
All Board Members were present during the closed session.

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The Board reconvened at 2:44 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Lauritzen, and President Canter. Mr. Tokofsky arrived at 2:43 p.m.

Ms. Medina announced the following reportable actions:

The approval of the loss of confidence recommendation made by District staff of Dr. Roberta Konrad failed.

The vote was 3 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, 2 abstentions, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF BARGAINING UNION'S INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR 2007-08

President Canter made the following announcement:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the 2007-2008 initial negotiating proposals from United Teachers Los Angeles and the Service Employees International Union, SEIU Local 99.

There were no speakers.

President Canter then announced:

This was the final opportunity to speak to the initial negotiating proposals from the two bargaining unions.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS (Continued)

Board of Education Report No. 477 – 06/07 – View Park Preparatory Accelerated Charter Middle School Renewal: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 479 – 06/07 – Para Los Niños Charter School Renewal: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Mr. McNair responded to questions from Board Members.

Board of Education Report No. 484 – 06/07 – Thurgood Marshall Charter Middle School Charter Petition: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 485 – 06/07 – Thurgood Marshall Charter High School Charter Petition: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 486 – 06/07 – Urban Academy Charter Middle School Charter Petition: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 487 – 06/07 – Urban Academy Charter High School Charter Petition: Assigned to Regular Calendar

At this time, the Board considered action on Board of Education Report No. 491 – 06/07 regarding Discovery Charter Preparatory School No. 2, which was listed on the agenda for the Special Board Meeting and Board of Education Revised Report No. 393 – 06/07. Board of Education Report No. 490 – 06/07 would approve the charter for one year.

REPORTS POSTPONED FROM REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF
APRIL 24, MAY 22, AND JUNE 12, 2007 (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 393 – 06/07
Discovery Charter School Charter Petition

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

Mr. McNair explained that the Board would be taking action to deny the renewal of the original charter, and would also be acting to either reject or approve Board of Education Report No. 492 – 06/07 to allow the charter to exist for one-year. The one-year approval was to provide an opportunity to evaluate the most recent student test scores. After the year, the petitioners may either go to the State or the Board for a request for renewal.

Mr. McNair, Superintendent Brewer, and Mr. Reed responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS (Continued)

Board of Education Report No. 476 – 06/07 – Downtown Value School Charter Renewal: Assigned to Consent Calendar

President Canter made the following statement:

An opportunity will be given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the Downtown Value School Charter Renewal.

This constitutes a public hearing on the renewal, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to the item should go to the recording booth at the back of the Board Room and fill out a speaker's card. Those individuals will be heard after the speakers already on the list.

Dr. Jerome Porath, President and Chief Executive Officer, Value Schools, addressed the Board:

President Canter made the following statement:

The Board will take final action to either approve or deny the renewal at the Board meeting on July 10, 2007.

Should the charter renewal be denied, the petitioners may submit the renewal request directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or to the State for action.

Board of Education Report No. 478 – 06/07 – Community Harvest Charter School Charter Renewal: Assigned to Consent Calendar

President Canter made the following statement:

An opportunity will be given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the Community Harvest Charter School Renewal.

This constitutes a public hearing on the renewal, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to the item should go to the recording booth at the back of the Board Room and fill out a speaker's card. Those individuals will be heard after the speakers already on the list.

There were no speakers to this item.

President Canter made the following statement:

The Board will take final action to either approve or deny the renewal at the Board meeting on July 10, 2007.

Should the charter renewal be denied, the petitioners may submit the renewal request directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or to the State for action.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.
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REPORTS POSTPONED FROM REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF
APRIL 24, MAY 22, AND JUNE 12, 2007 (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 376 – 06/07
Full Circle Learning Academy Charter Petition

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

Mr. McNair and a representative from the Charter responded to questions from Board Members.

On roll call, the report was adopted, 5 ayes, 1 abstention, Mr. Lauritzen. Ms. Korenstein was absent.

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At this time, the Board considered action on Board of Education Report No. 490 – 06/07 regarding Pacifica Community Carter School No. 2, which was listed on the agenda for the Special Board Meeting, and Board of Education Revised Report No. 392 – 06/07. Board of Education Report No. 490 – 06/07 would approve the charter for one year.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 392 – 06/07
Pacifica Community Charter Renewal

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

Ms. Jeanette Keso and Mr. Eric Bronson, representing Pacifica Community Charter, addressed the Board.

On roll call, the report was adopted by unanimously, 7 ayes.

REGULAR CALENDAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 452 – 06/07
Montague Charter Academy Renewal

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

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Mr. Douglass Buhr
Ms. Rochelle Blisten, Charter Assistant Principal, Special Education
Ms. Denise Woods, Charter Language Arts Instructional Coordinator
Mr. Gus Aranza, Charter parent

Mr. Buhr and Mr. McNair responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 431 – 06/07
Amendment to Add Eight 2007-2008 Proposition 39 Charter School
Renovation Projects to the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan

Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. McNair, Ms. Medina, and Mr. John Allen, Executive Director, Crescendo Schools, responded to questions from Board Members.

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which on roll call, was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. Korenstein. Ms. García was absent.

BOARD MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Ms. Liz Delgado, Senior Program Associate, Children's Defense Fund, addressed the Board on Mr. Lauritzen and Ms. García's resolution regarding Support of Healthy Child Act 2007.

Ms. García moved:

Whereas, More than nine million children under 19 years old in the United States have no health insurance, and every 46 seconds another child is born uninsured in America;

Whereas, Almost 90% of these children live in households with working parents and more than half live in two-parent households;

Whereas, Many of these children are eligible for coverage under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), but are not enrolled in existing programs because of different eligibility and enrollment barriers;

Whereas, An estimated 307,000 children in Los Angeles are uninsured and millions more children in America are underinsured or at risk of losing coverage if their parents change jobs or more employers drop family coverage;

Whereas, Healthcare is essential to school achievement and to reducing crime and later dependency;

Whereas, Children need comprehensive coverage for all medically necessary care with automated program enrollment with continuous eligibility for at least one year; and

Whereas, An increase in payments to health care providers will increase children's access to health and mental health services and assist in the recruitment and retention of quality health care providers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District fully supports the Children's Defense Fund's Healthy Child Act of 2007 which creates a new, consolidated children's health program within the Social Security Act that combines Medicaid and SCHIP into one children's health coverage program operated by states with federal financial participation.

Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion.

Following discussion and by general consent, the motion was adopted. Ms. Korenstein was absent.

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following resolution regarding Support of the Improvement and Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act also Known as the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act Through H.R. 648 and Other Measures:

Whereas, On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher;

Whereas, The District continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance;

Whereas, The District has had four years of operational experience in implementing NCLB;

Whereas, The District has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law;

Whereas, The National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, and improve the implementation of NCLB;

Whereas, In April 2006, the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; and

Whereas, In January 2007, Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District urges the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation (Representatives Howard P. McKeon, Brad Sherman, Howard Berman, Henry Waxman, Xavier Becerra, Hilda Solis, Diane Watson, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Maxine Waters, Jane Harman, Grace Napolitano, Linda Sanchez and Dana Rohrabacher) to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill;

Resolved further, That the District seek the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the California Legislature in encouraging members of the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 648; and be it finally

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to members of California's U.S. congressional delegation, the Governor, the members the California Legislature, local public governing officials, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the Office of Legislation and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. Lansing seconded the motion.

Ms. Canter moved to amend the resolution as indicated:

Whereas, On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher;

Whereas, The District continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance;

Whereas, The District has had four years of operational experience in implementing NCLB;

Whereas, The District has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law;

Whereas, The National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, ~~and improve the implementation of NCLB;~~

Whereas, In April 2006, the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; ~~and~~

Whereas, In January 2007, Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; ~~now, therefore, be it~~

Whereas, 297 district schools are identified as Program Improvement schools, with the EL population the most common subgroup not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets with the school;

Whereas, English Language Learners require adequate time and well-trained teachers to ensure they achieve English language proficiency;

Whereas, The current model for AYP does not give schools the tools to accurately record the success of ELL who achieve English language proficiency;

Whereas, The current method for determining AYP does not adequately recognize the progress students make to achieve AYP; and

Whereas, The District has developed specific Recommendations that will improve the implementation of NCLB; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District urges the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation (Representatives Howard P. McKeon, Brad Sherman, Howard Berman, Henry Waxman, Xavier Becerra, Hilda Solis, Diane Watson, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Maxine Waters, Jane Harman, Grace Napolitano, Linda Sanchez and Dana Rohrabacher) to fully support the District's recommendation to improve NCLB and those reforms contained in H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill; be it

Resolved further, That the District seek the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the California Legislature in encouraging members of the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 648 to support these recommendations; and be it finally

Resolved, That copies of this resolution and the District's recommendations be sent to members of California's U.S. congressional delegation, the Governor, the members of the California Legislature, local public governing officials, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the Office of Legislation and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. Tokofsky and Mr. Lansing accepted the amendment as friendly.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Korenstein was absent.

The final resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher;

Whereas, The District continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance;

Whereas, The District has had four years of operational experience in implementing NCLB;

Whereas, The District has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law;

Whereas, The National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards;

Whereas, In April 2006, the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation;

Whereas, In January 2007, Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation;

Whereas, 297 district schools are identified as Program Improvement schools, with the EL population the most common subgroup not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets with the school;

Whereas, English Language Learners require adequate time and well-trained teachers to ensure they achieve English language proficiency;

Whereas, The current model for AYP does not give schools the tools to accurately record the success of ELL who achieve English language proficiency;

Whereas, The current method for determining AYP does not adequately recognize the progress students make to achieve AYP; and

Whereas, The District has developed specific Recommendations that will improve the implementation of NCLB; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District urges the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation (Representatives Howard P. McKeon, Brad Sherman, Howard Berman, Henry Waxman, Xavier Becerra, Hilda Solis, Diane Watson, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Maxine Waters, Jane Harman, Grace Napolitano, Linda Sanchez and Dana Rohrabacher) to fully support the District's recommendation to improve NCLB and those reforms contained in H.R. 648;

Resolved further, That the District seek the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the California Legislature in encouraging members of the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation to support these recommendations; and be it finally

Resolved, That copies of this resolution and the District's recommendations be sent to members of California's U.S. congressional delegation, the Governor, the members of the California Legislature, local public governing officials, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the Office of Legislation and Governmental Affairs.

REGULAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 465 – 06/07
Authorization to Issue Certificates of Participation for Expected Costs in 2007-08

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

Mr. Tokofsky moved that the report be amended to increase the “not to exceed amount” to \$300 million for computer and copier purchases, clean fuel buses, student musical instruments, student and classroom furniture, facilities, and vehicles. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Burbridge responded to questions from Board Members.

On roll call, the amendment failed, 4 noes, 3 ayes, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following resolution regarding Magnet Program with an amendment to change the date from April 15 to October 15:

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 October 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 receives plans by October 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 receives 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.

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

Mr. Tokofsky moved the following resolution regarding Classified Employee Recognition Program with the noted amendment:

Whereas, The achievement of the mission of the Los Angeles Unified School District (to educate all students to their maximum potential and that each child has equal worth and dignity) necessitates and rests upon the commitment and excellence of all District employees - both certificated and classified employees;

Whereas, The District has recently passed a resolution recognizing and honoring classified employees for being “Professionals on the Job, Leaders in the Community” and believes in the value of their service and the significance of their contributions to student achievement;

Whereas, There are approximately 35,000 full and part-time classified professionals serving with dedication and skill in over 1,100 job classifications;

Whereas, The District is a national leader in transforming an urban school district and strives to be revered as an “employer of choice” to qualified prospective and current classified employees;

Whereas, Organizational effectiveness research demonstrates, and District leaders understand, that providing genuine and meaningful appreciation to employees for their service and dedication contributes to creating a motivational work environment and to retaining top talent; and

Whereas, Twenty-one years ago, 1986, the California Legislature adopted the third full week of May each year as Classified Employees Week, by passage of Senate Bill 1552 (Campbell), setting a foundation for recognizing the importance and contribution of classified professionals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District approves the development of a classified Employee Recognition Program that becomes formalized within the District during the 2007/2008 fiscal year;

Resolved further, That the Classified Employee Recognition Program plan and design have as a focus the effect of elevating the awareness level and sense of pride that the administrators, teachers, students, parents and classified employees themselves have for the need, value, and contribution of all District classified professionals;

Resolved further, That the ~~Personnel Commission~~ Office of the Superintendent be identified as the Division to carry out the design and implementation of the Classified Employee Recognition Program; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to ~~establish a budget to seek~~ funding this program or seek an ethical sponsor.

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

The following speaker addressed the Board on Mr. Lauritzen's resolution regarding Preserving and Sustaining School Gardens:

Ms. Tanya Mandel, Teacher Advisor, School Gardens, Network for Healthy California LAUSD

Mr. Lauritzen moved:

Whereas, School gardens can provide children access to fresh, healthy food and physical activity programs, which are not otherwise available to them;

Whereas, Such gardens also provide opportunities for family and community involvement in schools, academic achievement, environmental stewardship, work preparedness and appreciation for the natural world;

Whereas, The California Superintendent of Instruction in 1997 announced a state goal of establishing "a garden in every school"; and

Whereas, Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation this year which provides \$15 million for school gardens through the 2008-2009 school years; now, therefore, be it

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

1. Mandate the preservation of existing gardens in District schools;
2. Promote the use of school garden produce in school cafeterias through salad bars and other means;
3. Develop and evaluate school garden pilots in the District to facilitate a more systematic roll out of "a garden in every school" program;
4. Establish pilot programs which link school and community gardens, similar to those at Venice and North Hollywood High Schools, to evaluate logistical issues, shared resources, cost factors, community engagement with the schools, etc.;
5. Work with the City of Los Angeles and the State of California to establish and ensure ongoing financial support for school gardens;
6. Re-establish horticultural resource centers in the District to provide educational curricula and professional development for garden instructors, students and their gardens.

Mr. Lansing seconded the motion.

Mr. Eugene, Ms. Medina and Mr. Dennis Barrett, Director of Food Services, responded to questions from Board Members.

The item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of July 10, 2007. Ms. Canter and Ms. Korenstein agreed to sponsor the motion.

Ms. LaMotte requested that action on her resolution regarding Creating and Maintaining a Safe School Environment be postponed to the July 10, 2007, Regular Board Meeting:

Whereas, Improved student achievement requires an environment that is conducive to learning (i.e., clean, secure, and safe for students, teachers, and staff);

Whereas, Low-performing schools are disproportionately located in communities plagued with problems (such as drugs, prostitution, and gangs) that obstruct the free, comfortable use of public educational facilities;

Whereas, Section 370 of the California Penal Code defines a “public nuisance” as an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by an entire community or neighborhood, or by any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner;

Whereas, Such obstruction caused by loitering gang members violates Los Angeles Ordinance 13.44.010 B, which states it is unlawful for a member of a “criminal street gang” or individual who is in the company of or acting in concert with a member of a street gang to loiter or idle in a “public place”; and

Whereas, The State of California has upheld the enforcement of these laws in communities where gangs have harassed and intimidated residents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, in providing students with the safest educational environment possible, directs the Superintendent to partner with the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office in the enforcement of Section 370 of the California Penal Code and Los Angeles City Ordinance 13.44.010B around and on school campuses;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to pursue City, State, and Federal funding that is, or may become, available for the enforcement of statutes, including, but not limited to Section 370 of the California Penal Code and Los Angeles City Ordinance 13.44.010B and any other applicable legal authority around and on school campuses; and be it

Resolved further, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to provide continued support of the School Safety Collaborative or equivalent school safety group in order to secure a dedicated grant writer for the sole purpose of obtaining funding for the safety collaborative program, for the development of enforcement plans and strategies, dissemination of arrest information, and safety statistics to the respective governing School Site Council or group;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to create an internal/external assessment process of the safety collaborative with PERB as the internal partner; and be it finally

Resolved, That the existing safety collaboratives serve as the Pilot for the mandates of this motion, and the Organizational Facilitator/Operations Coordinators for each Local District provide support and tactical assistance to schools that wish to establish safety collaboratives or equivalent safety groups.

REPORTS POSTPONED FROM REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF
APRIL 24, MAY 22, AND JUNE 12, 2007 (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 304 – 06/07
Charter School Facilities Expansion Program

Ms. Peggy Barber, Office of Legislation and Government Relations, responded to questions by Board Members.

This item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of July 10, 2007.

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At this time, the Board considered Mr. Tokofsky’s resolution regarding Opposition to A.B. 1403,
Central Valley Takeover from the Special Board Meeting of June 28, 2007.
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BOARD MEMBERS’ RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Mr. Eugene responded to questions from Board Members regarding Mr. Tokosky’s resolution, Food for Thought: Nutrition, Learning and Quality of Life.

Mr. Tokofsky requested that the motion be withdrawn:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles is a national leader in transforming its urban school district through school construction, rising test scores in elementary grades and school nutrition reform;

Whereas, The Board has passed four school construction bonds with overwhelming public support (Proposition BB 1997 – approved by 71%; Measure K 2002 – approved by 64%; Measure R 2004 – approved by 63% and Measure Y 2005 – approved by 66%) which has allowed for relief of massive overcrowding in our schools;

Whereas, The Board has passed numerous resolutions (Healthy Foods, 2001; Motion to Promote Healthy Beverage Sales, 2002; Resolution Prohibiting the Use of Irradiated Food, 2003; Obesity Prevention, 2003; Cafeteria Facilities Update & Survey, 2003 and Cafeteria Reform, 2005) to improve school nutrition and lunches;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is a district where a super majority of the students are receiving the Federal Free and Reduced Meals program meals which can be in cases the only meal students receive daily; and

Whereas, Students need to have the proper food in their bodies that will help them receive the “food for thought” that teachers daily give to students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles in concert with its Superintendent and staff request that the following data and actions take place:

1. Provide the Board a 2005 list of schools by December 1 documenting where less than 80% of those eligible for free and reduced meals are actually getting their meals due to non-enrollment or nonconsumption and should be targeted for an intervention program in 2007;
2. Provide the Board a preliminary list of schools by December 31 where due to facilities Inadequacies and/or staffing needs less than 90% of those enrolled in food programs are getting their daily meals;
3. Provide the Board by December 1 the industry standard for school meals served per minute and by January 15th the school locations where cafeteria workers are being asked to serve more than 30 meals per minute or more than the industry standard (business division);
4. Provide the Board by December 1st the school locations where multiple lunch programs have been implemented and by January 15th a list of schools which are considered by central office and school site personnel to have implemented multiple lunch programs successfully with proper diligence for both nutritional facilities concerns as well as awareness of academic programs occurring during the lunches (instruction);
5. Provide the Board by December 1st the list of schools with patterns of unfilled regular and substitute cafeteria employee positions by sites/regions (human resources/classified);
6. Provide the Board by December 1st the list of schools planned for cafeteria facilities remodelings (facilities);
7. Provide the Board by January 15th the optimal staffing patterns required to maximize food production, service and consumption under board nutritional standards; and finally
8. Provide the Board by January 15th the school sites where recommended staffing changes (increase and/or redistribution of employee numbers, types, hours and compensation) and/or facilities changes (multiple lunches, remodels, or other suggestions) need to be made in order to optimize immediately students' participation in lunch programs with significant participation gaps, particularly for those who rely upon the free and reduced meals programs and with a plan to establish pilot school sites and objective measurement tools by February 1, 2007 to serve as a model for a district wide rollout of these changes for the 2007-2008 school year (Superintendent).

Mr. Lauritzen, with the approval of co-sponsors Ms. García and Ms. LaMotte, had withdrawn his substitute motion regarding "Food for Thought" Resolution at the portion of this meeting which took place at the June 26, 2007, Board Meeting:

Whereas, The mission of Los Angeles Unified School District, which consists of the Board of Education, Personnel Commission, teachers, administrators and support staff, is to educate all students to their maximum potential and that each child has equal worth and dignity;

Whereas, The District is a national leader in transforming an urban school district and serves as a role model to other school districts;

Whereas, The District has passed numerous resolutions to improve the cafeteria, believes children need to be fed healthy meals, and have worked together to spark a national movement to feed children healthy meals;

Whereas, Long lines discourage students from participating in the District's nutrition programs causing participation rates to be as low as 30% at a large number of schools;

Whereas, The District receives state and federal funds to pay for the nutrition program, so as participation increases the District will receive more state and federal dollars;

Whereas, The Health Benefits Committee was able to fully fund health coverage with a \$29 million surplus and an expected surplus for next fiscal year;

Whereas, High vacancy rates, low overall pay (\$5,997.60 to \$7,856 per year) and lack of benefits in the cafeteria create an unstable work environment and prevent students from being fed;

Whereas, It is unjust that the poorest support staff, who work for District and who are serving food to the children of District, do not have health care;

Whereas, Approximately 2,000 Cafeteria Helpers (Personnel Commission Classification codes: 4377, 4379 & 4396) and Cafeteria Workers I, II, III (4391, 4394, 4388, 4387) do not receive health care; and

Whereas, The overwhelming majority of workers in the cafeteria need one more hour per day to qualify for health benefits; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2007, all workers in the cafeteria series, as defined by the Personnel Commission's "Salary Schedule – Unit C", work at least 4 hours per day in such a manner that they qualify for the same health care benefits as all other employees.

Mr. Tokofsky requested that this motion regarding Life Skills Course be withdrawn:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crain announced that the Annual Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in the Grand Hall and will reconvene at 333 South Beaudry, Board Room.

Mr. Tokofsky announced that the following motion will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting and sponsored by Ms. Canter and Ms. García:

Resolved, That the Superintendent develops an organizational plan with timelines and deliverables to create curriculum, training, and necessary budget to educate both employees and students about all aspects of mental health as it affects work, education, and family.

Mr. Tokofsky also asked that Board Members consider sponsoring the following motions:

1. Resolved, That the Superintendent bring to the Board by July 30, a District Plan to meet County Registrar's deadlines for the 2008 Elections of February, June, and/or November.
2. Resolved, That the Board of Education requests that the Los Angeles Times Foundation Reading by 9 Program, in keeping up with the times, be changed to the Reading by 7 Program.

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Mr. Tokofsky took the opportunity to present his staff with certificates of appreciation and recognition. On behalf of his staff, Ms. Marie Garcia thanked the Board and other staff members.

Mr. Lansing and Mr. Lauritzen also added their thanks to their staff for their support through the years.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Tokofsky, the meeting was adjourned, simultaneously with the Special June 28, 2007, Board Meeting, in memory of Mr. Jesse Romero, 9th grade student at the Alfonso Perez Special Education Center. Mr. Lansing seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, and Ms. LaMotte were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: August 28, 2007

MARLENE CANTER
PRESIDENT

JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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