

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

333 South Beaudry, Board Room

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2004

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 June 8, 2004, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry, Los Angeles, California.

President José Huizar called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Marlene Canter, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Mr. Mike Lansing, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, Mr. David Tokofsky, and President José Huizar. Ms. Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte arrived at 2:32 p.m.

Superintendent Roy Romer was present.

Ms. Canter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President Huizar modified the Order of Business.

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SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Lansing introduced and presented certificates of recognition to the coaches and team members of the Champion San Pedro High School Girls City Softball Team, five consecutive season winners, and runner up Carson High School Girls Softball Team. He commended the students for their hard work and sportsmanship while maintaining their academic levels.

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President Huizar passed the gavel to Ms. Canter.

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Mr. Huizar began the presentation recognizing Berendo Middle School and Wilson High School as recipients of the Dr. Lynn Hickey Award sponsored by the Neutrogena Corporation. Neutrogena sponsors the Folk Art as Community Expressions (FACES) Program, which uses standards based instruction in artmaking and writing through the study of folk art and world cultures. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Huizar presented a certificate of appreciation to the Neutrogena Corporation. A representative from the Corporation introduced the principals, teachers and students from both schools.

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President Huizar assumed the Chair.

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## STUDENT INPUT

Student Member Friyana Dadabhoj from King-Drew Magnet School stated that even though her school is a magnet school, they should be eligible for Title I and support program funds since they service low income areas. She noted a high percentage of student participation in community health fair, multicultural activities, and peer counseling. She also noted that they have a 99 percent attendance during the California Achievement Test 6 exam and that 96 percent of the student population attend post-secondary institutions.

Student Member Kathy Perez from Carson High School commented on her school's enrollment of 3,500 students, its rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in attendance and its rank of lowest number of suspensions in Local District K. She commented on the students' participation in small learning communities and the school's award winning website. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Lansing for his assistance in providing upgrades to their lunch area, multipurpose room and student store. She shared concern regarding the ban of junk food sales affecting their fundraising activities.

Student Member Bernice Lewis from Narbonne High School described the student body's efforts and the obstacles it faces in its pursuit of campus beautification. Some of the major obstacles are the uneven pavement, which would require drilling and resurfacing to fix, and insufficient lighting within the buildings and on the campus. She also shared some positive events occurring at the school; achievements with their magnet program, human services academy and performing arts academy, health fair, blood drive with the American Red Cross, and fundraiser for the lymphoma and leukemia society.

## REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 332 - 03/04  
Ratification of Award of Advertised, Unadvertised, and Information  
Contracts, Approval of Change Orders, Completion of Contracts,  
Rejection of Bids, Termination of Contracts, and Award of Professional  
Services Architects and Engineers Contracts

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

Mr. Guy Mehula, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Mr. Jess Womack, Associate General Counsel, Mr. Paul Baker, Regional Director, Mr. Richard Sheehan, Special Counsel to the Board, and Mr. Mark Hovatter, Director of Facilities Contracts, responded to questions from Board Members.

On roll call, the report was adopted unanimously 7 ayes, with the exception of the Item 1-B, Memo No. 04-15-D and Item 1-G, Contract No. 0420136 with HMC Architects on which Mr. Tokofsky voted no.

## RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Education Report No. 348 - 03/04 - Amendment to the Petition of Culture and Language Academy of Success: Assigned to Consent Calendar

President Huizar announced:

The Board is in receipt of the Amendment to the Culture and Language Academy of Success Charter School Petition. This constitutes a public hearing for the amendment to the petition, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to this report 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.

The Board will take final action to either approve or deny the amendment to the petition at the Board meeting on June 22, 2004. Should the charter amendment be denied, the petitioners may submit the amendment directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or directly to the State for action.

Dr. Roberta Benjamin, Charter School Office, presented the Amendment to the Culture and Language Academy of Success Charter School petition.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Janice Buckner

Ms. Maya Mason

Ms. Geena Topping

Ms. Denise Siders

Board of Education Report No. 361 - 03/04 - Topanga Elementary Charter School Amendment:  
Assigned to Consent Calendar

President Huizar announced:

The Board is in receipt of the Topanga Elementary Charter School Amendment. This constitutes a public hearing for the amendment, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to this report 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.

The Board will take final action to either approve or deny the amendment request at the Board meeting on June 22, 2004. Should the charter amendment be denied, the petitioners may submit the amendment directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or directly to the State for action.

Dr. Benjamin presented the Amendment to the Topanga Elementary Charter School Petition.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Mr. Liam Joyce, Principal

Ms. Stephanie Faulkner

Ms. Lisa Villasenor

Mr. Paul Aston

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

President Huizar recognized Mr. Alan Helfman of the Division of Adult and Career Education and members of the Regional Occupational Program Monroe Culinary Arts Program, who would be providing dinner for the Board. Mr. Helfman introduced Executive Chef-in-Training Robert Valdovinos, a Monroe High School student, who would be going to the Culinary Institute of America on a scholarship. Other scholarship recipients introduced themselves and the amount of their scholarships

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President Huizar passed the gavel to Ms. Canter.

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HOLLENBECK MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAM

Mr. Huizar congratulated Hollenbeck Middle Magnet School students on their accomplishments at the Los Angeles County and California State Science Fair, and recognized former Board Member Victoria Castro, Principal of Hollenbeck, the parents, and the teachers.

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President Huizar assumed the Chair.

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THIRD PERIOD INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Richard Knott, Controller, noted that he would be presenting an update on the financial status of the District for the current year and projections for the coming year. He stated that the District is providing the Third Interim Financial Report voluntarily after the Board had made considerable effort to file a positive certification insuring that the District would be able to meet its financial obligations for the year to the County.

Mr. Lorenzo Tyner, Budget Director, provided information regarding the expected \$49 million deficit in next year's budget.

Superintendent Romer, Dr. Maria Ott, Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Tyner, Mr. Knott, Mr. Sheehan, and Mr. Tim Buresh, Chief Operating Officer, responded to questions from Board Members regarding health benefits, labor negotiations, funding of school site positions, per pupil allocation and other reserves.

POSTPONED REPORTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 287 - 03/04 (DIRECT)  
Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year 2004-05

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding the report:

Mr. George Cole, Mayor of the City of Bell

Mr. Frank Gururle, Mayor of the City of Cudahy

Ms. Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor of Huntington Park

Ms. Maria Davila, Mayor of South Gate

Ms. Imelda Nava representing Metro Industrial Areas Foundation and Father Arnold

Mr. Christian Moore

Mr. Jay Allen

Ms. Suzanne Markey

Students Anthony Acosta and Victor, a student at Los Angeles High School, spoke in place of Ms. Frances Martin representing the Coalition for Educational Justice

Ms. Rita Suarez and Ms. Jennie Suarez

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President Huizar passed the gavel to Ms. Canter, and left the meeting.  
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Ms. Marcia Cox

Mr. Sigifredo Lopez

Mr. Bill Ring

Ms. Lorena Jaramillo

Ms. Cheryl Jones

Mr. Edwin Ramirez

Mr. Mike O'Sullivan representing the Associated Administrators of Los Angeles

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President Huizar assumed the Chair.  
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Ms. Phyllis Hart

Mr. John Perez representing United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)

Parents from 99<sup>th</sup> Street School spoke in place of Ms. Beverly Cook and Lois Bradford

Ms. Martha Navarro

Ms. Sylvia Rousseau, Local District Superintendent

Ms. Maria Sanchez in place Alberto Valdivia

Superintendent Romer made a presentation regarding his plan to reduce the number of Local Districts from eleven to eight.

ITEMS POSTPONED FROM APRIL 22, 2004, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Mr. Huizar, Mr. Lauritzen's Amendment to the Superintendent's Proposed Budget Reduction (Noticed May 13, 2004) was withdrawn:

Whereas, Over the last three fiscal years, the Los Angeles Unified School District has reduced its General Fund expenditures by approximately \$1.3 billion dollars; and

Whereas, With the District facing a long term structural deficit, and the immediate need to reduce an additional \$70-90 million in General Fund obligations prior to June 22, 2004, it is both appropriate and necessary to reorganize our Central Office and Local District administrative functions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent's proposed budget reductions for fiscal year 2004-05 (Board of Education Report No. 287-03/04) be amended as follows:

1. The Superintendent shall eliminate the eleven Local Districts and shall immediately prepare a plan for the reorganization of the District's administrative functions to be effective July 1, 2004, within the parameters set forth below.
  - a. The new organizational structure will include between four (4) and six (6) Local Districts.

- b. The General Fund expenditures for the Local Districts for Fiscal Year 2004-05 shall be no more than \$25 million in General Fund Unrestricted dollars, and no more than \$35 million in Categorical (Non-school Specially Funded Program) dollars (which represents a 38 percent reduction in General Fund dollars and a 27 percent reduction in Categorical Fund dollars for the Local Districts from the current fiscal year 2003-04 appropriation). These General and Categorical Fund savings are to be redirected towards use at school sites. Further, to the extent possible, any personnel shifts associated with the reduction of General Fund and Categorical dollars shall be directed to school sites.
  - c. In such a re-organization of Local Districts, the Superintendent is instructed to emphasize and prioritize student academic achievement. The re-organized Local Districts may have within each District, branches that focus on grades K-5, Middle School, and High School.
  - d. In developing the new Local District structure, the Superintendent shall give consideration to ensure that local communities and feeder patterns remain intact, and that the new Local District structure encourages greater parental and community involvement in the Local Districts and school sites. To achieve this goal, the Superintendent is instructed to create a Parent Ombudsperson to resolve parental issues and concerns within each new Local District.
  - e. That in reorganizing the local districts, there be parity in the districts, and that the lowest performing districts not be paired with other low performing districts.
  - f. That there be a ceiling placed on the number of employees in each local district, and the levels on which the employees are paid.
2. The Superintendent is instructed to regionalize in four geographic unit activities related to Special Education and to Student Health and Human Services as previously outlined by the Superintendent in his presentation to the Board of Education on May 11, 2004.

Mr. Lauritzen - Amendment to Budget Reduction (Noticed May 11, 2004) was withdrawn:

That the Superintendent be instructed to dissolve the eleven (11) Local Districts and create three (3) new divisions. The purpose of this new District administrative structure is to affect cost efficiencies and help the District better achieve its instructional goals. The three (3) Divisions will be: one (1) Elementary, one (1) Middle School, and one (1) Senior High School Division;

That the Superintendent be further directed to cut the Central District Administration enough to provide funding for the local schools (replacing the \$50 per student cut from each school, returning to last year's counseling, psychiatric social workers, and nursing norms, and eliminating mid-year renorming); and

That the Superintendent and Board President organize a District-wide committee to study and recommend the implementation of a new administrative structure for the District that will result in greater cost efficiencies, help the District better achieve its instructional goals, and encourage greater parent/community involvement.

Mr. Lauritzen moved:

That the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's replacement of the 11 local districts with 8 geographical districts and continue to work with him in aligning staff for the new Districts. The Superintendent shall report back with actual staffing levels.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Ms. Canter moved to amend Mr. Lauritzen's motion:

Resolved, that the Board of Education adopts the Superintendent's proposal to keep the 11 Districts with staffing and budget reductions;

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to reduce an additional \$8 million from Central Office budgets in areas such as redundancies in professional development, conference expenses, employees making more than \$100,000, etc.

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to undertake a study of the efficiency and effectiveness of the 11 District structure using a party that is mutually acceptable to UTLA, AALA, and the Superintendent; and be it finally

Resolved, That savings resulting from this motion be applied to the current budget deficit first and any additional savings be applied to refund remaining cuts at the school site.

Mr. Lansing seconded the motion.

Mr. Sheehan and Superintendent Romer responded to questions from Board Members.

Mr. Lauritzen called the question to close discussion. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Mr. Sheehan noted that a 2/3 vote was required. On roll call, the motion failed, 4 ayes, 3 noes, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Tokofsky, Ms. Canter.

Following discussion, Mr. Lansing called the question on Ms. Canter's amendment. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

On roll call, Ms. Canter's amendment failed, 4 noes, 3 ayes, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Tokofsky, Ms. Canter

Mr. Tokofsky moved to amend Mr. Lauritzen's motion to eliminate all Local Districts. Ms. Canter seconded the amendment.

Mr. Lauritzen called the question. Mr. Lansing seconded the motion, which on roll call was adopted 6 ayes, 1 no, Mr. Tokofsky.

On roll, Mr. Tokofsky's amendment failed 6 noes, 1 aye, Mr. Tokofsky.

Mr. Lansing expressed concern regarding the motions related to the Local Districts, and whether legal counsel had any concern related to the Brown Act. Mr. Sheehan stated his preferences to have discussion in Closed Session prior to taking action on Mr. Lauritzen's motion.

Mr. Tokofsky moved to recess into Closed Session. Ms. Canter seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

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At 9:10 p.m., the Board recessed the public portion of the Regular Board meeting.  
Closed Session discussion began at 9:10 p.m. and ended at 9:25 p.m.  
All Board Members were present during the closed portion of the meeting.  
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The meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m. The following Members were present: Ms. Canter, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky, and President Huizar.

Superintendent Roy Romer was present.

President Huizar stated that it was his opinion that there had been no Brown Act violation in respect to the amendment presented.

Ms. Korenstein called the question. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

President Huizar requested clarification of Mr. Lauritzen's motion.

President Huizar offered for the purpose of clarification the following amendment, which was accepted by Mr. Lauritzen and Ms. Korenstein.

That the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's replacement of the 11 local districts with 8 geographical districts as presented by the Superintendent today in his Plan 8-C, map and staffing pattern. The Superintendent shall report back with actual staffing levels.

The motion calling the question was adopted unanimously, 7 ayes.

On roll call Mr. Lauritzen's motion as amended was adopted, 5 ayes, 2 noes, Mr. Lansing, Ms. Canter.

Mr. Tokofsky's motion to amend budget reductions, with the indicated changes, was postponed to June 22, 2004:

1. Reduce overtime by 75% and return savings to the reserve for economic uncertainties.
2. Eliminate all unfilled positions and return savings to the reserve for economic uncertainties.
3. Investigate the sale price of all non-school and closed school sites and provide the amount of potential revenues to the Board in closed session.

4. Investigate the sale of portions of a school's property when that school's density is less than the District median density of 170 students per acre. The resulting funding would be placed into the reserve for economic uncertainties or used for school construction or maintenance. For example, a 20 acre school site with 1,400 students would have a density of 70 students per acre. The sale of nearly 12 of the 20 acres would place the school at the median density of 170 students per acre and the resulting millions of dollars could be placed in the reserve or used for facilities.
5. Reduce classified personnel costs by \$500,000 and return savings to the reserve for economic uncertainties.
6. Reduce or consolidate the Ethics Office and return \$400,000 to the reserve for economic uncertainties.
7. Reduce consultant contracts by \$5 million and return savings to the reserve for economic uncertainties.
8. Reduce the number of non-school site employees earning greater than \$120,000 to save \$1 million and return savings to the reserve for economic uncertainties.
9. Pursue a State Board of Education waiver for the required 3% match for deferred maintenance to continue the 2% match. Return the resulting \$60 million savings into the reserve for economic uncertainties.
10. Return five off campus school police officers to school sites.

DIRECTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 352 - 03/04 (Direct)  
Student Expulsions

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Mr. Eric Green regarding Case No. 388-03/04

Ms. Kimberli Green regarding Case No. 388-03/04

Ms. Nicole Cobb regarding Case No. 396-03/04

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During discussion, Mr. Lauritzen then Ms. Canter assumed the Chair in Mr. Huizar's absence.

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Mr. Lansing moved the report with the following amendment:

In Section 1, suspending expulsion enforcement of Case No. 388-03/04, directing the student to attend math and language classes for summer school at Curtis Middle School or another District middle school, and after successful completion, requesting that the AB 922 Committee consider shortening the period of suspension to allow the student to attend Curtis Middle School in September; and that the report as amended be adopted.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Ms. Linda Wilson, Coordinator, Student Discipline Proceedings, and Mr. Sheehan responded to questions from Board Members.

Ms. Korenstein moved the following amendment:

In Section 2, suspending expulsion enforcement of Case No. 396-03/04 and continuing assignment of student to the Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Community Day School.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which on roll call was adopted 4 ayes, 2 noes, Mr. Tokofsky, Ms. Canter, 1 abstention, Mr. Huizar.

On roll call, the report as amended was adopted unanimously, 7 ayes, with the exception of Case No. 388-03/04 on which Ms. Korenstein, Mr. Tokofsky and Ms. Canter voted no.

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President Huizar assumed the Chair.  
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REPORT AND ITEMS POSTPONED FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 25, 2004

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 301 – 03/05  
Approval of Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Belmont  
New Elementary School No. 9 – Sixth Street and South Hobart Boulevard

The report was postponed to the June 22, 2004, Regular Board meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 317 - 03/04  
Section 3, Approval of Amendment(s) for Professional Services Agreement(s)

Mr. Mehula provided information regarding the amendments to contracts for 37 completed and 104 ongoing projects.

Mr. Jim Delker, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities, Existing Facilities, provided background information regarding contracts for existing facilities.

Ms. Connie Moreno representing the California School Employees Association addressed the Board on the report.

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

Mr. Mehula and Mr. Jim McConnell, Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions from Board Members.

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

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

Board of Education Report No. 346 - 03/04 (Via Curriculum and Instruction) - Submission of 2004-05 Consolidated Applications: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 347 - 03/04 - Revised Budget Calendar for 2004-05 Fiscal Year: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 351 - 03/04 - Continuation of the Transition Partnership Program for the Next Three Years Beginning 2004-05: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 354 - 03/04 - Classified Retirement Service Credit Proposal: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 355 - 03/04 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials Certification Resolution: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 356 - 03/04 - Adoption of the 2003-04 Annual Service and Budget Plans for Special Education: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 358 - 03/04 - Agreements and Amendments: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 359 - 03/04 - Withdrawn Prior to Meeting

Board of Education Report No. 360 - 03/04 (Via Facilities Committee) - Approval of Project and Certification of Environmental Impact Report for Central Los Angeles Area New High School No. 11 and Vista Hermosa Park (First and Beaudry Avenue): Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 363 - 03/04 - Approval of the Revised Project Definition and Preferred Site for East Los Angeles High School No. 2 and the Project Definition and Preferred Site for Central Region Elementary School No. 19 and an Early Education Center: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 364 - 03/04 - Underwriter and Bond Counsel Pool: Withdrawn at the request of staff

Board of Education Report No. 365 - 03/04 - 2004 Refunding Certificates of Participation: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 366 - 03/04 - Reimbursement Resolution for Measure R: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 367 - 03/04 - Approval of Agreements and Amendments: Assigned to Regular Calendar

REPORT AND ITEMS POSTPONED FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 25, 2004 (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 288 - 03/04  
2003-04 District's Initial Proposals to United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA),  
Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), Los Angeles School Police  
Association (LASPA), Local 99, California School Employees Association (CSEA),  
Building Trades Council, and Teamsters

REGULAR CALENDAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 330 – 03/04  
Underwriter and Bond Counsel Bench Contracts

This report was withdrawn.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 331 - 03/04  
Entering into Parking Agreement for Monthly Parking for Beaudry  
Building Central Administration Offices

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 335 - 03/04 (via Facilities Committee)  
Adoption of Deferred Maintenance Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2008

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 340 – 03/04  
Approval of Preferred Site for New Valley Region High School No. 4,  
Balboa Boulevard and San Jose Street - Granada Hills Hospital Site

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 341 - 03/04  
Approval of West Valley Occupational Center as the Preferred Site for  
New Valley Region High School No. 6, Victory Boulevard and Winnetka Avenue

DIRECTS (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 349 -03/04 (Direct)  
Various Purchasing Transactions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 350 - 03/04 (Direct)  
Liability Insurance

Board Report Nos. 288, 331, 335, 340, 341, 349, and 350 – 03/04 were postponed to the June 22, 2004, Regular Board Meeting.

REGULAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 333 - 03/04 (via Facilities Committee)  
Certification of Program Environmental Impact Report for Phase II and Future  
Phases of the New School Construction Program

Later in the meeting, Ms. Hermelinda Gonzales representing the Advocates Community Teamwork addressed the Board on the report.

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

Mr. Pat Schanen, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, described the content of the report.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Ms. Donna Dougherty representing the City of Los Angeles	Accessibility for Disabled Children Being Mainstreamed into Regular Classes
Mr. Manuel Aldana	Education

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO DEDICATE EASEMENT AT  
VINE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, announced:

Reference is made to Board of Education Report No. 339 - 03/04, dated May 25, 2004, wherein the Board adopted a resolution of intention to dedicate, without consideration, a portion of Vine Street Elementary School to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for an easement to construct, operate and maintain water services facilities and the right of access.

The Board has fixed this meeting as the time and place for the public hearing upon the question of such dedication.

Vice President Canter announced:

An opportunity is now given to anyone present to file with the Board petitions protesting the proposed dedication, signed by at least ten percent of the qualified electors of the District as shown by the affidavit of one of the petitioners.



PUBLIC NOTICE OF INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS

Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council Initial Bargaining Proposals for 2004-2005 for Unit E – Skilled Crafts (Noticed May 25, 2004)

Health and Welfare Initial Proposal from United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), Teamsters Local 572, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA), Los Angeles County School Employees Union (Local 99), and Los Angeles/Orange Counties and Construction Trades Council (Noticed May 25, 2004)

District’s Revised 2004-2005 Initial Proposals to United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA), Local 99, California School Employee’s Association (CSEA), Building Trades Council, and Teamsters (Received April 27, 2004)

Ms. Julie Washington addressed the Board on the District’ Initial Proposals

Mr. Crain announced:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who had requested to address the Board on the Initial Proposals from the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council for 2004-2005 for Unit E - Skilled Crafts and the Health and Welfare Initial Proposal from United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), Teamsters Local 572, California School Employee’s Association (CSEA), Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA), Los Angeles County School Employees Union (Local 99), Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council (noticed May 25, 2004) Trades Council,

A final opportunity to speak to the initial negotiating proposals will be given at the 1 p.m., June 22, 2004, Board meeting to be held in the Board Room. To be placed on the speakers’ list, individuals should call the Board Secretariat at Area Code (213) 241-7002 or Toll Free (877) 772-6273, prior to 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.

This was the final opportunity for the public to address the Board on the District’s Revised 2004-2005 Initial Proposals to United Teachers Los Angeles, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles, Los Angeles School Police Association, Local 99, California School Employee’s Association, Building Trades Council, and Teamsters received April 27, 2004.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Mr. Hilario Valdez

Child Abuse

Ms. Emily Walker

Parents Consultation

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President Huizar assumed the Chair and resumed the Order of Business.  
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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 327 - 03/04  
Report of Warrants Issued

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 334 - 03/04 (via Facilities Committee)  
Resolution to Participate in California Energy Commission and/or California  
Public Utilities Commission No Cost Public Benefit Funded Programs

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 337 - 03/04 (via Audit, Business, and Technology  
Committee)  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority Student Bus Pass Program Agreement  
with the MTA to Allow Schools to Sell Monthly Student Metro Passes

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 342 - 03/04  
Establishment of New Schools for 2004-2005 Fiscal Year

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent the Consent Calendar was adopted.  
Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

REPORT AND ITEM POSTPONED FROM REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 25, 2004 (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 287 – 03/04 (DIRECT)  
Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year 2004-05

Mr. Crain noted that this report was postponed until the June 22, 2004, Regular Board meeting. He also noted that the Superintendent has withdrawn Attachment 1 from the report and that the item would be included in the provisional budget to be received on June 22, and acted upon June 29, 2004.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 325 - 03/04 (Direct)  
Section VI, Authorization to Enter into a Work Order for Information Technology  
Division's Bench Contract Number 0400838 with Sabia Enterprises, LLC

Ms. Canter moved that the item be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Michael Eugene, Business Manager, Ms. Marilyn Wells, Director of Food Services, and Mr. Buresh responded to questions from Board Members.

At the request of Board Members, this item was withdrawn.

REGULAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 338 - 03/04  
Agreements and Amendments

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

DIRECTS (CONTINUED)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 362 – 03/04 (Direct)  
Approval of Routine Personnel Actions

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 368 – 03/04 (Direct)  
Approval of Nonroutine Personnel Actions

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

BOARD MEMBERS MOTIONS

ACTION

Mr. Huizar, Ms. Canter - Information Technology Advice and Oversight (Noticed May 11, 2004) postponed to the June 22, 2004, Regular Board Meeting:

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District’s Measure K Strategic Execution Plan contains approximately \$38 million of projects and Measure R includes another \$140 million to upgrade telephone systems, computer networks, public address systems, and safety alarms;

Whereas, The Board of Education of the city of Los Angeles has previously approved a master “Bench” in order to streamline the process for approval of professional information technology services and to insure that the best possible terms and rates are provided to the District;

Whereas, The Board approved a Rational Audit Process to ensure that the District plans, designs, constructs, modernizes, repairs, maintains, and operates its facilities in a cost effective and productive manner;

Whereas, All stakeholders, at all levels, must have a high degree of confidence in the District’s ability to perform these tasks;

Whereas, A Rational Audit Process is a major component of providing that confidence through constant evaluation of the systems and transactions involved by using, in part, the Office of the Inspector General’s Contract Audit Unit to conduct pre-award and post-award audits of the contracts;

Whereas, The current Rational Audit Process focuses only on those contracts and projects managed by the Facilities Services Division;

Whereas, The Office of the Inspector General's Contract Audit Unit in conjunction with District procurement officials have achieved cost avoidances and savings totaling approximately \$25 million in the past year; and

Whereas, The Board is committed to ensuring that all District funds are efficiently and effectively used, including funds from bond proceeds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Inspector General, as part of the Contract Audit Unit, develop protocols for conducting pre-award and post-award audits of information technology bench contracts;

Resolved further, That the Inspector General amend the Contract Audit Unit's annual plan to reflect the addition of the bench contracts that are within the established protocols;

Resolved further, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles create an information technology advisory group made up of volunteers from the private and public sector to provide the Board with independent advice on information technology issues; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board President and Vice President will convene a Board Committee to appoint the advisory group.

Mr. Huizar - Review of Board Rules (Noticed May 11, 2004) postponed to the June 22, 2004, Regular Board Meeting:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles has adopted 590 Board Rules;

Whereas, A recent informal review of such Board Rules by the Independent Analysis Unit indicates that of those 590 Board Rules, 46 percent involve District Administration, 28 percent involve student issues, 15 percent involve certificated management issues, 9 percent involve the operation of the Board, and 2 percent pertain the Annuity Reserve Fund;

Whereas, There are many confusing categories within these Board Rules, such as "policies," "bylaws," or "administrative direction" rules;

Whereas, Such Board Rules vary from simple to complex, involving references to administrative bulletins, case law, and other District documents;

Whereas, The existing Board Rules are complex and not user-friendly; and

Whereas, The public, District staff, and the Board might benefit from a review of such Board Rules; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles establishes a Board Committee comprised of the Board Secretariat, the Office of the General Counsel, the Special Counsel to the Board of Education, Office of the Superintendent, Board President, and Vice President with the task of reviewing and revamping the existing Board of Education Rules;

Resolved further, That this Board Committee's main task will be to review the Board Rules to make them transparent and user-friendly, with a Board Rule Book as a final product; and be it finally

Resolved, That this Committee take into consideration the following: 1) whether Rules pertaining to certificated management could be referred to the appropriate labor agreements; 2) whether Rules pertaining to the operation of the Board be simplified; and 3) whether Board policies should be put into a separate category from Board Rules.

Ms. Canter, Mr. Lansing - Increasing Budget Flexibility for School Sites (Noticed May 11, 2004) was withdrawn:

Whereas, The \$50 per pupil cut imposed last year places a significant hardship on schools;

Whereas, Schools have been directed to apply the \$50 per pupil cut to General Fund Unrestricted accounts, which total only a small portion of a school's budget;

Whereas, The limited number of accounts from which schools can cut further exacerbates the impact of the cuts;

Whereas, The acute nature of the budget crisis requires schools to have the greatest flexibility in making cuts;

Whereas, The District supplements certain General Fund Restricted (003) accounts with General Fund Unrestricted (001) dollars;

Whereas, Cuts to the aforementioned General Fund Restricted accounts in the amount of the encroachment on the General Fund Unrestricted Program can be applied to the District's 2004-05 deficit; and

Whereas, By allowing schools to apply a portion of the \$50 per pupil cut to General Fund Restricted accounts that encroach upon the General Fund Unrestricted Program, the District will give schools much needed flexibility in creating their 2004-05 school budgets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs the Superintendent to work with schools and Local Districts to allow reductions in those General Fund Restricted accounts that encroach upon the General Fund Unrestricted Program, and

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to return to the Board by June 30, 2004, with a summary report on school-site reductions in both restricted and unrestricted accounts for the 2004-05 school year.

## MOTION REQUESTED BY SUPERINTENDENT

Declaring Salaries Indefinite and Suspending Board Rule Policies and Practices (Unrepresented Employees) was postponed to the June 22, 2004, Regular Board Meeting:

That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles: (1) hereby declares that all management, confidential, and other unrepresented certificated, classified and unclassified employees' salaries, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment are declared indefinite for the 2004-2005 school year as a result of financial uncertainties, negotiations, legislation, and other factors, and (2) suspends or amends all Board Rules, policies, and practices, as applicable, that may be in conflict with actions taken, or which may be taken, to balance the District's budget.

Pre-July 1 Notices was postponed to the June 22, 2004, Regular Board Meeting:

That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to Article XXXII, Section 4.0 of the 2001-2003 Agreement between the Los Angeles Unified School District) and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), pursuant to the 2002-2003 Agreement between the District and Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), and in accordance with the individual employment contracts of these and other District employees, hereby declares salaries and benefits for 2004-2005 for District employees to be indefinite and to be subject to change or reduction on or after July 1, 2004, as may appropriately result from collective bargaining negotiations or otherwise. The District shall act to implement such changes or reductions, as the District deems necessary, in light of financial or other uncertainties, to help balance the District's budget. These financial constraints and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the adequacy of state funding, District operating costs, and pending legal actions.

Possible changes or reductions in salaries or benefits which may be implemented in 2004-2005 for UTLA-represented employees, AALA-represented employees, management, confidential, supervisory, and other District-represented employees include, but are not limited to:

1. Adjustment to salary rates, tables and differentials.
2. Revisions to work year (number of paid days).
3. Elimination/reduction of Staff Development Buy Back Days.
4. Adjustments to health and welfare plan benefit levels, contribution levels, eligibility rules, changes in deductibles, co-pays or other cost sharing.

All such changes or reductions are to result from collective bargaining where appropriate, and all Board Rules, policies and practices are subject to revision to carry out any of the changes or reductions described above. The above actions are listed by way of example, not limitations, and may be supplemented.

Mr. Lauritzen moved the Authorization for Additional Reduction-In-Force Notices for Seven Non-Permanent Pupil Services and Attendance Counselors:

That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles hereby authorizes the notification of seven additional non-permanent Pupil Services and Attendance Counselors that their services will be terminated no later than June 30, 2004, as a result of budget reductions. This action will not affect the total number of PSA Counselor positions previously authorized by the Board, and will result in the rescission of notices of reduction to seven more senior PSA Counselors.

Ms. Canter seconded the motion, which on roll call was adopted, 4 ayes, 1 abstention, Mr. Tokofsky. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

#### DRAFT

Ms. Canter, Mr. Lauritzen - Closure of Future Education Aide II Positions

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles requests the Personnel Commission to assign no more Education Aide II's effective July 15, 2004; and be it

Resolved further, That the Board requests the Personnel Commission to abolish the Education Aide II position at such time when there are no more incumbents in the position.

#### INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Huizar introduced the following motion to Support the Work of the Youth Advocates:

Whereas, The Youth Advocates: Leaders for a Diverse Community (a not-for-profit organization) provides opportunity for youth from across Los Angeles' racial, religious and socio-economic divides to develop equal status relationships and to become competent adults who are, "connected, caring, and committed";

Whereas, The Youth Advocates intends to develop a Youth Leadership Academy; whose goals include providing youth and human relations and leadership training; teachers with staff development in anti-bias education aligned with the standards; and the community with empowered civic activists; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles hereby supports the work of the Youth Advocates and hereby encourages District's ninth and tenth graders to participate in the Youth Advocates program, which is a multi-year program designed to reduce intergroup tensions and cultural isolation, promote civic engagement, and empower students to exercise positive leadership in the community.

Ms. Canter, Mr. Lauritzen introduced the following motion regarding District Student Attendance Policy:

Whereas, The Board of Education believes that every child has the right and the obligation to attend school;

Whereas, Student attendance and student achievement are closely linked, with math and English Language Arts California Standards Test results indicating that secondary students with higher attendance perform better than their peers with lower attendance;

Whereas, Students with poor attendance patterns are more likely to need costly instructional remediation, develop a negative self-image, engage in anti-social behavior, experience academic failure, and drop out of school;

Whereas, Student attendance is the primary source of revenue for the Los Angeles Unified School District and an increase of 1/2 percent in the District's student attendance rate District-wide would provide \$16 million in additional revenue;

Whereas, Under current District practice, schools that increase their average daily attendance during the school year receive no additional revenue and, therefore, have little incentive to focus scarce resources on improving attendance; and

Whereas, The District is about to embark on a marketing campaign to raise public awareness about the importance of student attendance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles recognizes the importance of improved student attendance on student achievement and as a source of additional revenue;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to make improved student attendance a top priority and authorizes the Superintendent to establish a comprehensive District Attendance Policy;

Resolved further, That the comprehensive District Attendance Policy include:

- an accountability structure that holds the central district, local districts, and schools accountable for monitoring attendance,
- mandated intervention protocol to combat truancy,
- weekend study program and independent study for learning and cost recovery,
- provisions to authorize teachers to tie grades to attendance,
- expanded partnership with law enforcement and the City and District Attorneys;

Resolved further, That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to restructure attendance reporting (i.e., institute period-by-period attendance) to maximize average daily attendance;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to provide at least 50 percent of additional revenue generated by improved student attendance at a school site to the school site's discretionary account; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to return to the Board with quarterly progress reports on efforts to improve student attendance.

No wording for Mr. Tokofsky's motion regarding Small Learning Communities was available at this time.

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

### CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Ms. Canter 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. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

12 noon, Special Board, March 8, 2004  
9:30 a.m., Closed Session May 25, 2004

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Lauritzen moved

That a Special Board Meeting be called on June 15, 2004, at 10 a.m., regarding Board Visioning. The meeting will be held at Occidental College, 600 Campus Road, Los Angeles.

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

Mr. Lauritzen moved:

That Ms. Marguerite Poindexter and Mr. Jose Huizar, Members of this Board of Education, be found absent at the time of the Closed Session and Regular Board meetings of May 25, 2004, due to hardship.

Ms. Canter seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

Mr. Lauritzen announced:

The June 17, 2004, meeting of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee will begin at 9 a.m.

Ms. Korenstein announced:

The June 24, 2004, meeting of the School Safety, Health and Human Services has been rescheduled to June 17 at 1 p.m.

Mr. Tokofsky announced:

There will be a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, June 17, at 1 p.m. regarding Master Planning and Demographics, and on Thursday, June 24, at 3 p.m. regarding African American Learners.

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Mr. Lauritzen moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former President Ronald Reagan and Mr. Brad Sales, retired District Communications Officer. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: January 24, 2006

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JOSE HUIZAR  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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