

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, January 9, 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, January 9, 2007, simultaneously with the recessed Special Board Meeting of January 3, 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 10:07 a.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Mónica García, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, Mr. David Tokofsky, and President Marlene Canter. Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte arrived at 10:16 a.m. and Mr. Mike Lansing arrived at 10:09 a.m.

Mr. Lauritzen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT

President Canter introduced Mr. Martoinne Williams, a senior at Hollywood High School, recipient of the Music Center Spotlight Award in the nonclassical voice category. She noted that the competition is focused on high school performing and visual artists.

Mr. Williams performed a selection of songs and was accompanied by Mr. Stormy Sacks, his teacher at Hollywood High School.

Board Members and Superintendent David Brewer commended Mr. Williams and recognized Mr. Sacks and Principal Fonna Bishop for providing support and guidance to the students of the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE, MAGNET PROGRAMS, AND "CHOICES" APPLICATIONS

Ms. Sharon Curry, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Student Integration Services, provided information regarding the process of applying to the many schools of choice operated by the District. She responded to questions by Board Members regarding the expansion of the number of magnet schools.

Ms. LaMotte recognized and thanked Ms. Joan Graham, Magnet Program Liaison, for her commitment and support of the magnet program. Ms. Deborah Ernst, Director, Specially Funded Programs Branch, responded to questions regarding students who attend Program Improvement schools and the State mandate which directs that they be a part of the "Choices" brochure.

Ms. Maribel Medina, Special Counsel to the Board, and Mr. Jim Cowell, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions by Board Members.

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President Canter modified the Order of Business.  
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF BARGAINING UNION AND  
DISTRICT'S INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA) 2006-07  
REOPENER PROPOSALS FOR UNIT D, OFFICE-TECHNICAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL POLICE SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS  
ASSOCIATION FOR UNIT H (BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 154-06/07)

President Canter announced:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the initial negotiating proposals from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the District's Initial Proposal to the Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association for Unit H (Board of Education Report No. 154-06/07).

There were no speakers.

President Canter announced:

This was the final opportunity to speak to the initial negotiating proposals from the CSEA and the District's Initial Proposal to the Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association.

Mr. Kevin Reed, General Counsel, and Ms. Naomi Suenaka, Administrator, Staff Relations, responded to questions by Board Members.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Canter stated that Board of Education Report Nos. 165, 185, and 186 – 06/07 were being separated from the Consent Calendar and would be voted on individually.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 174 – 06/07  
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to  
Authorize Use of Measure K and R Joint Use Funds at Dorsey High  
School and to Enter into a Joint Use Development Agreement

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 180 – 06/07  
Adoption of the Single Track and Multi-Track Instructional  
Calendars for the 2007-08 School Year

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 183 – 06/07  
Establishment of New Capital Projects – Building Fund –  
Proposition 1D and Recognizing Proposition 1D Revenues

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 187 – 06/07  
Reimbursement Resolution for Measure K Bonds

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 189 – 06/07  
Ratification of Actions Taken by the Office of the General Counsel

Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Paul Escala, Senior Program Manager, Joint Use Program, and Mr. Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions regarding Board of Education Revised Report No. 174 – 06/07.

By general consent, the reports were adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 165 – 06/07  
Application for High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP) Cohort 2

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

Ms. Rita Caldera, Assistant Superintendent, Specially Funded Programs, responded to questions by Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 185 – 06/07  
Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2002, Measure K, Series B (2007)

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

Mr. Charles Burbridge, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions by Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 186 – 06/07  
Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2005, Measure Y, Series E (2007)

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

#### RECEIPT OF REPORTS

Board of Education Report No. 195 – 06/07 – Ratification of Contract Actions and Approval of Professional Services Contracts: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 196 – 06/07 – California Environmental Quality Act for Valley Region High School No. 5: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 197 – 06/07 – Project Approval for Valley Region High School No. 5: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 199 – 06/07 – Agreements and Amendments: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 200 – 06/07 – 2005-2008 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles City and County School Employees Union, SEIU, Local 99 for Unit B – Instructional Aides: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 201 – 06/07 – 2005-2008 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles City and County School Employees Union, SEIU, Local 99 for Unit C – Operations-Support Services: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 202 – 06/07 – 2005-2008 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles City and County School Employees Union, SEIU, Local 99 for Unit F – Teacher Assistants: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 203 – 06/07 – 2005-2008 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles City and County School Employees Union, SEIU, Local 99 for Unit G – Playground Aides

### REGULAR

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 154 – 06/07

District's 2005-06 Initial Bargaining Proposals for Unit H, Sergeants and Lieutenants

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

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 172 – 06/07

Ratification of Contract Actions and Approval of Professional Services Contracts

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

Mr. Mark Hovatter, Director, Facilities Contract, responded to questions by Board Members.

This item was postponed until later in the meeting.

Later in the meeting and by general consent, the report was adopted.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 173 – 06/07

Proposal to Amend Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for Projects at Various Schools

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

Mr. Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Existing Facilities, responded to questions by Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 171 – 06/07  
(Via Legislation Committee)  
Legislative Proposals and Positions

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

Mr. Mehula, Mr. Reed, Ms. Peggy Barber, Coordinator, Legislation Implementation, Ms. Medina, and Ms. Lucy Okumu, Director of Internal Affairs and Administration, responded to questions by Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

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The Board recessed at 12:13 p.m. to reconvene the recessed Closed Session Meeting of January 3, 2007. The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 2:24 p.m. The following Members were present: Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Tokofsky, and President Canter. Mr. Lansing arrived at 3:19 p.m.

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SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

UPGROUND BAND

Mr. Tokofsky introduced the members of the Upground Band, former Garfield and South Gate High Schools students. The members of the band stated that the District schools provided them the opportunity to learn to play various instruments and they are now performing at various clubs and cultural events.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Tokofsky presented the Band with a certificate of recognition.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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STUDENT INPUT

Student Member Natalie Corrilo from Garfield High School commented on the positive changes at her school she has observed over the past four years. She noted that there has been a decrease in violence on the campus due to the increase in campus aides and the positive interaction between students and school staff, and an increase in the availability of counseling service also due to the hiring of more counselors per track. She expressed her pleasure in having new textbooks at the beginning of the semester, but voiced her concern regarding overcrowded classrooms and the lack of healthy choices in the school cafeteria.

Student Member Selina Duran from Roosevelt High School thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them. She noted that there have been many ongoing campus improvements to her school since her freshman year. She stated that students have been practicing for the upcoming California High School Exit Exam and challenges faced by the small learning communities. She commented on the overcrowding at Roosevelt and its negative effects on the students and the lack of adequate air conditioning.

Student Member Cecilia Armenta from Bell High School commented on the high rate of participation in campus activities, academics and sports by students. She also noted the success the student body had in raising funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina and other community needs. She commended the dedication of the teaching staff in supporting the students' academic efforts.

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Mr. Tokofsky recognized the Eagle Rock High School Football Team for their second consecutive City Championship. He noted the presence of Mr. Saul Valesco, Principal, and Head Coach Jerry Chow.

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President Canter resume modified the Order of Business.

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### DIRECTS

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 190 – 06/07 (Direct) Various Purchasing Transactions

Ms. Alicia Loncar representing SEIU Local 99 addressed the Board.

Ms. LaMotte moved report with the following amendment:

Withdrawing in Section V, Item A - Contract No. 0750102 with Royal Wiping Cloth Co., and in Item C - Exhibit C contract with P & R Paper Supply Company, Exhibit D contract with Carl Buddig & Co., Exhibit F contract with First Student, Inc., and Exhibit G contract with Cardinal Transportation Group, Inc.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Michael Eugene, Business Manager, Mr. Antonio Rodriguez, Director of Transportation, and Mr. Duane Johnston, Chief Procurement Officer, responded to questions by Board Members.

By general consent, the report as amended was adopted.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 193 – 06/07 (Direct) Routine Personnel Actions

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 194 – 06/07 (Direct) Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Ms. LaMotte moved that the Board Report Nos. 193 and 194 – 06/07 be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 198 – 06/07 (Direct)  
Liability Insurance Claims

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

BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTION

Initial Announcement

Ms. Canter – Budget Transparency and Accountability

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

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

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

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

1. Restructure the District's budget to clearly articulate the strategic direction and priorities of the Superintendent and the Board and incorporate measurable objectives and outcomes for programs. The budget document should communicate how the budget relates to the District's mission, goals, and operational activities and who is accountable organizationally for specified outcomes.
2. Base decisions on program expansions or cuts on goal-driven and measurable criteria. Ineffective as well as redundant programs should be eliminated, not simply reduced in funding.
3. Work with the Program Evaluation and Research Branch as well as the Board's Independent Analysis Unit to develop objective criteria and create annual evaluation tools for programs in the budgetary process. These tools should be used to measure the effectiveness of programs and to identify redundancies.
4. Prepare an annual historical budget analysis examining the District's past fiscal issues, problems, challenges, and accomplishments in order to gain additional perspective on how to guide the District in the future.
5. Tie Local District and school budgets explicitly to the District's instructional goals and priorities.
6. Establish a clear process to solicit input from Local District personnel, principals, and others on the annual budget process;

7. Develop a District-wide budget calendar to ensure that finance decisions are made on a standard basis and can be made early enough to avoid midyear financial disruptions; and
8. Develop an implementation plan for these items and report back to the Board by February 28, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Tokofsky commented on the upcoming National School Boards Association Leadership and Federal Network Conferences in Washington, D.C. in which No Child Left Behind Reforms will be discussed.

Mr. Tokofsky announced his intention to bring motions to strengthen and replicate magnet schools throughout the District and to address the need for Life Skills Courses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subject indicated:

Ms. Sheila Taylor	Carnegie Middle School
Mr. George Garrett	Perils of New Teachers Today
Mr. Luis South	Total Quality Management

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The Board recessed at 4:18 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m. The following Members were present: Ms. García, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Tokofsky, and President Canter. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lauritzen were absent.

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President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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REGULAR (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 175 – 06/07  
 Amendment to the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan Changing the  
 Funding Contribution for the Demolition, Design and Reconstruction of  
 Ramona Opportunity High School

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Ms. Kimberlee Tachiki representing U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard

Ms. Brenda Morton

Ms. Juliana Salazar

Ms. Titiana Salazar

Ms. Nadine Munguia

Ms. Helen Hernandez

Mr. Eddie Torres, Jr., representing the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Carmen Schroeder

Ms. Diana Tarango representing the East Los Angeles MTA Review Advisory Committee

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

Mr. Cowell responded to questions by Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lauritzen were absent.

DIRECT (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 191 – 06/07 (Direct)  
Student Expulsion Issues

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Maria Contero regarding Case No. 067-05/06

Mr. Daniel Cervantes regarding Case No. 067-05/06

Ms. Lois Medlock regarding Case No. 067-05/06

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

Mr. Hector Madrigal, Director, Pupil Services and Attendance, responded to questions by Board Members.

Ms. LaMotte moved the following amendment:

Enforcing expulsion of Case No. 067-06/07 and directing staff to find an alternate placement with appropriate counseling support service.

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

On roll call, the report as amended was adopted 5 ayes, with the exception of Case No. 067-06/07 on which Mr. Tokofsky voted no. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lauritzen were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 192 – 06/07 (Direct)  
Student Reinstatements

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Mr. Roy Eugene Boggs	Sex-Segregated Classes and Uniforms
Ms. Jacqueline Cothran	Special Education
Mr. John Wordin representing the Fitness Challenge Foundation	Kids Fitness Challenge

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Ms. LaMotte moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. García, Ms. Korenstein, and Ms. Canter were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: February 13, 2007

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MARLENE CANTER  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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