

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

REGULAR MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Inspirational Moment

Wendy Kopp, President and Founder of Teach for America

Superintendent's Instructional Highlights

Natalie Mejia, Student from Franklin High School

Student Input

Lydia Alvarado from Banning High School, Jessica Anderson from Gardena High School, and Lexi Manghera from San Pedro High School

1. Public Notice of Initial Proposals from Bargaining Units and the District

Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA)(Received December 13, 2005)

District's Initial Bargaining Proposals to Unit A – School Police, Unit B – Instructional Aides, Unit C – Operations-Support Services, Unit D – Office-Technical and Business Services, Unit E – Skilled Crafts, Unit F – Teacher Assistants, Unit G – Playground Aides, Unit S – Classified Supervisors (Received December 13, 2005)

California School Employees Association (CSEA) for Unit D (Office-Technical and Business Services)(Received November 22, 2005)

Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Construction Trades Council for Unit E (Skilled Crafts) (Received November 22, 2005)

Initial Proposal to United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) and Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA) Regarding Single Track and Multitrack Year-Round Calendars for the 2006-2007 School Year (Board of Education Report No. 133 – 05/06 - Received November 22, 2005)

Adoption of Consent Items – Regular Meeting of January 10, 2006

2. Board of Education Report No. 166 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Facilities Services Division
(Ratification of Real Estate Leases, Licenses, and Other Agreements or Instruments that are Necessary or Incidental for the Use of Real Property) Ratifies real estate leases and other agreements executed by staff under delegation of authority and includes cases where the District is tenant and where the District is landlord.
3. Board of Education Report No. 191 – 05/06 (Via Facilities) **ADOPTED**
Facilities Services Division
(Authorization to Use Measures K and R Joint Use Funds at Palisades Charter High School and Amendment to the 2005 Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan) Authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a joint use agreement between Palisades Charter High School and the American Youth Soccer Organization for an athletic field lighting project. The total cost of the project is \$488,481.
4. Board of Education Revised Report No. 167 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Office of the Chief Financial Officer
(Certification of Measure Y Results: Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2005, Series A (2006); and a General Fund Reimbursement Resolution) Approves resolutions certifying the November 8, 2005, Measure Y election results, establishes of a separate Capital Projects Fund, and authorizes issuance of an additional \$400 million of bonds.
5. Board of Education Report No. 175 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
(Naming of Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., Primary Center) Approves changing the name of Fremont New Primary Center No. 2 to the Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., Primary Center.
6. Board of Education Report No. 177 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
(Naming of Dr. James Edward Jones Primary Center) Approves changing the name of Manual Arts New Primary Center No. 2 to the Dr. James Edward Jones Primary Center in honor of the past Board Member.
7. Board of Education Report No. 185 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Office of the Chief Operating Officer
(Naming of Ellen Ochoa Learning Center) Approves changing the name of Bell/Cudahy K-8 Span School to the Ellen Ochoa Learning Center

Receipt of Reports for Action at Next Board Meeting

8. Board of Education Report No. 192 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Office of Environmental Health and Safety **REGULAR**
(Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) South Region Area New Middle School No. 6) Approves certification of the final Environmental Impact Report for a middle school located at Western Ave. and 46th St. in Los Angeles.

9. Board of Education Report No. 193 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Facilities Services Division **REGULAR**
(Project Approval for South Region Area New Middle School No. 6) Authorizes site acquisition and construction for a 1,404 seat middle school located at Western Ave. and 46th St. in Los Angeles at a projected total cost of approximately \$97 million.
10. Board of Education Report No. 194 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Office of Environmental Health and Safety **REGULAR**
(Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Central Region Area New Elementary School No. 13) Approves certification of the final Environmental Impact Report for an elementary school located at Washington Blvd. and 3rd Ave. in Los Angeles.
11. Board of Education Report No. 195 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Facilities Services Division Safety **REGULAR**
(Project Approval for Central Region Area New Elementary School No. 13) Authorizes site acquisition and construction for a 875 seat elementary school located at Washington Blvd. and 3rd Ave. in Los Angeles at a projected total cost of approximately \$59 million.
12. Board of Education Report No. 196 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Office of Environmental Health and Safety **CONSENT**
(Certification of the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Central Region Area New Middle School No. 7) Approves certification of the final Mitigated Negative Declaration regarding environmental consideration for a middle school located at Adams Blvd. and Compton Ave. in Los Angeles.
13. Board of Education Report No. 197 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Facilities Services Division Safety **CONSENT**
(Project Approval for Central Region Area New Middle School No. 7) Authorizes site acquisition and construction for a 1,350 seat middle school located at Adams Blvd. and Compton Ave. in Los Angeles at a projected total cost of approximately \$94 million.
14. Board of Education Report No. 198 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Office of Environmental Health and Safety **REGULAR**
(Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Central Region Area New High School No. 13 – Former Taylor Yard site) Approves certification of the final Environmental Impact Report for a high school located at Division St. and San Fernando Rd. in Los Angeles.
15. Board of Education Report No. 199 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
Facilities Services Division Safety **REGULAR**
(Project Approval for Central Region Area New High School No. 13) Authorizes site acquisition and construction for a 2,295 seat high school located at Division St. and San Fernando Rd., Taylor Yard, in Los Angeles at a projected total cost of approximately \$162 million.

16. Board of Education Report No. 200 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **CONSENT**
 (Amendment to 2005 New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to Add the New Project Definition for Valley Region Montague Charter Academy Addition) Authorizes staff to enter into a funding and construction agreement with Montague Charter Academy and authorizes the expenditure of \$3 million of Measure K Charter Facilities Expansion funds for a 400 seat addition to the school. Approves amendment to 2005 Strategic Execution Plan for the project.
17. Board of Education Report No. 201 – 05/06 (via Facilities Committee) **ACTION ON 1/31/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **REGULAR**
 (New Construction Strategic Execution Plan 2006) Finds that the new Construction Strategic Execution Plan 2006 satisfies the Measure K and Measure R requirements to provide the cost, schedule and scope of each new school construction project.
18. Board of Education Report No. 202 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **CONSENT**
 (Lease Agreements for Radio Tower Locations) Authorizes staff to exercise an option to renew a lease and approve an existing lease for radio tower space.
19. Board of Education Report No. 204 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **CONSENT**
 (Authorization to Enter into a Joint Use Agreement for the Construction of a Los Angeles County Health Center on Sun Valley Middle School Property) Authorizes staff to enter into a joint use agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the construction of a health center on the campus.
20. Board of Education Report No. 209 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **CONSENT**
 (Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement to Extend Existing Lease at 4201 Wilshire, Suite 202, in Los Angeles for the Special Education Support Unit East) Authorizes staff to enter into an extension of the month to month lease until October 2012.
21. Board of Education Report No. 210 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **CONSENT**
 (Authorization to Negotiate and Exercise an Option to Renew the Existing Lease at 1001 Carson Street, Torrance, for the Division of Adult and Career Education Harbor Community Adult School) Authorizes staff to enter into a five year lease extension at a 95 percent fair market value rate.

22. Board of Education Report No. 211 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Facilities Services Division Safety **REGULAR**
 (Ratification of Contracts and Approval of Professional Services Contracts) Approves ratification of 10 advertised construction contracts for approximately \$4.8 million, change orders for approximately \$3.5 million, awards 85 unadvertised and informal contracts awards totaling approximately \$1.3 million, 49 architectural and engineering contract totaling approximately \$3.4 million, and awards 5 professional services contracts and amendments for approximately \$650,000, approves amendments to professional services contracts including amendment to electrical energy supply contract.
23. Board of Education Report No. 212 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Office of the Chief Financial Officer **REGULAR**
 (Authorization to Conduct Competitive Procurements for Outdoor Billboard Advertisements and Graffiti Abatement on Construction Sites) Authorizes staff to conduct an RFP for generating revenue for the District by allowing outdoor advertising at two new school construction sites in Los Angeles.
24. Board of Education Report No. 203 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/31/06**
 Human Resources Division **REGULAR**
 (Amendment of Board Rule 1920 – Professional Expert Salary Rates) Amends the delegation of authority allowing for ratification of the hiring of employees to temporary positions up to a salary rate that exceeds the average annual salary for teachers.
25. Board of Education Report No. 208 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Office of the Chief Operating Officer **CONSENT**
 (Naming of Johnnie Cochran, Jr., Middle School) Approves changing the name of Mt. Vernon Middle School to Johnnie Cochran, Jr., Middle School.
26. Board of Education Report No. 213 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/31/06**
 Office of the General Counsel, Staff Relations **REGULAR**
 (Adoption of the 2005-06 Compensation Package for District Represented Employees and Board Members)
27. Board of Education Report No. 214 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/31/06**
 Office of the General Counsel, Staff Relations **CONSENT**
 (Adoption of the 2005-06 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA)) Approves agreement between the District and AALA to provide a 2.5% salary increase and an equivalent to 1% increase for health benefits for a cost to the general fund of the District of \$6.1 million.
28. Board of Education Report No. 216 – 05/06 **ACTION ON 1/24/06**
 Charter Schools Division **REGULAR**
 (Revocation of Renaissance Academy Charter High School Charter) Adopting findings for the revocation of the Renaissance Academy Charter High School charter.

29. **Special Reports and Presentations**

Los Angeles High School Band 16th Consecutive Band Championship (Ms. LaMotte)

Recognition of Glenn Gritzner

Adoption of Regular Calendar – Regular Meeting of January 10, 2006

Regular

30. Board of Education Revised Report No. 116 – 05/06 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
Facilities Services Division
(Approval of Valley Region Byrd High School Reconfiguration and Amendment of the 2005 New Construction Strategic Execution Plan) Approves plan to change middle school campus into a 1,620 seat high school and relocate students served by existing middle school to the site now known as East Valley New Area High School No. 1A (Anthony Office Building). Authorizes expenditure of Measure R funds to proceed with design, due diligence, and environmental reviews for this project.
31. Board of Education Revised Report No. 165 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Facilities Services Division
(Ratification of Contract Actions and Approval of Professional Services Contracts) Approves ratification of 24 advertised construction contracts for approximately \$34 million, change orders for approximately \$2.8 million, awards 167 unadvertised and informal contracts awards totaling approximately \$2.4 million, 22 architectural and engineering contract totaling approximately \$5.1 million, and awards 16 professional services contracts and amendments for approximately \$1.9 million, awards four professional services contracts for materials testing and amends a contract providing real estate management services.
32. Board of Education Revised Report No. 168 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
Business Services Division
(Approval of Agreements and Amendments) Approves agreements with Image of A Culture for professional development, St. Francis Medical Center for services to the Early Childhood Education Division, and an amendment to the agreement with Maximus regarding the Integrated Student Information System (ISIS).
33. Board of Education Report No. 133 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
School Fiscal Services Division
(Initial Proposal to United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) and Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA) Regarding Single Track and Multitrack Year-Round Calendars for the 2006-2007 School Year) Approves specific calendar dates to be subject of negotiations with certificated bargaining units.
34. Board of Education Report No. 159 – 05/06 **POSTPONED TO 1/31/06**
Office of the General Counsel
(Memorandum of Understanding with United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)) Approves agreement between the District and UTLA to provide a 2.5% salary increase and an equivalent to 1% increase for health benefits for a cost to the general fund of the District of \$64.8 million.

35. Board of Education Report No. 160 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
 Charter Schools Division
 (Amendment to Preferences Set Forth in the Animo Venice Charter High School Charter)
 Approves an amendment to an existing charter to provide preferential enrollment to students who attended Broadway Elementary and students with siblings already attending Animo Venice Charter High School.
36. Board of Education Report No. 176 – 05/06 **ADOPTED**
 Specially Funded Programs Division
 (State-Monitored Schools Notification for Immediate Intervention Underperforming Schools Program (II/USP) and High Priority Schools Grant (HPSG) Schools) Approves notification that 17 schools failed to make adequate Academic Performance Index growth and will be state monitored.

Directs

37. Board of Education Report No. 188 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED**
 Pupil Services
 (Student Expulsion Issues) Approves expulsion and placement of 5 students and the suspension of enforcement for 4 of the students, approves revocation of suspension of expulsion enforcement for a student previously expelled.
38. Board of Education Report No. 189 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED**
 Pupil Services
 (Student Reinstatements) Approves reinstatement of 4 previously expelled students.
39. Board of Education Report No. 187 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED**
 Human Resources
 (Provisional Internship Permit) Approves request to apply for Provisional Internship Permits for 32 teachers.
40. Board of Education Report No. 190 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
 Business Services Division
 (Various Purchasing Transactions) Ratifies regular purchase orders and other transactions for approximately \$93 million; awards contracts for computer network equipment and related services, contracts for telecommunications voicemail services and parent notification systems. Approves award authorization to purchase various food items and automobiles, and awards work order for project management services for cafeteria management system.
41. Board of Education Report No. 205 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED**
 Human Resources
 (Approval of Routine Personnel Actions) Approves 9,785 routine personnel actions such as promotions, transfers, leaves, etc.

- 42 . Board of Education Report No. 206 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED**
 Human Resources
 (Approval Nonroutine Personnel Actions) Approves hiring of 20 individuals, the dismissal of 4 classified employees, and the rescission of dismissal of 1 classified employee.
- 43 . Board of Education Report No. 207 – 05/06 (Direct) **ADOPTED**
 Risk Management and Insurance
 (Liability Insurance Claims) Ratifies employee reimbursement for losses of approximately \$13,000, payment of claims and legal fees for \$297,000, the payment of worker’s compensation claims for \$8.2 million, rejection of claims, and collection of reimbursement from third parties for approximately \$3,000.

Board Members Resolutions

Action

44. Ms. LaMotte – Motion to Ensure that the Path to Leadership Within LAUSD’s Management Structure is Visibly Open to Talented and Qualified Individuals of Every Race and Ethnicity
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

~~Whereas, The Equal Protection Clause of the United States mandates for equal protection of all individuals regardless of race or ethnicity;~~

~~Whereas, Public education is of paramount importance to the foundation of good citizenship;~~

~~Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District’s demographics reflect a combined majority of minority students;~~

~~Whereas, 25.1% of the District’s certificated, confidential and supervisory staff is Hispanic, 22.3% is African American, 43.9% is White, 7.0% is Asian, 1.1% is Filipino, 0.5% is American Indian, and 0.2% is Pacific Islander;~~

~~Whereas, In comparison, 72.8% of the District’s student population is 72.8% Hispanic, 11.6% is African American, 9.0% is White, 3.8% is Asian, 2.2% is Filipino, 0.3% is American Indian, and 0.3% is Pacific Islander;~~

~~Whereas, Los Angeles County is home to some of the world’s most renowned educational institutions, the University of California in Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Loyola Marymount, etc., that graduate qualified administrators of all ethnicities and races;~~

~~Whereas, The senior staff of the District plays a critical role in advising the Superintendent, and ultimately the Board of Education, on educational teaching techniques for all students;~~

~~Whereas, A more diverse management team would greatly enhance educational planning and strategies based upon its understanding of the diverse life experiences of students in the District;~~

~~Whereas, Assuring that employment and promotional opportunities in the second largest school district in the country are transparent, open and available to all segments of American society, including people of ALL races and ethnicities, represents an objective which should be paramount to this District;~~

~~Whereas, Students attend Board meetings, view the Board meetings on television and are blatantly aware of the make up of the District's management staff and the absence of people who look like them;~~

~~Whereas, In order to cultivate leaders and professionals with legitimacy in the eyes of the District student body, parents, teachers and administrators, it is critical that the path to leadership be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every race and ethnicity;~~

~~Whereas, The California Education Code has charged the governing Board of the District with the duty of hiring qualified District employees, including superintendents committed to upholding the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution;~~

~~Whereas, The Board has relied on the Superintendent's good faith efforts to hire and promote individuals of all races and ethnicities and during his tenure, not one certificated African-American male has been promoted above the level of local district director;~~

~~Whereas, The District must lead by example to cultivate a diverse work force, including senior management positions to promote cross racial understanding and help break down negative stereotypes;~~

~~Whereas, The stakeholders of this District, including students, staff, teachers, parents, administrators, and members of the community must have confidence in the openness and integrity of the District's leadership; and~~

~~Whereas, Such confidence cannot be reached when the Superintendent's senior management staff is grossly lacking in diversity; now, therefore, be it~~

~~Resolved, That for all the foregoing reasons, the District has a compelling governmental interest in a diverse work force at all levels of the District management structure;~~

~~Resolved further, That this motion does not call for quotas or any fixed number or percentage, but does require a minimum goal of diversity be attained through good faith efforts for senior management positions;~~

~~Resolved further, Within thirty days from adoption of this Motion, that the Superintendent deliver to the Board a hiring and recruitment plan, which promotes a qualified racially diverse management team; and be it finally~~

~~Resolved, That the hiring and recruitment plan provide for individualized consideration where race and ethnicity are taken into consideration in a flexible, non-mechanical way, and where an individual's race or ethnicity is not the defining factor.~~

Whereas, The Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution and the California Constitution both mandate equal protection and equal opportunities of all individuals regardless of race or ethnicity;

Whereas, Public Education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments and the very foundation of good citizenship;

Whereas, Today, education is a principal instrument in awakening children to cultural value, in preparing children for later professional training, and in helping children adjust normally to their environment;

Whereas, The resident population of Los Angeles Unified School District is more than 50 percent minority and the District's student population is more than 90 percent combined minority;

Whereas, Los Angeles County is home to some of the world's most reknown educational institutions such as the University of California in Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Loyola Marymount University, and the California State Colleges that graduate qualified administrators of all races and ethnicities;

Whereas, The senior staff of the District play a critical role in advising the Superintendent and ultimately the Board of Education on educational teaching techniques, implement educational programs, and often represent the District in its dealings with the community;

Whereas, A more diverse management team would greatly enhance educational planning and strategies based upon its unique understanding of the diverse life experiences of students in the District;

Whereas, The Board of Education is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all students perform at a high level and this can only be accomplished utilizing the skills of the best and brightest District staff;

Whereas, Assuring that employment and promotion opportunities in the second largest school district in the country are transparent, open and available to all segments of American society, including people of all races and ethnicities, represents an objective which should be paramount to this District;

Whereas, Students who attend Board meetings or view those meetings on television and see and hear the people identified by the District as its best educators and managers must have role models who demonstrate that leaders come from all races, ethnicities, genders and backgrounds;

Whereas, The California Education Code has charged the governing Board of the District with the duty of hiring qualified District employees, including Superintendents, committed to upholding the Equal Protection Clauses of both the California and the United States Constitutions;

Whereas, The Board has relied on the Superintendent's good faith efforts to hire and promote individuals of all races and ethnicities and during his tenure not one certificated African or Asian American male has been promoted above the level of local district director;

Whereas, The District must lead by example to cultivate a diverse work force, including senior management positions, that promotes cross-racial understanding and helps break down negative stereotypes; and

Whereas, The stakeholders of this District, including students, staff, teachers and administrators, must have confidence in the openness and integrity of the District's leadership and of the process by which those leaders are selected; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That for all of the foregoing reasons, the District has a compelling educational and governmental interest in a diverse work force at all levels, and particularly at the most senior levels, of the District management structure;

Resolved further, That this motion does not call for quotas or any fixed number or percentage, but does require a goal of diversity be attained through good faith efforts in filling vacancies in senior management positions;

Resolved further, That within 60 days of the adoption of this motion, the Superintendent deliver to the Board a plan that will enable the District's certificated senior staff to reflect the diversity that characterizes the community and students that the District serves;

Resolved further, That the plan provide for an individualized assessment of candidates for certificated senior staff positions where race and ethnicity are taken into consideration along with other elements of diversity in a flexible, non-mechanical way, and where an individual's race or ethnicity is not the predominant factor; and be it finally

Resolved, That the District will review the plan annually to consider any adjustments and to assess its continuing vitality.

45. Mr. Tokofsky – Parcel Tax (Waiver of Board Rule 72) **POSTPONED TO 1/24/06**

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs the Superintendent and staff to prepare appropriate budget, content, argument and election materials for a District or countywide parcel tax in the June or November election if Governor Schwarzenegger's State of the State speech does not indicate the Governor's compliance with earlier Proposition 98 guarantees, "deals" and statutory arrangements; and be it

Resolved further, That the Superintendent return to the Board prior to February 1 with complete and election-ready materials.

Motion Requested by the Superintendent

46. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators Senate Bill 435 (Watson) and Senate Bill 148 (Bergeson) **ADOPTED**

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles declares that having conducted extensive recruitment throughout the community, state, region, and nation, having offered employment to all fully-credentialed candidates who applied and who have met District standards and qualifications in the designated subjects, and having implemented and operated alternative programs for teacher credentialing, there are insufficient fully-credentialed teachers to meet the staffing and instructional needs of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and it is necessary to employ teachers with emergency permits under provisions of Education Code 44300.

47. Appointment of Member to the Bond Oversight Committee **ADOPTED**

Resolved, That Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles ratify the appointment of Christopher Espinosa, representing the Mayor's Office, to the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Initial Announcement

48. Ms. Canter – Raising Awareness of College Financial Aid Options **ACTION ON 1/31/06**

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is the second largest district in the country responsible for educating over 700,000 students;

Whereas, The priorities of the District are to promote high academic achievement and a college-going culture in every school;

Whereas, A fundamental principle in sustaining a college-going culture is the belief that college is an achievable goal for all students;

Whereas, The cost of a college education is beyond the means of many families;

Whereas, 72% of the District's students are on the free or reduced lunch program;

Whereas, Approximately 70% of District students are first generation college-bound;

Whereas, Sources of financial aid are available; and

Whereas, It is the role of the College Counselor to make available information about financial aid and assist seniors with financial aid applications; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education for the City of Los Angeles declares January and February as Financial Aid Months in which college counselors and school staff focus their work efforts to encourage all eligible seniors to apply for financial aid;

Resolved further, That high school campuses will continue to work with AVID, community based organizations, and college and university representatives to assist students with financial aid applications; and be it finally

Resolved, That the District will continue its partnership with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, UNITE-LA, the Mayor's Office, and the California Student Aid Commission to conduct Cash for College financial aid workshops to increase opportunities for students.

49. Ms. Canter, Mr. Lauritzen – Mentoring Awareness Month **ACTION ON 1/31/06**

Whereas, It is the mission of the Board of Education to close the achievement gap and increase graduation rates;

Whereas, The Board strives to not only create life-long learners, but responsible, concerned citizens;

Whereas, Research shows that students who participate in mentoring programs feel more confident about their ability to do well in school and feel better about their future and their relationship with family and community;

Whereas, Research shows that students who participate in mentoring programs are less likely to begin using illegal drugs, skip school, and engage in violence;

Whereas, The goals of mentoring programs align closely with the goals of the Los Angeles Unified School District and especially with the community involvement and career counseling attributes of Small Learning Community design;

Whereas, The District currently works with multiple mentoring organizations to provide individual and group mentoring to students during and in addition to the school day; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles recognizes January as National Mentoring Month in an effort to raise awareness about mentoring;

Resolved further, That the Board encourages members of the community to become mentors by connecting through the District's Beyond the Bell Division, the Partnerships and Adopt-A-School Office and community-based organization's online resources;

Resolved further, that the Superintendent or his designee works closely with school-site administrators, external organizations, the Mayor's Office, and City Council, to increase the number of school-based mentoring opportunities and to integrate offsite mentoring programs into the schools where possible;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to charge local district directors to work with school-sites to help facilitate an increased number of school-based mentoring programs; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to provide secondary schools that are reorganizing into Small Learning Communities with opportunities to partner with mentoring organizations or businesses that would support SLC goals in order to facilitate increased mentoring opportunities.

Correspondence and Petitions

50. Report of Correspondence **APPROVED**

Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes APPROVED

51. Special Board, 12-15-05, 10:30 a.m.

This Week in Education

Announcements

- 1-24-06 Board Meeting Facilities Issues Only
- 1-26-06 Special Board Study Session
Cancel CAHSEE/A-G Select Committee Meeting
- 1-31-06 Special Board Meeting
Committee of the Whole – School Design

Public Comment

Adjournment

Please note that the Board of Education may consider at this meeting any item referred from a Board Meeting five calendar days prior to this meeting (Education Code 54954.3(b)(3))

The Board of Education may also refer any item on this Order of Business for the consideration of a Standing Committee of the Board of Education which meets on the Tuesday or Thursday immediately after this meeting.

Members of the public who wish to address the Board regarding items on this agenda should contact the Board Secretariat in person or by calling (213) 241-7002 or toll free (877) 772-6273 prior to 5 p.m., the Monday, prior to the meeting to determine if they may be added to the speakers' list. Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations shall be made 24 hours prior to the meeting to the Board Secretariat.

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