

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2010

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, February 9, 2010, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

President Mónica García called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Yolie Flores, Ms. Tamar Galatzan, Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte, Ms. Nury Martinez, Dr. Richard Vladovic, and President Mónica García. Mr. Steve Zimmer arrived at 1:11 p.m.

Superintendent Ramon C. Cortines was present.

Dr. Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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President García modified the Order of Business.  
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CONSENT ITEMS

Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote.

OLD BUSINESS FOR ACTION:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 140 – 09/10  
Establishment of Cesar Chavez Day as an Official District Holiday

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 207 – 09/10  
2008-2011 Memorandum of Understanding for Unit E

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 208 – 09/10  
2008-2011 Memorandum of Understanding for Unit A

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 215 – 09/10  
Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of the Los Angeles Pilot School Network

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 205 – 09/10  
Routine Personnel Actions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 209 – 09/10  
Provisional Internship Permit

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 217 – 09/10  
Proposed Certificated Early Declaration Incentive

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 210 – 09/10  
Report of Warrants Issued, Request to Reissue Stale-Dated Warrants, Reimbursement of the Controller's  
Revolving Cash Fund, and Donation of Money

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 212 – 09/10  
Approval of the 2010 New Construction Strategic Execution Plan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 213 – 09/10  
Amendment to the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to Approve the  
Funding Strategy and Project Definition for the Garfield High School Auditorium,  
Administration, and Classroom Building Replacement Project

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 204 – 09/10  
Supplemental Educational Services Providers Contract Amendment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, November 10, 2009  
1 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, November 24, 2009  
10 a.m., Special Closed Session, January 5, 2010  
10 a.m., Special Closed Session, January 12, 2010  
10 a.m., Special Closed Session, January 19, 2010

Ms. Martinez moved that the above items be adopted with an amendment to Board Report No. 140-09/10 to include substitute pages. Ms. Flores seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted, with Board Report No. 140 – 09/10 adopted as amended.

The following speaker addressed the Board on Consent Calendar items:

Ms. Susan Gosman, California School Employees Association (CSEA) on Board of Education  
Report No. 140 – 09/10

Ms. Andrea Canty, CSEA on Board of Education Report No. 140 – 09/10

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief update on the impact of the Governor's January revision of the State budget figures. The State deficit has been exacerbated and the District is now facing even deeper reductions for the 2010-2011 school year. This revision includes additional cuts of \$201-\$250 per student. For the District, this equates to an additional \$170 million in reductions on top of the \$470 million deficit for the 2010-2011 school year. Cumulatively, the District must prepare \$640 million of budget balancing reductions for the Second Interim Financial Report in March.

Ms. Reilly and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding deficit amounts and Proposition 98 compliance.

### SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Dr. Cynthia Lim, Executive Director, Office of Data and Accountability, presented the redesigned School Report Card that was released on January 27, 2010. The redesign was substantial and based on input from school staff, parents, and community representatives and gathered over an 8-month period. The new report card is more user friendly and readable for parents.

Dr. Lim and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding the high school exit exam, calculations, graduation rates, course requirements, and parental involvement.

### INSRUNCTIONAL ITEM

#### McALISTER HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR PREGNANT TEEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Judy Elliott, Chief Academic Officer, welcomed Ms. Rosemary Hindinger, Principal of McAlister High School to the Board. Ms. Hindinger described McAlister High School as a small school for pregnant and parenting minors that provides immediate intervention and credit recovery in a small and nurturing environment. There are four school sites throughout the District.

Students at McAlister are faced with a variety of risk factors in addition to being pregnant. Many students are also contending with living in foster care or group homes, have been out of school, are credit deficient, complying with court orders, on parole, or other factors which put them at risk. Nationwide, teen pregnancy is on the rise and is a major contributor to dropout rates. McAlister High School provides an alternative to dropping out. The school allows pregnant teens to be engaged and connected to school by providing students with flexible schedules, independent study, and parenting classes.

Ms. Hindinger highlighted a few of the accomplishments of McAlister High School, including more than tripling the number of graduates from 7 in 2007 to 29 last year, a 7 point API increase, and a higher pass rate for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade math CAHSEE than the District average. The school was recently awarded a grant from the California Wellness Foundation. Funds from this grant will be used to purchase a Pupil Services and Attendance (PSA) counselor, implement an attendance incentive program, and to provide scholarships.

Ms. Leslie Aceves, Ms. Tishonna Boyd, Ms. Estefana Mexicano, and Ms. Vivian Ceja described their

student experiences at McAlister High School and the positive impact it has had on their lives.

Remarks were heard from Superintendent Cortines and Ms. LaMotte.

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President García modified the Order of Business.

### BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

Ms. LaMotte moved the following resolution regarding the Commemoration of African American History Month:

Whereas, African Americans have made significant contributions to society, especially in the areas of science, education, history, sports, the arts and entertainment;

Whereas, The contributions of selected and well-known African Americans are highlighted in the United States and around the world;

Whereas, A number of lesser-known African Americans have also made tremendous contributions, particularly in the areas of medicine, mathematics, the military and inventions;

Whereas, African American history has been commemorated in the United States since February 1926, at the suggestion of historian Carter G. Woodson, PhD;

Whereas, Countless lives have been enriched and encouraged by the exposure to the accomplishments of African Americans throughout the city, state, country and the world since the commemoration's inception; and

Whereas, Continuous education is needed to broaden the knowledge base of citizens in general and students in particular, as related to the contributions of African American to society; now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Board of Education that the month of February be designated as African American History Month and commemorated throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District; and be it finally

Resolved, That Board Members encourage educators and students within their districts to learn more about the accomplishments of less-celebrated African Americans in order to expand the level of awareness, while at the same time, introduce students to educational and career options they may not have considered.

Ms. Flores seconded the motion.

Mr. Ted Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, Beyond the Bell Branch, led a presentation on "An Uncommon Journey to Diversity". In celebration of African American History Month and the commonalities of all people, students from three high schools and one middle school were invited to participate in a pilot project that successfully demonstrated the powerful and positive results that can happen when people work together, learn about and share backgrounds, family histories and personal

experiences. The Beyond the Bell Branch, in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center at Milken, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, organized “An Uncommon Journey to Diversity”, a student community project to celebrate the commonalities of all people, despite their ethnicity, race, and religion. Students research and create original paintings of their family members and ancestors, and share their findings through their writings and art. The goal of this project is for students to discover the benefits and beauty of diversity while developing a sense of pride for their own cultures.

A brief clip from NBC Nightly News on “An Uncommon Journey to Diversity” was shown.

Mr. Johnson welcomed Mr. Rick Hyman to the Board Meeting. A renowned artist, Mr. Hyman guided the students in researching their heritage. Mr. Hyman described his journey to learn his heritage, the publication of his book *My Texas Family, An Uncommon Journey to Prosperity*, and his role in this project. Mr. Hyman presented Superintendent Cortines and Board Members with signed copies of his book.

Students Ms. Morgan Okonkwo, Woodland Hills Academy, Ms. Tatum Blinn, Woodland Hills Academy, and Mr. Sharif Woodruff, Fremont High School, described their paintings and their journey to the Board Members.

Dr. Genevieve Shepherd, Principal of Tom Bradley Environmental Science and Humanities Charter Magnet, described her journey to learn her heritage and introduced several students who presented papers on their heroes. Mr. Elijah Harding spoke on neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, Mr. Justin Candys on civil rights leader Fred Lee Shuttlesworth, Mr. Christian Cruz on historian Carter Woodson, and Ms. Heaven Thomas on her grandfather, teacher John Ford Smith II. The students presented the Board with a gift and recited the school’s mission statement.

Following the presentations and remarks from Ms. LaMotte, the resolution was adopted by general consent.

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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### NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 176 – 09/10 Delegation of Authority for Interdistrict Attendance Agreements

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion.

*Ms. Flores requested that the Superintendent provide an analysis of the geographic trends of students leaving the District. President García requested a review of the policy regarding interdistrict attendance agreements.*

Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding reasons students leave and designee identification.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 206 – 09/10  
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

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

Dr. Ira Berman, Director, Employee Relations, and Mr. Mark Hovatter, Director, Maintenance and Operations, responded to questions from Board Members regarding settlement agreements, restitution, resignations, reimbursement, legal accountability, and policy on employees working for other Districts.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 200 – 09/10  
Student Expulsions

Mr. Zimmer moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion.

Ms. Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline Proceedings Unit, and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding waivers of enforcement, education code, legal process, and employee safety.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes (with Dr. Vladovic recording a no vote on Case No. 061 – 09/10 and aye on balance), and 1 absent, Ms. Flores.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 202 – 09/10  
Procurement Actions

Mr. Jefferson Crain requested that the report be moved with the amendments requested by the Superintendent to withdraw Contract Nos. 1050133 (ABLE Microsystems for printers), 1050120 (ABLE Microsystems for projectors and multimedia), 1050143 (Empire Cleaning Supply), and D10-0001570 & D10-0001571 (PSI Group, Inc.).

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted with the stated amendments. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Enrique Boull't, Director, Transportation Branch, Shahryar Khazei, Interim Chief Information Officer, and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding public transportation discounts, internet filtering software options, use of evaluation information, international baccalaureate program, and master agreements for equipment.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 211 – 09/10  
Facilities Contracts Report

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

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Mr. Rick Middleton, Teamsters Local 572

Ms. Connie Oser, Teamsters Local 572

Mr. Robbie Hunter, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

Superintendent Cortines requested that the report be amended to withdraw Attachment A Item H (Amendments) and Attachment B (Firms Selected via RFQ 10020). This was accepted as a friendly amendment by the mover and seconder of the report.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 216 – 09/10  
State Board of Education Attendance Boundary Waiver Request for Charter Schools  
Operating Under the District’s Public School Choice Program

This item was postponed to the Special Board Meeting of February 16, 2010.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Janet Davis, United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)

Ms. Lorena Jaramillo

MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Flores moved the following:

Resolved, That Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles ratifies the confirmation of Ms. Elizabeth Bar-El and Ms. Maria Cabildo as Parent Members to the Bond Oversight Committee and Mr. Barry Waite as an alternate, commencing immediately.

Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion.

On roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 no, Dr. Vladovic.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

President García made the following statement:

Before action is taken on the Report of Correspondence regarding the Williams/Valenzuela Settlement Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Summary from Sue Spears, Director, Educational Equity Compliance Office, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on the report, and a maximum of 12 individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Those who wish to speak to this report should pull a speaker form from the slots located on the pillar in the rear of the Board Room. Speakers will be heard in numerical order as indicated on the speaker form.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Guadalupe Canto  
Ms. Maria Ortiz  
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo

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

#### BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. LaMotte – Resolution Declaring March as Women’s History Month

Whereas, Women have made significant contributions to all aspects of society, including education, politics, science, entertainment, the arts, and family health and development;

Whereas, The contributions of well-known women are highlighted in literature, recordings and film;

Whereas, A tremendous number of lesser-known women have also contributed in important areas, including medicine, mathematics, aviation and women’s rights;

Whereas, The contributions of women have been celebrated in the United States since 1980, as a result of the advocacy of the National Women’s History Project;

Whereas, Children as well as adults have been encouraged and inspired by the exposure to the accomplishments of countless women; and

Whereas, Additional education is needed in order to increase the knowledge of all citizens relative to the contributions of women to the development of society; now, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Board of Education that the month of March be designated as Women’s History Month and commemorated throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Resolved further, That students be encouraged to learn more about the contributions of women in their particular fields of interest; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Education support the National Women’s History Project’s 2010 theme, “Writing Women Back Into History” as a way of: 1) applauding the contributions of women; 2) introducing students to the accomplishments of lesser-known women; and 3) expanding the educational and career considerations of all students.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Zimmer moved that Dr. Vladovic be found on jury duty at the time of the Special Board Meeting of February 2, 2010. Ms. Flores seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speaker addressed the Board on the subject indicated:

Ms. Barbara Lott-Holland, Labor Community Strategy Center	Truancy Tickets & LASPD Accountability
Mr. Michael Murray, Youth Justice Coalition	School Police & Zero Tolerance
Ms. Blanca Perez	Adult Education
Mr. Angel Navarro	Adult Education
Ms. Rebecca Aguilar	Adult Education
Ms. Fuentes	Adult Education
Ms. Maria Perez	Adult Education
Ms. Yvonne Duvall	Adult Education
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo	Adult Education
Mr. Luis Gonzalez	School Police & Tardy Sweeps
Mr. Lee	Adult Education
Mr. Jin Hwan Chung, United Adult Students	Adult Education

Mr. Tony Arellano, Director of School Facilities, Division of Adult and Career Education, responded to concerns regarding adult school sites and services.

Mr. Jorge Lopez, Roosevelt High School	Truancy Tickets
Mr. Irvin Jeorany, Youth Justice Coalition	Give Youth a Chance
Ms. Latricia Leslie	Parental Involvement
Ms. Jasmine Garcia	Positive Behavior Support Policy
Ms. Judith Arriaza	National Resolution to End School Push Out

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zimmer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **August 31, 2010**

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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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