

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 23, 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 23, 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 1:04 p.m.

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

Dr. Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE RESOLUTION

Superintendent Cortines discussed his recommendations for each Public School Choice school. He stated that in making his recommendations he focused on the following four guiding principals: (1) a plan that exhibits a strong, research based, data driven, instructional plan with a clear assessment plan, (2) a plan that has a proven track record of success with students of similar demographics, (3) a plan that demonstrates strong outreach and a collaborative approach with students, school staff, families and community partners, and (4) a plan that demonstrates effective structures to support implementation of the instructional plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Education Report No. 270 – 09/10  
Fall 2010 Public School Choice Applicant Team Recommendations

The following speakers addressed the Board on Public School Choice:

Mr. Tomas Chavez, Garfield High School  
Dr. Roberta Benjamin, Aspire Public Schools  
Ms. Marie Morelock, Aspire Public Schools  
Mr. Brian Taylor, ICEF Public Schools  
Ms. Deborah Hoct, Love & Respect Youth Foundation  
Ms. Shirley Ford, Parent Revolution  
Rev. K.W. Tulloss, Weller Street Baptist Church  
Ms. Corri Ravare, ICEF Public Schools  
Mr. David Esselman, The Board Foundation  
Mr. Vicente Crooks, Ivy Academia Charter  
Mr. Michael Piscal, ICEF Public Schools  
Ms. Lynette McNally, ICEF Public Schools  
Mr. Jed Wallace, California Charter School Association

Ms. Ana Ponce, Camino Nuevo  
Ms. Concepcion Flores, Families of Schools  
Mr. Gary Borden, California Charter School Association  
Ms. Fatima Mendoza, Camino Nuevo Charter  
Ms. Monique Bacon, Inner City Education Foundation  
Ms. Alex Reza  
Ms. Hilda Morales, Padres Unidos  
Ms. Yvette King-Berg, California Charter School Association  
Ms. Alma Santana, Aspire Public Schools  
Ms. Adrianna Jimenez  
Ms. Yajaira Hernandez, Aspire Public School  
Ms. Jessica Rodriguez, Gratts Elementary School  
Ms. Claudia Hernandez  
Mr. Ben Austin, Parent Revolution  
Mr. Marco Petriazi, Green Dot Public Schools  
Mr. Alfonso Pinan, ICEF Public Schools  
Mr. Esteban E. Torres, U.S. Congressman  
Ms. Maria Leon, Lucha del Pueblo  
Ms. Mary Silva, Alliance  
Ms. Citlaly Birto  
Ms. Olivia Yocupicio, Aspire Public Schools  
Ms. Ericka Camarena, Aspire Public Schools  
Mr. Marcos Estrada, Gratts Elementary School  
Ms. Sofia Jimenez, Padres Unidos Pro-Nuevas Escuelas  
Mr. Marcos Estrada  
Ms. Sofia Jimenez  
Mr. Ron Hewski, ICEF Public Schools  
Ms. Cheryl Ortega, United Teachers, Los Angeles  
Mr. Jose Lara  
Mr. Frank Gonzalez  
Ms. Barbara Torres  
Mr. A.J. Duffy, President, United Teachers, Los Angeles  
Ms. Susan Gosman  
Mr. Frank Torres

Board members expressed their views on the Public School Choice recommendations. After discussion and on roll call the following amendments were passed:

- (1) Barack Obama Global Preparatory Academy, withdrawal of Applicant Team ICEF Public Schools, 4 ayes, 3 noes, Ms. Flores, Ms. Galatzan, and Ms. García.
- (2) Esteban Torres High School No.1-5, withdrawal of Applicant Team Green Dot Public Schools #3 and Alliance for College Ready Schools-Health and Medical, and inclusion of Humanitas School of Art and Technology and East L.A. Renaissance Academy, 6 ayes, and 2 noes, Ms. Flores and Ms. Galatzan.
- (3) Gratts Primary Center, establish a pilot school at Gratts Elementary School for 2010-11 year pending approval by the Pilot Steering Committee, 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. Flores.

- (4) Griffith-Joyner Elementary School, withdrawal of Applicant Team Griffith-Joyner Elementary School, and inclusion of Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. Flores.
- (5) Valley Region Elementary School No. 7 (Julie Korenstein Elementary School), Local District 2 amended to add “with reservations”, 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. Galatzan.

In addition to the adopted amendments listed above, the following two amendments were discussed and Failed on roll call:

- (1) South Region Elementary School No. 4, amendment to change recommended Applicant Team from Aspire Public Schools to South Gate Community for Change, 1 aye, 6 noes, Ms. Flores, Ms. Galatzan, Ms. LaMotte, Ms. Martinez, Dr. Vladovic, and Ms. García.
- (2) South Region Middle School No. 2, amendment to add “with reservations” and that the Superintendent either ask applicants to revise and resubmit plans or that the Superintendent take control of the school, 2 ayes, 5 noes, Ms. Flores, Ms. Galatzan, Ms. Martinez, Dr. Vladovic, and Ms. García.

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted, with amendments to Barack Obama Global Preparatory Academy, Esteban Torres High School, Gratts Primary Center, Griffith-Joyner Elementary School, and Valley Region Elementary School No. 7. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

#### BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION FOR ACTION

Ms. LaMotte moved:

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.

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

Mr. Walters Waddles expressed his views on the above resolution.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Zimmer moved that Ms. LaMotte be found absent during the Special Board Meeting of February 2, 2010, due to hardship. Ms. Galatza seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **November 9, 2010**

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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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