

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2009

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the , met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 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 1:24 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Marlene Canter, Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar, Ms. Tamar Galatzan, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte, Dr. Richard Vladovic, and President Mónica García.

Superintendent Ramon Cortines was present.

President García led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Remarks were delivered by Superintendent Cortines.

The film “Rosa Sat, So Martin Could Walk, So Barack Could Run, So Children Could Fly” was shown.

Fourth grade students from 112th Street Elementary School, led by Dr. Brenda Manuel, Principal, and Mrs. Jones, Teacher, performed “A Historical Representation of 389 Years.”

Three students from Perry Middle School recited speeches and poems. The principal, Dr. Gail Garrett, introduced the Peary Middle School staff in attendance.

Dr. Genevieve Shepherd, Principal, introduced the students from Tom Bradley Magnet School. Kindergarten students sang for the Board. Ms. Maria Aker, Teacher, discussed the Bradley Magnet Peace March.

Mr. Warren Jones, Student Body President, Crenshaw High School, and Ms. Danielle Lamb, a student from Dorsey High School, addressed the Board on what Black History Month means to them and their peers.

The Board next heard from Mr. Princeton Parker, a 14-year-old minister that attends Hamilton High School.

Ms. Dale Petrulis, Office of Civic Engagement, introduced Mr. Ted Johnson. Mr. Johnson described a Black History Month event hosted by Beyond the Bell, which treated students from Washington Prep, Crenshaw, Jefferson, Los Angeles, Hamilton, Foshay, and Dorsey High Schools to a special viewing of the documentary “The Witness from the Balcony of Room 306.” Mr. Je’Don Lasley from Los Angeles High School, Ms. Melissa Shufford from Washington Preparatory High School, and Ms. Ariana Reiner from Hamilton High School discussed what they learned from the experience.

Ms. LaMotte led a recognition of the following African American Pioneers in Board District 1:

Ms. Lillian Mobley
Ms. Mattie Netterville
Ms. Dorothy Rochelle
Dr. Genevieve Shepherd

INSTRUCTIONAL ITEMS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY’S AWARD WINNING PROGRAM AT MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Judy Elliott, Chief Academic Officer, welcomed Mr. John Santos, Lead Instructor, Imaging Sciences and Technology Academy, Manual Arts High School, to the Board. Mr. Santos discussed the academy, STEM careers, and student motivation. He also talked about the role of teachers, partners, parents, and students. Mr. Santos highlighted the program’s successes and future.

Remarks were heard from Board Members, the principal at Manual Arts High School, and Dr. Stuart Bernstein.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS PRESENTATION

Mr. Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, School Operations, introduced the student body presidents who reported to the Board on their second quarterly meeting held on Monday, January 26, 2009, where they met to hear presentations on the Human Effort Aimed at Relating Together (HEART) Program. The HEART Program is a proactive student mediation group that promotes positive human relations and peace on campus. HEART participants strive to recognize and resolve problems on campus.

Ms. Cassandra Boquiren-Garcia, Eagle Rock High School Vice President, and Ms. Lizette De La Cruz, Arleta High School President, discussed the impact of the HEART Program at their respective schools.

Mr. Claudius Shropshire of University High School discussed appealing and appetizing healthy food options. He also discussed the student led Nutritional Advisory Councils and their impact on schools and the surrounding community.

Superintendent Cortines, Ms. De La Cruz, and Mr. Perkins responded to questions from Board Members regarding the revenue enhancement task force, obesity prevention and nutrition curriculum, school size, Arleta High School football team, and fundraising.

WATER CONSERVATION

Superintendent Cortines addressed the Board on water conservation in the District, focusing on the Waterless Urinal Policy. The District is moving forward in its goal of a 10% reduction in water consumption. Waterless urinals are being installed in new schools to help meet this goal.

Mr. Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive, and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding rebates, urinals, irrigation control, water conservation, decision making, budget, and waterless vs. low flow urinals.

The following speakers from the Public Comment list addressed the Board:

Ms. Mary Lluvano, Global Green
Dr. Kelly Reynolds, University of Arizona

RECEIPT OF BARGAINING UNION INITIAL PROPOSALS

President García made the following statement:

The Board has received an initial negotiating proposal from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for Unit D for a 2008 successor agreement. There will be an opportunity for a maximum of twelve individuals to address the Board on the proposal at the Board Meeting of March 10, 2009. Those persons who wish to address the Board on the proposal may call (213) 241-7002 or toll free (877) 772-6273 extension 128, up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting or sign up at the meeting.

Ms. Susan Gosman and Ms. Lisa Marine of CSEA addressed the Board on the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 249 – 08/09

Ratification of Facilities Contract Actions and Approval of Professional Services Contracts

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

Superintendent Cortines, Mr. Greg Garcia, Director, Facilities Contracts, and Mr. Mehula responded to questions from Board Members regarding filming on campus, funding sources, QZAB funds, scope changes, stimulus package, duplication, and project phases.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 250 – 08/09

Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Add Nine Asbestos Abatement Projects

Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted with an amendment to include the Bond Oversight Committee recommendation and resolution. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion.

Mr. Neil Gamble, Director, Maintenance and Operations, responded to questions from Board Members regarding bungalow removal and the asbestos management plan.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 252 – 08/09
Agreement for the Relocation of AT&T Aerial and Underground Communication Cables at
South Region Elementary School No. 5

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Canter seconded the motion.

Mr. Robin Brown, Program Director, New Construction, responded to questions from Board Members regarding location of utility boxes and District policy on this matter.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 259 – 08/09
Routine Personnel Actions

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 260 – 08/09
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted with an amendment to withdraw Item Nos. 5 and 9. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

This item was held open to allow staff an opportunity to provide further information.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 264 – 08/09
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These items were withdrawn prior to the meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 256 – 08/09
Agreements and Amendments

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 257 – 08/09
Various Purchasing Transactions

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

Superintendent Cortines and Mr. Shahryar Khazei, Chief Information Systems Director, responded to questions from Board Members regarding anti-virus software.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted unanimously, 7 ayes, with the exception of Exhibit H, Zones, Inc.; on which Dr. Vladovic voted no.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 244 – 08/09
Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and
Agreement to Waive Future Claims

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 258 – 08/09
Denial of the Charter Petition for One World School

President García made the following statement:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the denial of the charter petition for One World School. This constitutes a public hearing on the denial of the charter petition and a maximum of twelve individuals who wish to address the Board on this issue will be heard. Those who wish 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 any speakers already on the list.

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

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Mr. Clint Simmons, Parents and Community for a Better Education
Mr. Ivor Dawson, Traveling Space Museum
Mr. Bruce William Smith, One World School

Mr. José Cole-Gutiérrez, Executive Director, Charter Schools Division, and Superintendent Cortines addressed the Board on the recommendation of the Charter Schools Division.

Mr. Cole-Gutiérrez responded to questions from Board Members regarding the International Baccalaureate program and process.

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

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President García modified the Order of Business.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 263 – 08/09
Student Expulsions

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

President García resumed the Order of Business.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 261 – 08/09
Report of Warrants Issued, Request to Reissue Stale-Dated Warrants, Reimbursement of the
Controller’s Revolving Cash Fund, and Donation of Money

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 262 – 08/09
Waiver Request to Renew the District Exemption from Implementation of AB 2448 Provision
Requiring that Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROC/P) Progressively Serve an
Increased Number of Students with a Specified Timeline

President García made the following statement:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the request to renew the District exemption from implementation of AB 2448 provision requiring that ROC/P progressively serve an increased number of students with a specified timeline. This constitutes a public hearing on the request and a maximum of twelve individuals who wish to address the Board on this issue will be heard. Those who wish 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 any speakers already on the list.

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Mr. Ernest Kettenring addressed the Board on the report.

Mr. Ed Morris, Assistant Superintendent, Division of Adult and Career Education, and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding equitable funding, communication, strategy, goals, and numbers of students.

Mr. Matthew Kogan also addressed the Board.

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

President García modified the Order of Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Ms. Jacqueline Smith-Conkleton	Parental Involvement
Mr. Manuel Aldana	Education
Mr. Michael Novic	Adult Education
Ms. Julie Carson, UTLA	Adult Education Tenure
Ms. Kenya Barbosa, UTLA	Adult Education Tenure
Ms. Carolyn Webber, UTLA	Adult Education Tenure
Mr. Gabriel Sanchez	UTLA Issue
Ms. Berta Orrostieta	Education
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo	Accountability

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

A Resolution of the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles Certifying to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles all Proceedings in the November 4, 2008, District Bond Election; Declaring Passage of Bond Measure in Such Election from the Issuance of Los Angeles Unified School District General Obligation Bonds; Confirming Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee; and Directing Certain Actions in Connection Therewith

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District (the "District") is situated within the County of Los Angeles, California (the "County");

Whereas, On July 31, 2008, the Board of Education of the District adopted its Resolution ordering the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder to call and hold an election in the District, to be held on November 4, 2008, on the proposition of issuing general obligation bonds (the "Bond Election"), and a copy of the resolution was delivered to the County Registrar/Recorder, the County Board of Supervisors, and the County Superintendent of Schools;

Whereas, The notice of the Bond Election was given in the District;

Whereas, On November 4, 2008, the Bond Election was held and conducted for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue general obligation bonds of the District in the amount of \$7,000,000,000 (the "Bond Measure"); and

Whereas, It appears that more than 55% of the votes cast on the Bond Measure were in favor of issuing the general obligation bonds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. The Executive Officer of this Board shall enter upon the minutes of this meeting the fact that the Bond Measure authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by the District in the amount of \$7,000,000,000 has been approved by more than 55% of the votes cast at the Bond Election.

Section 2. This Board hereby certifies that all proceedings of this District in connection with the November 4, 2008 Bond Election have been accomplished according to law.

Section 3. The Executive Officer of this Board is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County.

Section 4. The Executive Officer of this Board is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools with a request that, in the event such officer has not already done so, such officer send to the Board of Supervisors of the County, pursuant to Education Code Section 15274, a certificate of election results.

Section 5. The Board hereby designates the existing School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee as the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee prescribed in Measure Q.

Section 6. The Board hereby authorizes the creation of a separate capital project fund to record the proceeds and expenditures for Measure Q general obligation bonds.

Section 7. The Board hereby authorizes an increase in budget authority in the Measure Q fund of \$5.0 million through interfund borrowing from other capital project funds

Section 8. All the Recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and this Board so finds, determines and represents.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

This item was withdrawn.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Ms. Canter moved that the recommended disposition of the items of correspondence as indicated in the Report of Correspondence be approved. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Canter moved the approval of the following minutes of the governing board of the :

6 p.m., Special Board Meeting, February 26, 2008
1 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, January 13, 2009
12 noon, Special Closed Session, January 27, 2009
10 a.m., Special Closed Session, February 3, 2009

Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar was absent.

SPECIAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION

COST OF ISSUANCE FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUANCE FOR MEASURE K (SERIES D 2009), MEASURE R (SERIES I 2009), AND MEASURE Y (SERIES F 2009)

Mr. Timothy Rosnick, Controller, provided a brief report on the cost of issuance of general obligation bonds for Measures K, R and Y.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Canter moved that a Special Board Meeting be called for February 26, 2009, at 1 p.m., in the Board Room regarding the budget. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. LaMotte moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Christina Rosales, a teacher at Crenshaw High School, Officer Reuben Alvarado, Los Angeles School Police Department, and three students from Crescent Heights Elementary School. President García also joined Ms. LaMotte in adjourning in memory of Ms. Cecilia Callejas, one of her former teachers. Ms. García seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: April 28, 2009

MONICA GARCIA
PRESIDENT

JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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