

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, March 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, March 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 1:23 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.

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.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 250 – 09/10
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 252 – 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. 254 – 09/10
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Add Alteration and
Improvement, Board Member Priority Projects and Measure K Projects at Various Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 255 – 09/10
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Add 18 Seismic
Retrofit Projects and Authorization for Staff to Enter into Development Agreements for the
Delivery of the Projects

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 257 – 09/10
Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Development Agreement and Lease Agreement
Related to South Region High School No. 12

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 261 – 09/10
Facilities Contracts Report

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 262 – 09/10
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of
Bellingham Elementary School Addition

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 263 – 09/10
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of
South Region Middle School No. 3

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 265 – 09/10
Resolution of Intention to Dedicate an Easement at Central Region Elementary School No. 16

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 267 – 09/10
Resolution of Intention to Dedicate an Easement at South Region Elementary School No. 5

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 268 – 09/10
Ratification of Real Estate Leases, Licenses, and Other Agreements or Instruments that are
Necessary or Incidental for the Use of Real Property

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 273 – 09/10
Department of Rehabilitation Transition Partnership –
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Case Services Contract

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 237 – 09/10
Submission of Four Applications for State Funding Under the
Career Technical Education Facilities Program

MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Appointment of Member to the Bond Oversight Committee

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS:

Report of Correspondence

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, September 22, 2009
- 2:30 p.m., Special Board Meeting, January 5, 2010
- 3 p.m., Special Board Meeting, January 19, 2010
- 10 a.m., Special Closed Session, January 26, 2010
- 10 a.m., Special Closed Session, February 2, 2010
- 10 a.m., Special Closed Session, February 9, 2010

Ms. Flores moved that the above items be adopted with an amendment to Board Report No. 268-09/10 to replace “June 2009” in the Background section with “December 2009”. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted, with Board Report No. 268 – 09/10 adopted as amended. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

The following speaker addressed the Board on Consent Calendar items:

Mr. Walter Waddles Richardson on Board of Education Report No. 263 – 09/10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. David Crippens, Chair, School Construction Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee (BOC), provided the Board with an update on BOC activities. Mr. Crippens began his presentation by reading the BOC’s mission statement:

“The mission of the strong and independent Oversight Committee is to oversee the expenditure of money for the construction, repair, and modernization of schools by the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Oversight Committee communicates its findings to the Board and the public in order to ensure that school bond funds are invested as the voters intended and that projects are completed wisely and efficiently.”

Mr. Crippens outlined the work of the BOC and Board task force to study BOC membership. The task force has focused on the following questions:

- Should the nominating authority for any current BOC member be changed?
- Should any of the entities currently represented on the BOC be eliminated?
- Should any additional entities be added to the BOC?
- What is the desirable number of BOC members?

In December 2009, the task force interviewed seven organizations that had expressed an interest in having a representative on the BOC. The task force is in the process of finalizing their recommendations and will present them soon.

Mr. Crippens next discussed the BOC’s concerns about the facilities impacts of Public School Choice:

- Complying with the promise made to the voters for neighborhood schools for all without non-voluntary busing by 2012.

- Ensuring that District facilities are properly maintained so that there will not be a need for future bonds to replace schools rendered unusable prior to the end of their proper useful lives.
- Ensuring compliance with state mandates, including no unauthorized changes that could compromise student/staff/visitor safety and/or require return of State grant funds.
- Proper risk management to protect the District, students, staff, visitors, and neighbors against both public liability and property loss and damage incidents and claims.
- Proper monitoring of facilities-related performance by the District.

Lastly, Mr. Crippens discussed the BOC's position regarding South Region High School No. 8. The BOC is charged with making sure certain legal mandates are fulfilled, including Williams compliance. The District must ensure that all schools are off Concept 6 multitrack calendars by 2012. South Region High School No. 8 will relieve Bell High School. Bell High School is overcrowded and has been on a multitrack calendar for the past twenty years. The District cannot afford any further delays in the construction of South Region High School No. 8 as each delay results in students spending more time in overcrowded conditions and being bused out of their neighborhoods.

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BUDGET UPDATE

Superintendent Cortines stated that the vision of the District is for every student to receive a quality education in a safe, caring environment and that each student will graduate college-prepared and career-ready. Achieving this vision is a challenge as resources are being reduced by the State. In the face of difficult financial times, the District is focused on maintaining and improving recent academic gains, working with bargaining unions to find shared solutions, and right-sizing District staff to match student enrollment and funding.

The Governor's proposed budget, released in January, leaves the District facing a \$640 million deficit for 2010-11. The deficit will grow in 2011-12 as there will be no federal stimulus funding. Without relief measures such as shared solutions with bargaining unions, a limited parcel tax, and more federal funding, the District must prepare for worst case scenarios. Superintendent Cortines discussed furlough days and salary reductions. In order to avoid further staff reductions, all unions must agree to five furlough days in 2009-10 and seven in 2010-11. A ten percent salary reduction must also be considered. Superintendent Cortines also highlighted the need for a limited parcel tax of \$2 per week for each property owner.

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President García modified the Order of Business.

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NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 256 – 09/10

Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Stabilization Plan

Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, began her presentation with a review of the District's goals. The District strives to preserve the integrity of the instructional program, student safety and workforce stability, to provide a pathway to a three year balanced budget, and to seek shared commitments to close the \$640 million deficit for 2010-11. Some of the challenges faced by the District include improving academic results, declining enrollment, decreasing revenues, solutions to close the gap that only last one to two years, and finding ways to work together.

The District is facing a \$640 million deficit for the 2010-11 school year. This is in addition to the over \$800 million in balancing strategies that were implemented in 2008-09 and 2009-10. Ms. Reilly reviewed the steps that have been taken in attempts to reduce the budget deficit beginning in 2008-09. In 2010-11, the District is faced with continued cuts to central offices and support for schools, larger K-8 class sizes, additional 20-25% reductions to school site support staff, and program reductions to various areas including adult and special education and the elementary arts program. Ms. Reilly also discussed measures that are being taken by other school districts to meet the challenges brought on by economic crisis.

Declining enrollment increases budget pressures. The District's student enrollment has declined by nearly 120,000 since the 2002-03 school year. Fewer students lead to less funding. There is now less money to pay for the current number of employees and District operations.

The District must look to the future. One-time solutions will not solve the fundamental problem of a structural deficit as ongoing costs and expenses exceed ongoing revenues. One-time solutions only bring the deficit into balance temporarily.

Ms. Reilly reviewed a chart illustrating the changes in funding per child. The changes include a negative Cost of Living Allowance and a \$250 ongoing Revenue Limit cut.

Every interim report is an opportunity to look at the District's revenue and expenditures. Interim budgets allow for the update of expenditure and financial information. Better estimates and expenditure data can be determined by examining the changes in the budget. This second interim report reflects a decrease in salary expenditures as a result of early retirements, a hiring freeze and furlough days.

The District is looking for ways to meet the challenge of the budget deficit, including changing some employees to B-basis to mirror a school year schedule and other shared solutions, such as, furloughs and salary reductions. The last alternative is further employee layoffs, cuts to vital programs, increased K-8 class sizes, and increased counselor and administrator norms.

Ms. Reilly and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding structural deficits, State funding, special education funding and requirements, declining enrollment, categorical revenues, variances, interdistrict transfers, and declining enrollment.

Mr. David Tokofsky, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), addressed the Board.

Remarks were heard from Board Members and Superintendent Cortines.
Mr. Zimmer moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 258 – 09/10
Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report for South Region High School No. 8

President García made the following statement:

Before action is taken on Board of Education Report No. 258 – 09/10 regarding the Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for South Region High School No. 8, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on the report and 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:

Mayor Ana Rizo, City of Maywood
Ms. Beth Doris
Mr. Ramon Martinez
Ms. Aurelia Ruvida
Mr. Francisco Medina
Mr. Enrique Curiel
Ms. Minerva Rodriguez
Mr. Jose Luis Ibarra
Mr. Salvador Contreras
Ms. Kathleen Larsen
Mr. Jesus Zumiga
Mr. Santiago Alba
Ms. Sandra Orozco
Mr. Lorenzo Martinez
Mr. Gustavo Villa
Ms. Dora Vasilef
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo
Mr. Lawrence Winans
Mr. John Peterson
Mr. Edward Varela

Dr. Vladovic moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Flores seconded the motion.

Mr. Martin Galindo, Local District 6 Superintendent, addressed the Board.

Mr. Edwin Van Ginkel, Development Manager, and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding alternative sites, possibility of holding report, and meetings with the City of Maywood.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 259 – 09/10
Project Approval for South Region High School No. 8

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 260 – 09/10
Approval of Relocation Plan for South Region High School No. 8

Ms. LaMotte moved that the reports be adopted. Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 122 – 09/10
Procurement Actions

Superintendent Cortines requested that the report be amended to restrict Contract No. 1050150 for diploma and cover purchases to provide only for 12th grade and adult students and to withdraw Contract No. D10-0001637 for bleachers.

Superintendent Cortines revised his amendment to only restrict Contract No. 1050150 as Contract No. D10-0001637 is a ratification.

Ms. Barbara Fiege, Director, Interscholastic Sports, and Superintendent Cortines, responded to questions from Board Members regarding rental of bleachers, use of bleachers, BTS contracts, staff training, use of consultants, printer purchases, and multimedia projectors.

Mr. Zimmer moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to restrict Contract No. 1050150. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion.

On roll call, the report was adopted as amended, 6 ayes (with Ms. Galatzan recording no votes on Contract No. 1000371 for BTS and Contract No. 08 00282-4 for Operation Clean Slate and aye on the balance; Ms. Martinez recording a no vote on Contract No. D10-0001637 for bleachers and aye on the balance; Dr. Vladovic recording a no vote on Contract No. D10-0001637 for bleachers and aye on the balance; and Mr. Zimmer recording no votes on Contract No. 1000371 for BTS and Contract No. D10-0001637 for bleachers and aye on the balance). Ms. Flores was absent.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Flores recorded an aye vote on the report.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 264 - 09/10
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of
Valley Region Span K-8 No. 2

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted. Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion.

Mr. James Sohn, Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions from Board Members regarding plans for anticipated savings and bid dates.

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

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President García resumed the Order of Business.
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INSTRUCTIONAL ITEM

ENRICHING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Dr. Judy Elliott, Chief Academic Officer, welcomed Mr. Whitcomb Hayslip, Assistant Superintendent, Early Childhood Education, to the Board Meeting. Mr. Whitcomb presented to the Board the various community partnerships that are working with the District to expand services to young children. These partnerships have proven to be very important in light of the current budget crisis.

The Head Start and Early Head Start Program has partnered with the Administration for Children and Families and the Los Angeles County Office of Education to institute a full-day program for 320 preschoolers and 112 infants and toddlers. The partnership has 20 preschool classrooms and 3 infant centers in Local Districts 5, 6, and 7. Head Start is not just an educational program, it focuses on child development and education, health and nutrition, mental health, disability services and family and community partnerships.

The District has instituted a new program called Steps to Excellence Project (STEP) in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Child Care and the UCLA Center for Improving Child Care. California legislation mandates the development of a State early learning quality rating system to meet and maintain higher standards. STEP provides on-site evaluation, professional development, and grants to support program improvement. By the end of the 2009-2010 school year, 58 District Early Education Centers will have participated in STEP.

In partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Los Angeles County Office of Child Care, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, and First 5 L.A., the Strengthening Families Program is an evidence-based framework that supports Early Care and Education staff in building protective factors, such as parental resilience and children's social and emotional competence, in families. This program can be found at 50 Early Childhood Education Centers throughout the District.

Mr. Whitcomb also reviewed a collaboration between Partnership with Families in Schools and the Abriendo Puertas-Opening Doors program focused on Latino parents with children 0-5 years of age; a partnership between First 5 L.A., UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities, the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and the District's Prevention and Intervention Clinics to serve as a resource for families to learn about child development; and lastly the Transition Kindergarten program in partnership with Preschool California, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation and The Boeing Company Corporate Citizenship Program to provide the youngest kindergartners with a readiness year that is developmentally appropriate and will prepare them for kindergarten and primary grades.

Mr. Hayslip introduced staff from the various programs and partnerships.

Mr. Hayslip responded to questions from Board Members regarding numbers served, growth, maintaining gains, and continuity.

President García modified the Order of Business.

President García passed the gavel to Ms. Flores and left the room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speaker addressed the Board on the subject indicated:

Mr. Manuel Aldana	Education
Mr. Roberto Fonseca	District Advisory Committee (DAC)
Mr. Frederick Bertz	Substitute Benefits
Ms. Zoe Rawson, Labor Community Strategy Center	Truancy Tickets
Ms. Kendra Williby, Labor Community Strategy Center	Truancy Tickets
Ms. Timothy Hall	Teacher Layoffs
Mr. Clint Simmons	Safety at Dorsey High School/Expo Line
Mr. Damien Goodman, Fix Expo Campaign	Child Safety
Mr. Francisco Torrero, DAC	Parental Involvement

President García assumed the Chair.

Ms. Lorena Jaramillo	Parental Involvement
Ms. Juanita Arevalo	Confidentiality
Ms. Yolanda Beckles, DAC	Parental Involvement

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION (continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 269 – 09/10
Student Expulsions

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

Mr. Frederick Sabini, Case No. 070 – 09/10, addressed the Board.

Superintendent Cortines and Ms. Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline Proceedings Unit, responded to questions from Board Members regarding leniency, recommendations, quantities of narcotics, counseling and support services, and legal representation.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 226 – 09/10
Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Students

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

Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding tracking students and placements.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 227 – 09/10
Special Education Annual Service Delivery and Budget Plan for 2009-10

President García made the following statement:

Before action is taken on Board of Education Report No. 227 – 09/10 regarding the Special Education Annual Service Delivery and Budget Plan for 2009-10, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on the report and 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. Sonja Luchini
Mr. David Tokofsky, AALA

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 271 – 09/10
Tickets and Passes Policy

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 276 – 09/10
Implementation of an Alternate 2010-2011 Instructional Calendar for Arleta High School,
Sun Valley High School, and John H. Francis Polytechnic High School

This report was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2010.

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. García - Supporting S. 1608, H.R. 3982: To Ensure All Students Attain A High School Diploma

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to ensuring that children educated in the District have the opportunity to receive a quality education that earns them a meaningful high school diploma, and that they are college prepared and career ready;

Whereas, In the competitive environment of the 21st Century, it is essential for individuals in Los Angeles to have a high school diploma in order to obtain a living wage;

Whereas, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District believes that it is unacceptable that only 52% of District's high school students graduated from the 12th grade in 2008-09;

Whereas, When young people drop out of high school, there is no system in place to find those students, identify why they dropped out, and connect them to the supports they need to succeed in school and work;

Whereas, High school dropouts earn less than 6% of all dollars earned in the U.S, and in the nation's 50 largest cities, they make \$10,000 less per year than high school graduates;

Whereas, S. 1608, H.R. 3982, The Reengaging Americans in Serious Education by Uniting Programs Act (RAISE-UP Act), offers a strategy to close these gaps and challenges every high school drop-out to attain a high school diploma, a post-secondary credential, and a family supporting career;

Whereas, The RAISE-UP Act would provide \$1 Billion in new federal funding to integrate existing, often disparate services, into an intentional drop-out recovery system at the local level where services that focus on education, job training, and wraparound support services would be provided; and

Whereas, The RAISE-UP Act would serve young people in disadvantaged situations that left secondary school without a high school diploma, including runaway and homeless youth, youth in foster care and those aging out of care, and young people with disabilities; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports S. 1608, H.R. 3982, RAISE-UP Act, and directs the Superintendent to transmit this Resolution to the California Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States of America.

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION (continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 249 – 09/10
Routine Personnel Actions

Superintendent Cortines amended the report to withdraw the new hire transactions.

Ms. Martinez moved that the report be adopted with the amendment. Ms. Flores seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Flores moved that Ms. LaMotte be found absent due to illness from the Special Board meeting of February 16, 2010. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Flores moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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

MONICA GARCIA
PRESIDENT

JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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