

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 10, 2009

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 10, 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 1:09 p.m.

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

Superintendent Ramon Cortines was present.

Dr. Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening remarks were heard from President García regarding the budget.

Following opening remarks, there was an interruption from the audience. President García made the following statement:

This disturbance has interrupted our meeting to the point where the orderly conduct of this meeting is not feasible. Order cannot be restored by the removal of those interrupting the meeting. While it is important that the business of the Board not be derailed by civil disobedience, it is important for the Board to act with complete transparency and for the public to have the opportunity to view our proceedings. Therefore, the Board will take a brief recess and convene in the adjacent room. The meeting will be broadcast for everyone here to view. Speakers will be invited to address the Board directly and members of the media will be permitted inside the room on a rotating basis to observe the meeting. The Board's Executive Officer, Jefferson Crain, has a statement about the details of those matters.

Mr. Crain made the following statement:

The Board is going to conduct the meeting in the adjacent room. There is only enough space in this room to allow representatives of the media inside. The meeting will continue to be televised. Members of the audience who wish to view the remainder of the meeting are asked to exit the building and proceed on the sidewalk to the building cafeteria. The entrance is at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Beaudry.

Individuals who have already signed up to speak should check in with the Board staff inside the cafeteria. These individuals will be allowed to address the Board and will be escorted into the room.

Members of the media who wish to attend the meeting should provide their credentials to the District Public Information Office staff in the lobby area outside of the Board Room.

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The Board recessed at 1:13 p.m.  
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The Board reconvened in the adjacent room at 1:18 p.m. The following Board Members were present: Ms. Canter, Ms. Flores Aguilar, Ms. Galatzan, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Dr. Vladovic, and President García.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### BUDGET PLAN OF ACTION

Superintendent Cortines addressed the Board on the budget plan, Second Interim Financial Report, and recommendations for reduction-in-force notices to certificated staff.

Based on the Second Interim Financial Report, the District is facing a deficit of \$718 million. Superintendent Cortines stated that his vision is to allow schools to determine their specific needs and use of funds. He discussed the temporary relief that may be provided by Federal stimulus funds. His intention is to provide schools with their budgets by March 31, 2009 so they can determine how they will use the funds.

Superintendent Cortines stated he is recommending that precautionary notices be sent to 8,846 employees with the goals of right sizing the Central office, streamlining of Local District Offices, and the reduction and reorganization of programs and other out of classroom supports. In order to help alleviate the impact, Superintendent Cortines is recommending early retirement incentives for eligible staff. This restructuring is necessary to maximize the District's limited funds. He mentioned that there will be regular meetings with the bargaining units and parent groups.

Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding equity.

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President García modified the Order of Business.  
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### NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 279 – 08/09 Certificated Retirement Incentive

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

Ms. Vivian Ekchian, Chief Human Resources Officer, addressed the Board on the report. She described the certificated retirement incentive as a workforce management tool.

Superintendent Cortines and Ms. Ekchian responded to questions from Board Members regarding making the data available to the public.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 278 – 08/09  
Reduction in Force Notices to Certificated and Contract Management Employees

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

Ms. Ekchian and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding annual noticing, surveying of AP EIS position, seniority and bumping rights, role of job performance in decision making, legislation dealing with seniority rights, continuing job status, return rights, service delivery, Chanda Smith compliance, and fundraising.

Ms. Rosa Villegas addressed the Board on the report

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 277 – 08/09  
Reduction in Force Notices to Nonpermanent Certificated Employees

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

Mr. Greg Solkovitz, United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), addressed the Board on the report.

Superintendent Cortines addressed the Board on his recommendations for the use of Federal stimulus funds.

Superintendent Cortines, Ms. Ekchian, Ms. Roberta Fesler, General Counsel, and Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Board Members regarding delaying noticing, actual number of layoffs, procedural issues, Education Code, fund parameters, encroachments, Federal fiscal stabilization funds, staffing, purchasing positions, and timelines.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 5 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. Korenstein and Dr. Vladovic.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 272 – 08/09  
Reduction in Force Notices to Permanent Certificated Employees

Dr. Vladovic recused himself from voting on this item to avoid any conflict of interest due to family members being affected by the outcome of this action.

Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to revise pages 1 and 3. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Ms. Ekchian, Superintendent Cortines, Ms. Reilly, and Mr. Justo Avila from Human Resources responded to questions from Board Members regarding certifications and credentials, skipping criteria, competencies, specialization, serving student needs, testing, school site vacancies, Morgan Hart, class size, re-employment list, policy, math and science positions, customer service, areas of expertise, and hiring new teachers.

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Ms. Julie Washington, UTLA,  
Ms. Maggie Crispin  
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo

Superintendent Cortines addressed the Board on class size.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted as amended, 4 ayes, 1 no, Ms. Korenstein, 1 abstention, Ms. LaMotte. Dr. Vladovic was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 280 – 08/09  
Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted with an amendment to substitute pages 2, 20, 40-43, 46-47, CS 10, and CS 12. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Timothy Rosnick, Controller, addressed the Board on the amendments to the report.

Ms. Reilly addressed the Board on the report. She reviewed expenditures, revenue assumptions, timelines, levels of certification, deficit numbers, stimulus funds, and State budget. Ms. Reilly recommended a qualified certification for the Second Interim Financial Report. She stated that this certification may be changed by the Los Angeles County Board of Education based on the District's credit rating.

Ms. Reilly, Ms. Fesler, and Mr. Rosnick responded to questions from Board Members regarding the impact of not balancing a budget, Education Code requirements, County authority in the event of an unbalanced budget, credit rating standing, cash flow, the Governor's "May" revise budget delay, flexibilities, budget scenarios, leveraging bond funds, interest rates, mandated cost programs, and certification levels of other school districts.

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Ms. Sonja Luchini  
Mr. David Wyles  
Ms. Zella Knight  
Mr. Bill Ring  
Ms. Louise Reichlin, L.A. Choreographers and Dancers

Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding communication with parents and parental involvement.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted as amended, 6 ayes. Ms. Canter was absent.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF BARGAINING UNION'S INITIAL PROPOSALS

President García made the following statement:

This constitutes a public hearing on the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Initial Proposals for Unit D, Office-Technical and Business Service. A maximum of 12 individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Those who wish to speak to these proposals should go to the cafeteria and fill out a speaker's card. These individuals will be heard after any speakers already on the list.

The following speakers addressed the Board on the initial proposals:

Ms. Susan Gosman, CSEA  
Mr. Michael Bilbrey, CSEA  
Mr. Moises Escobar, CSEA  
Ms. Andrea Canty, CSEA  
Ms. Erica Duarte, CSEA

### NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION (continued)

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 273 – 08/09 Authorization for Staff to Enter into Agreements for the Development of the Gardena High Workforce Housing and Joint Amenities Project

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

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Alicia Loncar, SEIU Local 99  
Ms. Jane Blumenfeld, City of Los Angeles  
Mr. Wayne Johnson, Gardena Alumni Association

Superintendent Cortines, Mr. Sam Mistrano, Senior Facilities Project Manager, and Mr. John Creer, Director of Planning and Development Branch, responded to questions from Board Members regarding interest in living at the site, school enrollment, market research, building of art gallery, the surrounding community, and negotiations with developer.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 no, Ms. LaMotte.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 268 – 08/09 BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 269 – 08/09

These reports were withdrawn prior to the meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 270 – 08/09

Resolution of Intention to Sell Property Located on R Street and McDonald Avenue in the Wilmington Area of Los Angeles

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 271 – 08/09

Lease Renewal for Division of Adult and Career Education at 14626 Crenshaw Blvd.

This item was withdrawn.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 275 – 08/09

Routine Personnel Actions

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 276 – 08/09

Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted with an amendment to withdraw Item No. 1, Dismissal of Senior Painter. Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 267 – 08/09

Various Purchasing Transactions

Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted with an amendments to withdraw Exhibits I, Troxell Communications, Inc., and J, Pyramid School Products. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

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

Later in the meeting, Mr. Neil Gamble, Director, Maintenance and Operations, and Mr. Duane Johnson, Chief Procurement Officer, responded to questions from Board Members regarding modernization and bond funds, grass seed, window replacement, storage, and warehouse supplies.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 274 – 08/09

Student Expulsions

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 281 – 08/09  
School Assistance Intervention Team Report of Finding

President García made the following statement:

Before action is taken on Board of Education Report No. 281 – 08/09 regarding the School Assistance Intervention Team (SAIT) Report of Findings, 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 will be heard after any speakers already on the list.

There were no speakers.

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

Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding school oversight responsibility, use of resources, waivers, and accountability.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 282 – 08/09  
Waiver Request for QEIA Funds to Flow to All Locke Conversion Charter Schools

President García made the following statement:

Before action is taken on Board of Education Report No. 282 – 08/09 regarding the Waiver Request for Quality Education Investment Act Funds to Flow to all Locke Conversion Charter Schools, 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 will be heard after any speakers already on the list.

There were no speakers.

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

Superintendent Cortines, Ms. Fesler, and Mr. John Ralles responded to questions from Board Members regarding the Locke family of schools, leveraging needs, support of waiver, authority over charters, Education Code, mandates, and maker of requests.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 5 ayes, 2 abstentions, Ms. Korenstein and Ms. LaMotte.

## BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Korenstein moved the following resolution to Honor Leaders of Leaders:

Whereas, The quality of our leadership teams lies at the very core of the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Whereas, Effective school administrators are passionate, lifelong learners who believe in the value of quality public education and in the capacity of every child to succeed;

Whereas, The title “school administrator” refers to many education leadership posts, including superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, special education and adult education leaders, curriculum and assessment leaders, school business officials, classified educational leaders, and other District employees;

Whereas, Good school leaders partner with parents, teachers, and community members to promote ongoing student achievement and school success;

Whereas, The District’s school administrators wear many hats and spend long days working hard to ensure our students receive the best possible educational experience we can provide;

Whereas, The very best administrators embody the very leadership qualities we wish to inculcate in our students;

Whereas, Research shows great schools are led by great principals, and great districts are led by great superintendents; and

Whereas, The week of March 1 through 7, 2009, is California’s “Week of the School Administrator”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District declares the first week of March as School Administrators Week and commends school administrators for their efforts to provide every student with the opportunity to learn and to succeed.

Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

## MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. LaMotte moved the following resolution 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 District General Obligation Bonds; Confirming Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee; and Directing Certain Actions in Connection Therewith:

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

Whereas, On July 31, 2008, the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School 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");

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

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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

## BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Flores Aguilar, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. García – Support of the English Plus Resolution (HR 3)

Whereas, In order to globally compete in the 21st Century, today's students need to develop linguistic and cultural literacy and functional proficiency in one or more world languages;

Whereas, More than 55 different languages are spoken in the homes of students in the Los Angeles Unified School District, creating a rich and culturally diverse environment that benefits students as they are educated to succeed in a global society;

Whereas, Students in the District's Dual Language Program consistently demonstrate higher academic proficiency scores than their non-dual language counterparts, which parallels research findings for other dual language programs across the nation;

Whereas, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District passed the "Mandarin, Spanish, and Other World Languages in the Schools Initiative" on October 28, 2008, to encourage and expand opportunities for multilingualism;

Whereas, The English Plus Resolution, as introduced in the House of Representatives on January 6, 2009, by Congressman José E. Serrano, aligns with the goals of District's world languages initiative;

Whereas, The English Plus Resolution recognizes the value of multilingualism and declares that the United States Government should pursue policies that:

- encourage all U.S. residents to become fully proficient in English, as well as learn and/or maintain skills in other world languages
- aid in preserving native languages and cultures on the verge of extinction
- continue to provide services in other languages as needed; and,
- oppose "English-only" measure; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District strongly supports the English Plus Resolution and its objectives; and

Resolved further, That this resolution of support be transmitted to Congressman Serrano, the Los Angeles Congressional delegation, appropriate Congressional committees and leaders, Senate representatives, and all other parties as appropriate.

Ms. Flores Aguilar, Ms. García, Dr. Vladovic – *Sí Se Puede*: Honoring the Life and Legacy of Cesar E. Chavez

Whereas, Cesar E. Chavez founded United Farm Workers of America to contest the poor treatment of the workers in the fields and sought to empower those workers by organizing the first union to acquire labor contracts for farm workers;

Whereas, Cesar E. Chavez was an adherent to nonviolent civil disobedience, which he manifest through fasts, strikes, and boycotts focused on safe working conditions, fair wages, housing, and the banning of child labor;

Whereas, Cesar E. Chavez changed the attitudes of the workers in the fields and the nation far beyond by leading them to live the La Causa slogan, "*Si Se Puede*," empowering all to fight for civil rights, and to strive for justice for all minorities;

Whereas, Cesar E. Chavez' efforts extended to include the education of migrant children, organizing voter registration drives, and standing up against police mistreatment;

Whereas, Cesar E. Chavez espoused the "Education of the Heart" for all students because he believed that it is not enough to teach our young people to be successful, to seek achievement, and to make progress as individuals while forgetting about progress and prosperity for their community, and while leaving friends and neighbors behind; he believed that our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others;

Whereas, Cesar E. Chavez' has inspired millions of people, was a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Prize, and was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his outstanding contributions to our country, which is our nation's highest civilian honor;

Whereas, It is befitting that the life and accomplishments of this inspirational Mexican American civil rights leader be recognized through an annual Cesar E. Chavez holiday on March 31<sup>st</sup>, the day he was born;

Whereas, SB 984 (Polanco) was passed by the California Senate on August 10, 2000, thereby establishing March 31 as an official paid state holiday in honor of Cesar E. Chavez and his tireless efforts toward equality for all;

Whereas, SB 984 states, "Existing law authorizes the public schools to close on March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day..." if the governing Board agrees to close schools for that purpose, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding based on specifics of the Government Code (Chapter 10.7 of Division 4 of Title 1, commencing with Section 3540);

Whereas, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District passed a resolution on December 12, 2000, fully endorsing all components of SB 984 and directed the Superintendent to work collaboratively to implement the full intent of SB 984;

Whereas, The California Federation of Teachers adopted a resolution at their 2007 state convention calling on every school district in California to abide by the spirit and letter of SB 984 and recognize Cesar Chavez' birthday as a paid holiday for workers;

Whereas, District students have held marches and collected signatures in recent years requesting the establishment of Cesar Chavez Day as an official District holiday, with the same recognition and status as other state and federal holidays;

Whereas, The District annually supports the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning, created for public school children to promote service to the communities of California, but has not designated an official holiday in his honor; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez is a heroic civil rights activist, akin to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, and as such, is an exemplary role model for all District students, including more than 500,000 Latino and Hispanic students, who would benefit directly from an official District holiday in recognition of his life and contributions to humanity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District recognizes March 31<sup>st</sup> as Cesar E. Chavez Day and establishes it as an official District holiday;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent encourage students, staff, school administrators, teachers, and community members to implement service-learning projects based on his life, work, and values, and realize the full intent of the State-established Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to work with all necessary departments (Staff Relations, Calendar Committee, Budget, and any others) to develop an action and negotiating plan, in an effort to establish Cesar Chavez Day as a paid employee holiday in lieu of Admissions Day (or another paid holiday), and to establish service-learning projects in his honor beginning no sooner than the 2010-11 school year;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent will provide the specifics of the action and negotiating plan to the Board of Education within 90 days; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board reiterates its support for federal legislation to create a national holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez and his legacy, and urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to this effect.

#### Ms. Galatzan – LAUSD Clean and Green

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to being a leader in renewable energy technology, water conservation, green building, creating green jobs and environmentally responsible consumption;

Whereas, Going green will reduce the District's \$85 million annual utilities expenditure while maximizing health benefits and environmental responsibility;

Whereas, The District is working with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to increase incentives for renewable energy projects and water conservation;

Whereas, By 2012, the District will utilize new restroom fixtures, smart irrigation controllers, water brooms, and cooling tower conductivity controllers that will reduce current water consumption by 10 percent, which is the equivalent of 200 million gallons of water;

Whereas, District's Maintenance & Operations Division has a pilot Custodial Greening Program, including the introduction of screened and approved green chemicals, microfibers, towels and mops, more efficient vacuums with improved filtering systems and floor cleaning systems;

Whereas, Maintenance & Operations and the Office of Environment Health and Safety (OEHS) are working with KLCS to develop training videos for the pilot Custodial Greening Program to showcase proper handling and disposal of all chemical cleaners along with other custodial best practices to their staff;

Whereas, OEHS has a Material Safety Data Sheet for each chemical product used or stored at the school or facility (California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5194) which looks at health hazard data, hazardous components, spill or leak procedures, reactivity data, fire and explosion data just to name a few;

Whereas, OEHS ensures that the run off from those cleaners are emptied into the sewer drain so the water containing the chemicals can be treated as opposed to going into the storm drain which goes directly into the ocean;

Whereas, The District made a commitment to establish a Green Accountability Program with quarterly reports from the Superintendent about the District's progress towards a more sustainable future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in 60 days, the Superintendent provides the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District with a report on cleaning supplies that meet the Green Seal Standard; the cost of those cleaning supplies; and the environmental impacts of the existing products as compared to the green cleaning supplies; and

Resolved further, That the Superintendent directs and encourages staff to collaborate with local environmental groups, such as Apollo Alliance, Coalition for Clean Air, Environment NOW, Green LA Coalition, Heal the Bay, LA Conservation Corps, Sierra Club, and Tree People to share best practices and to further develop the Green Accountability Program.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Korenstein moved the approval of the following minutes of the governing board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

10:30 a.m., Special Board Meeting, March 4, 2008  
10:00 a.m., Special Board Meeting, February 3, 2009  
11:00 a.m., Special Closed Session, February 10, 2009  
1:00 p.m., Special Board Meeting, February 17, 2009  
11:00 a.m., Special Closed Session, February 24, 2009

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Mr. Roberto Fonseca	District Advisory Council
Ms. Cleo Ray	African American Students
Ms. Juanita Aravalo	Problems at Kennedy HS
Mr. Andy Vizcara	JROTC
Ms. Erika Sukstorf	CELDT Test and Reclassification
Mr. Manuel Aldana	Education
Ms. Christine Provencio	Safety at Charter School
Mr. Walter Waddles Richardson	Parental Involvement

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Galatzan moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ms. Sharon Rose, a teacher at Woodlake Avenue Elementary School and Ms. Nell Soto, former California Assemblymember. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: May 26, 2009

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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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