

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 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, March 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 1:41 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.

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. 274 - 09/10

Approval of a Career Technical Education Plan from Los Angeles High School of the Arts (LAHSA) to apply for State Funding Under the Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 292 - 09/10

Procurement Actions

Ms. Martinez moved that the above items be adopted. Ms. Flores seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

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President García modified the Order of Business.

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President García made the following statement:

“Before action is taken on Board of Education Reports No. 277, 278, 279, 280 and 283 – 09/10, regarding the charter term extension for Discovery Prep II Charter High School, charter approval for Citizens of the World Charter Hollywood: A Public School, charter approval for KIPP Comienza Community Prep, charter approval for KIPP Empower Academy, and charter renewal for James Jordan Middle School, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on the 5 reports, and a maximum of 12 individuals, per item, will be heard. Those who wish to speak to these reports 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.”

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 277 - 09/10  
Approval of the Two-Year Extension of the Charter Term for  
Discovery Prep II Charter High School

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 278 - 09/10  
Approval of the Charter for Citizens of the World Charter Hollywood: A Public School

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

Mr. Parker Hudnut, Executive Director of the Innovation and Charter Division, discussed an amendment to Element 8.A and Element 8.D.6.3 of the charter petition. The amendment was to remove the wording “and Board Members”, which eliminates the preference given to children of board members of the charter school Board of Directors.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 279 - 09/10  
Approval of the Charter of KIPP Comienza Community Prep

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 280 - 09/10  
Approval of the Charter of KIPP Empower Academy

Ms. Martinez moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Flores seconded the motion.

Mr. Hudnut answered questions addressed by Board Members regarding teacher turnover rate at KIPP schools in Los Angeles.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 283 - 09/10  
Approval of the Renewal of the Charter for James Jordan Middle School

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

Ms. Miranda Marsh, Founder of James Jordan Middle School answered questions regarding the naming of the school. She stated that the school was named after her grandfather, Mr. James Jordan, who was a social worker at Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, and who invented the system of accreditation for juvenile facilities.

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President García resumed the Order of Business.  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 274 - 09/10  
Student Expulsions

SPEAKER:

Ms. Audry Butler addressed the Board.

Ms. Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline Proceedings Unit, responded to questions addressed by the Board. Ms. Villalobos agreed, at the request of Dr. Vladovic, to change the Conditions of Enrollment for student Case No. 025A-09/10, from “Earn passing grades” to “Earn a C or better grade”, and to provide a timeline for rehabilitation.

After further discussion, Mr. Zimmer moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Ms. Martinez moved a waiver of Board Rule 72 to allow action on the following resolution regarding the “March for California’s Future”. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

Mr. Zimmer moved the following resolution to Support of the “March for California’s Future”

Whereas, Over \$20 billion has been slashed from the California State budget over the past two years, and the Governor has proposed still more cuts in 2010-2011;

Whereas, Cuts in public education, public health services, public safety programs, and public infrastructure result in a deterioration of the vital services that the people of California need and deserve;

Whereas, Current State tax and economic policies provide inequitable tax loopholes for corporations and the richest residents at the expense of public programs that serve all Californians;

Whereas, The State of California is the only State in the nation that requires an untenable two-thirds legislative supermajority to pass both a State budget and new taxes;

Whereas, A broad coalition of labor, faith, education, community, civil rights, and other groups are leading a “March for California’s Future” from Los Angeles to Sacramento that began March 5, 2010, for 48 days, to focus public attention on the severity of the State budget crisis and to urge the Governor and Legislature to support sustainable, viable budget solutions – and not a “cuts-only” strategy;

Whereas, The March is a historic symbolic event to urge our elected leaders to promote fairer, more equitable, and responsible economic policies and budget decisions that will fund California's future and serve California's residents; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles endorses the March for California's Future;

Resolved, That the Board of Education will work with the March allies to advocate for progressive tax policies to resolve State budgetary problems that affect the provision of quality public education and other public services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education will work with the March allies to advocate for the replacement of the two-thirds supermajority requirement needed to pass a State budget by the Legislature with a more feasible, fair, and sensible majority vote requirement.

Mr. Zimmer welcomed, via webcam, the marchers in Fresno, California; who provided an update of their mission and urged the Board to stand by them.

After further discussion, Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

SPEAKERS:

The following speakers addressed the Board on the Resolution:

Ms. Susan Gosman, CSEA  
Ms. Julianna Arnold, Parent  
Ms. Andrea Canty, CSEA  
Mr. Joshua Pechthalt, UTLA

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Mr. Mark Milinich	Inter-District Permit Policy
Mr. Carlos Zubieta	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Ramaa Mosley	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Jessica Garcia	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Lynda Mitsakas	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Nicci Sill	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Gillian Bonacci	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Leigh Collett	Inter-District Permit Policy
Mr. Norman Ellison	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Simona Montanari	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Lynn Alvarez	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Tanya Anton	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Aviva Heston	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Ellia Glassing	Inter-District Permit Policy
Ms. Terri Mouton	Budget Cuts

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Martinez moved that Ms. LaMotte be found ill during the Special Board Meeting of March 4, 2010. Ms. Flores seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martinez moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Mike Mendias, a teacher at Arleta High School. Ms. Flores seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **May 11, 2010**

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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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