

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

SCHOOL SAFETY, STUDENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009

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The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m.  
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OPENING REMARKS

Chair Korenstein made brief opening remarks and introduced the first item to be discussed.

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL POLICE (LASPD) RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Chief Lawrence Manion, Los Angeles School Police, commended the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Topanga Division, for joining forces with the Los Angeles School Police Department (LASPD), and participating in the Safe School Passage Program. Chief Manion highlighted that under the direction of Captain John Sherman, the LAPD police personnel have excelled in demonstrating their commitment to policing excellence. All LAPD personnel were commended for their teamwork, attention to duty, and respected partnership with the LASPD. Several LAPD officers received certificates of recognition.

In addition, Chief Manion presented certificate of recognitions to several LASPD Safe School Passage Motorcycle Task Force members for ensuring for the safety of students walking or driving to and from school.

He noted that this Division is commended for their skill, teamwork, and commitment to protecting students, employees, and community members.

K-8 MANDATORY UNIFORM POLICY COMMITTEE – UPDATE

Mr. Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, School Operations, stated that November 13, 2008, Board Member Marguerite LaMotte, in partnership with the Office of Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo presented to the Committee a proposed Resolution to the Board of Education regarding a

K-8 mandatory uniform policy. Mr. Perkins noted that this initiative requires his office to establish a taskforce to study a Pre-K through eighth grade District-wide mandatory school uniform policy to secure and improve the safety, health, and education for children. He introduced Mr. Wayne Scott Moore, Director, School Operations, to summarize the results and actions taken by his Division. Mr. Moore indicated that the recommended Task Force was formed and met twice this year, January 22, and April 21, 2009. The members include:

- Mr. Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent School Operations,
- Mr. Buren Simmons, Coordinator, Youth Relations Unit,
- Ms Cheri Thomas, Coordinated School Health Facilitator,
- Ms. Kelly Barnes, Associate General Counsel,
- Mr. Michael Eugene, Business Services Manager,
- Mr. Christopher Ortiz, Principal, City Terrace Elementary School, and
- Mr. Raul Fernandez, Principal, Mark Twain Middle School.

The Task Force reviewed the Education Code section and related cases regarding school uniforms, and concluded that the District's policy is consistent with the Education Code including the required "opt out provision". In addition, the Task Force reviewed other similar urban school districts' policies, including San Juan Unified School District, San Diego Unified School District, and Long Beach Unified School District. The District's current policy allows any school to voluntarily adopt a uniform policy. The policy can be adopted as a component of the school's Coordinated Safe and Healthy School Plan. Mr. Moore highlighted the main criteria of the policy, as set forth in *Bulletin 2549, Student Dress Codes and Uniforms*. He noted that school the uniform policy is also referenced in the Parent-Student Handbook. The policy provides procedures to allow for immediate enrollment of students, including students who are homeless or in the foster care system, and provision for opt out of the school uniform policy, including notification to all parents and guardians at least annually.

Mr. Perkins and Mr. Moore responded to questions and concerns from Committee Members. Committee Members indicated their support for this policy.

*External Representative Inola Henry asked Mr. Perkins to include teachers and parents in the Task Force.*

*External Representative Hattie McFrazier asked Mr. Perkins to provide a list of schools volunteering for the Uniform Policy, and a chart showing schools using the Uniform Policy and those schools not using the policy to see the correlation in terms of how students are doing academically. In addition, she asked for a chart depicting the percentages of parents opting out the policy.*

*External Representative Paul Vinetz asked Mr. Perkins to provide supporting data to demonstrate how uniforms affect academic achievement, safety, behavior, especially gang related behavior, and recruiting on campus.*

Chair Korenstein invited several guest speakers to share their experiences with this policy; Ms. Janae Hill, student, King/Drew Medical Magnet High School, Ms. Eunice Comps, parent, and Ms. Linda Perez, parent, supported this policy.

## BOARD'S NUTRITION POLICIES TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD OBESITY – UPDATE

Mr. Dennis Barrett, Director, Food Services Division, provided an annual update on the Comprehensive Nutrition Policies to Prevent Childhood Obesity. His presentation included a brief description of the

Resolution; update on the continuation of nutrition policies; menu quality and nutritional content; integration of nutrition into curriculum; and the nutrition policy Executive Committee update. Mr. Barrett indicated that all menus meet the Board Resolution directives, and the meals provided are among the best in the nation, having no fried foods, zero trans fat, low in sodium, and 51% whole wheat or grains.

In addition, Mr. Barrett stated that during the past two years over 4.5 million more meals have been served annually; this equates to over 25,000 more students participating each day than in 2006-2007 school year. His Division has established specific nutrient standards and portion sizes outside the Federal School Meals Program, and provided a vegetarian option served daily in the cafeteria. He highlighted that 408 schools are offering second chance breakfast, while 251 have yet to implement the program. The following items are in process:

- Improving nutrition education and engage cafeterias as a place of learning;
- Developing a Food Service outreach plan to facilitate regular community input and participation;
- Developing a comprehensive program to market cafeteria meals to students;
- Integrating Cafeteria Point of Sale (POS); and
- Providing nutrition education resources.

Mr. Barrett introduced Mr. Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, School Operations. Mr. Perkins noted that a Nutrition Policy Executive Committee was created. The first meeting was held on March 3, 2009, and the second one will be on April 2, 2009. The committee meets on a monthly basis to strategize compliance with policies; educating school communities; Associated Student Body (ASB) fundraising activities; and Business Services Economy of Scale Purchasing. He summarized the activities of the Committee; such as, reviewing policy violations as reported by Food Services, developing quick guide checklist on compliant food and beverages; and reviewing income and expenses activities. The members of the committee include:

- Mr. Dave Holmquist, Chief Operating Officer;
- Ms. Judy Elliott, Chief Academic Officer;
- Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, representative Jeanne Marmalefsky
- Michael Eugene, Business Services Manager
- Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent School Operations;
- Ms. Michelle King, Superintendent, Local District 3; Lainey Roger, Operations Coordinator, Local District 3
- Marlene Canter, Board Member, representative Andrea Giancoli;
- Wayne Scott More, Director, School Operations;
- Cheri Tomas, Coordinated School Health Facilitator.

Mr. Barrett summarized the highlights of this presentation and asked for Board support to accomplish all the goals set by the Resolution.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Perkins responded to questions and concerns from Committee Members. Some of the concerns included issues related to donation of food to schools; Associated Student Body (ASB) fundraising activities; food for sale brought by students to schools; and adequate time for students to eat.

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Chair Korenstein noted that the Board passed the Food Drive Resolution, presented by her and Ms. Galatzan. The Board authorized the District hold a voluntary food collection campaign to collect food for the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. *Chair Korenstein asked Mr. David Holmquist, Chief Operating Officer, to work out a plan to provide ideas on how to achieve this goal.*

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - SPEAKERS

Mr. Gene Krischer, Friends of the Children, talked about opposing proliferation of wireless telecommunication transmission facilities near school sites due to the health risk posed by the radiation. He informed the Committee that T-Mobil is proposing to construct a wireless telecommunication facility near Carthay Center Elementary School and Hancock Park School. He asked the Board to support a resolution which calls for a moratorium, and amend the 1996 Telecommunications Federal legislation. He noted that neither the District nor the schools received notifications regarding the construction of these towers. Mr. Krischer cited the Resolution on *Effects of Non-Ionizing Radiation* passed by the Board of Education on June 27, 2000, where the Board resolved to oppose the future placement of cellular telecommunications towers on or immediately adjacent to school property owned by the District.

Ms. Sally Hampton, Community Member, supported Mr. Krischer's comments.

The Committee supported his proposal and held a lengthy discussion on this issue.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.  
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AGENDA

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| 1. Opening Remarks   | Julie Korenstein, Chair                                 | 5 min.  |
| 2. LA School Police Recognitions and Commendations                                   | Chief Larry Manion,<br>Los Angeles School Police        | 5 min.  |
| 3. K-8 Mandatory Uniform Policy Committee - Update                                   | Earl Perkins, Asst. Superintendent<br>School Operations | 15 min. |
| 4. Board's Nutrition Policies to Fight Childhood Obesity - Update                    | Dennis Barrett, Director<br>Food Services Division      | 20 min. |
| 5. Speakers – Persons who wish to address this Committee may sign-up at the meeting. |   |         |
| 6. Adjournment   |   |         |

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