

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, June 23, 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, June 23, 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 1:26 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.

Dr. Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 429 – 08/09

Adoption of the Superintendent's Budget Balancing Proposals for 2008-09 and Approval of the 2009-10 Final Budget with 2010-11 and 2011-12 Balancing Proposals Included

President García made the following statement:

An opportunity is now given to those individuals who have requested to address the Board on the Superintendent's Budget Balancing Proposals for 2008-09 and Approval of the 2009-10 Final Budget with 2010-11 and 2011-12 Balance Proposal Included.

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. Twelve individuals have signed up to speak and should go to the recording booth at the back of the Board Room and fill out a speaker's card.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this report:

Ms. Melissa Marshall, SEIU Local 99  
Ms. Virginia Valverde, Perez Special Education Center  
Mr. Gene Krischer, Friends of the Children

Mr. Dan Basalone, Associated Administrators Los Angeles (AALA)  
Mr. Mike O'Sullivan, AALA  
Ms. Julie Washington, United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)  
Ms. Judy Kwatomo  
Ms. Lydia Ordoñez  
Mr. Bill Ring  
Mr. Mudd Baron  
Ms. Susan Gosman, California School Employees Association (CSEA)  
Mr. George Buzzetti  
Mr. A. J. Duffy, UTLA

Superintendent Cortines briefly addressed the Board on commitments from bargaining units and a parcel tax.

Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the strategies used to balance the budget. She stressed the importance of working together as a community.

Ms. Reilly stated that the District pays its bills almost entirely with money from the State. As a result, fluctuations in the State's economy lead to fluctuations in the District's budget. She discussed the ways unions, parents, guardians, and communities can help the District through this financial crisis, including a parcel tax, lobbying of state and federal officials, encouraging perfect attendance for students and teachers, volunteering, and contributing to the District's Educational Foundation.

She further stated the Board must adopt a proposed budget by July 1, 2009. Under AB 1200, the budget must demonstrate that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the next year and the budget must be consistent with the District's multi-year obligations. The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) will review the budget by August 15, 2009.

After measures have been taken and all available and allowable stimulus funds are used, there is still a budget deficit to be resolved. Ms. Reilly reviewed the adjustments that have been made for 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 to bring the budget into alignment. She also reviewed the amounts and guidelines for the use of stabilization and stimulus dollars.

Following Ms. Reilly's presentation, Dr. Vladovic moved that the substitute revised report be adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion.

Dr. Vladovic requested that the following amendments be added to the last paragraph of the Background of the report:

To address the shortfalls in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, the primary budget balancing proposal is to seek a special parcel tax, additional revenues, and secured shared commitments by the bargaining units. In the event that these measures are not obtained, the budget will be balanced with the alternative recommendations listed in Attachment B or other cuts determined by the Board in order to balance the budget,

Superintendent Cortines and Ms. Roberta Fesler, General Counsel, responded to questions from Board Members regarding the amendments, Board authority, and responsibility.

Ms. Korenstein requested the following amendments to Attachment B:

As described in the materials presented to the Board of Education June 18, 2009, it is the District's intention to pursue a parcel tax, additional revenues, and/or additional salary reductions secured shared commitments by the bargaining units for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 fiscal years. Should the parcel tax, additional revenues, and/or additional salary reductions secured shared commitments by the bargaining units not materialize, the budget reduction proposals contained in "Budget Items Affecting only 2010-11 and 2011-12" will be implemented will be balanced with the budget reduction proposals contained in the "Budget Items Affecting only 2010-11 and 2011-12", or other cuts as determined by the Board of Education in order to balance the budget.

Superintendent Cortines and Ms. Reilly responded to questions from Board Members regarding the reserve for economic uncertainty, modifications to the Board Report, and parcel tax.

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Remarks were heard from Board Members.

Ms. Reilly responded to questions from Board Members regarding funding percentages.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 403 – 08/09  
Various Purchasing Transactions

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

Superintendent Cortines, Mr. Dennis Barrett, Director, Food Services, Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, and Mr. Neil Gamble, Director, Maintenance and Operations, responded to questions from Board Members regarding leveraging buying power, consolidation of contracts, Board policy, funding sources, and contract terms.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 420 – 08/09  
Agreements and Amendments

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to withdraw Beyond the Bell Contract No. 1000063, Martin Luther King Legacy Association. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this report:

Mr. Mike Lansing, Boys and Girls Club  
Ms. Kim Richards, Carson Boys and Girls Club  
Ms. Connie Moreno, CSEA

Mr. Alvaro Cortés, Assistant Superintendent, Beyond the Bell Branch, Ms. Fesler, and Mr. Crain responded to questions from Board Members regarding the impact of postponing the item, funding levels of high school contracts, oversubscribed schools, start up monies, changes in providers, evaluation process, collaborative efforts, recreation programs, impact of cancellation of summer school, summer opportunities, communication measures, delegation, ratification, Brown Act requirements, and availability of Board materials.

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

### BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Ms. LaMotte moved the following resolution titled Exposition Light Rail Line Phase 2 Project:

Whereas, The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Expo Light Rail Line Phase 2 project (Expo Phase 2) is proposed to operate primarily at-grade (street-level) in close proximity to Los Angeles Unified School District schools;

Whereas, According to MTA's June 2008 Summary of Metro Blue Line Train/Vehicle and Train Pedestrian Accident Report, in 18 years of operating primarily at-grade, the MTA's Blue Line has become the nation's deadliest light rail line, and statistics indicate 92 deaths and over 824 accidents have occurred in urban areas with lower vehicular and pedestrian traffic volume and residential density than the Expo Rail Line corridor;

Whereas, Many of those injuries and fatalities in MTA Blue Line accidents were within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Whereas, The District's Distance Criteria for School Siting precludes schools from being built within 128 feet of an active rail line; unless the safety risk is found to be less than significant;

Whereas, The property line of Overland Avenue Elementary School, with approximately 500 students, age 5 through 10, lies within 75 feet of the currently proposed at-grade crossings on Expo Alternatives 1 and 3;

Whereas, The property line of Charnock Elementary School, with approximately 390 students, age 5 through 10, lies within 50 feet of the currently proposed at-grade crossings on Expo Phase 2 Alternatives 2 and 4;

Whereas, On a daily basis, hundreds of young students walk in close proximity and cross the currently proposed Expo Phase 2 at-grade tracks on all proposed alternative routes, which encompass several safe passage school routes;

Whereas, To ensure a quality learning environment, interior and exterior noise levels must maintain acoustical standards not exceeding American National Standards Institute guidelines (ANSI S.12.60-2002) and criteria established by the Collaborative for High Performing Schools (CHPS);

Whereas, According to the Expo Phase 2 Draft Environmental Impact Report Expo Rail Line trains will blow its horn/gong on approach and through each at-grade crossing, and crossing gate bells will be required at gated crossings near District schools as frequently as 24 times per hour;

Whereas, Horn blowing, gongs and crossing gate bells would not be required at currently proposed at-grade crossings if Expo Phase 2 is constructed above or below grade;

Whereas, The continual passage of 24 trains per hour may create disruptive ground and structural vibrations;

Whereas, The increased traffic and vehicles idling near the school sites will have an adverse effect on the health of school occupants;

Whereas, The Westside Neighborhood Council and West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council have resolved to support grade separations on Expo Phase 2 through their jurisdictions;

Whereas, In a letter dated June 6, 2008, to the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation expressed their “serious concerns” about the safety of an at-grade train crossing at Overland Avenue near Overland School;

Whereas, Los Angeles City Councilmembers Bill Rosendahl and Tom LaBonge have presented a resolution before the City Council of Los Angeles (08-002-s165, December 9, 2008) stating that “grade-separation of rail lines is necessary in West Los Angeles in order to reduce traffic congestion, accidents and loss of life and ensure safe and efficient rail operations;” and

Whereas, MTA is making the investment to eliminate all at-grade crossings on Phase 1 of the Expo Rail Line in the City of Culver City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Unified School District supports the consensus position of the community, which opposes the at-grade design of the Expo Light Rail Line adjacent to Overland Avenue School and at the at-grade crossing adjacent to Charnock Road Elementary School;

Resolved further, That the District be opposed to the operation of any at-grade design of the Expo Light Rail Line along streets in close proximity to school sites, unless it is proven that alternative mitigation measures will eliminate all safety hazards; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to exhaust all legal options in working with the MTA to eliminate all at-grade crossings along the proposed Expo Line that present a significant risk to pedestrian safety.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this resolution:

Ms. Colleen Mason Heller, Neighbors for Smart Rail  
Ms. Evelyn Christensen, Neighbors for Smart Rail  
Ms. Teri Tippit

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

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Ms. Andrea Canty, CSEA  
Mr. Clint Simmons, Expo Community United  
Ms. Eve Gelb, Overland Avenue Elementary School PTA  
Mr. Damien Goodman, Expo Campaign

Mr. Ed Morelan, Site Assessment Manager, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, addressed the MTA Phase 2 of the Expo Line development. He discussed the District's concerns, including noise, vibration, traffic, and pedestrian crossing safety.

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution was adopted. Ms. Canter and Ms. García were absent.

Ms. LaMotte moved the following resolution regarding National Action Network's National HIV Testing Day, Saturday, June 27, 2009:

Whereas, HIV and AIDS are communicable diseases impacting the lives of millions of children and adults around the world;

Whereas, Through surveillance, Los Angeles County has documented 54,796 AIDS cases, resulting in 31,117 deaths from 1985 to the present;

Whereas, Undiagnosed HIV is a threat to the health of the entire community;

Whereas, Appropriate HIV education can reduce the number of persons contracting the disease or living with its complications;

Whereas, HIV testing can identify cases and assist community members in identifying resources to manage the disease;

Whereas, The National Action Network, through its "I Choose Life" initiative, has planned a campaign to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and related health problems;

Whereas, Through its "We Are One" campaign, the National Action Network will educate the African American community about HIV and AIDS and encourage community members to get tested to determine their HIV status;

Whereas, The National Action Network, in recognition of National HIV/ Testing Day, Saturday, June 27, will bring together social, civic and faith-based organizations to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic, disseminate culturally appropriate information, and raise the level of HIV/AIDS awareness in South Central Los Angeles in particular, and the City of Los Angeles in general; and

Whereas, This event will be held at the Palms Residential Care Facility, 8480 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports the National Action Network's campaign to educate the public about HIV/AIDS awareness and encourage community members to get tested for HIV.

Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this resolution:

Mr. Ric Loya, LAUSD Health Education Program  
Ms. Gwendolyn Jones, National Council of Negro Women

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution was adopted. Ms. García was absent.

Ms. Galatzan moved the following resolution regarding Ensuring the Future of the Academic Decathlon:

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District has been an active participant in the Academic Decathlon scholastic competition program since 1981;

Whereas, The purpose of the Academic Decathlon is to stimulate intellectual growth, encourage greater respect for knowledge, and foster public awareness for outstanding students and school programs;

Whereas, Over the years, approximately 20,000 District student scholars have participated in the Academic Decathlon leaving with greater academic breadth, confidence, self-esteem, and interpersonal skills to use in college and beyond;

Whereas, In the last 23 years, 15 of the District's teams have won the State competition and represented California in the United States Academic Decathlon competition. On 10 occasions, those teams have won the National competition: Marshall High in '87 and '95, Taft High in '89, '94, and '06, and El Camino Real High in '98, '01, '04, '05, and '07;

Whereas, Despite District's competing schools being a source of pride for the District, funding shortfalls resulted in the program's annual budget being cut from \$300,000 to less than \$100,000 over the years;

Whereas, To accommodate the budget shortfall the Academic Decathlon relied on donations and funding from various District departments, divisions, and units but due to recent economic instability those are no longer options;

Whereas, Organizers estimate that the Academic Decathlon needs an annual budget of \$330,000 to pay for materials, supplies, venues, travel, workshops, etc.; and

Whereas, The budget crisis precludes the District from sufficiently funding the Academic Decathlon and the District must explore other options for keeping the program thriving; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District asks the Superintendent to assemble a task force with appropriate District staff, Parent Community Service Branch, representatives from the Superintendent and Board Offices along with members from the local business and entertainment communities, to meet every 2 months, starting in July, with the intent of raising at least \$100,000 for the 2010 Academic Decathlon; and

Resolved further, That the Board applauds and honors El Camino Real, North Hollywood, Marshall, Palisades, Granada Hills, Garfield, Crenshaw, Venice, and Los Angeles High Schools for advancing to the 2009 state competition.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this resolution:

Mr. Cliff Ker, LAUSD Academic Decathlon  
Mr. John Bennett, Garfield High School  
Ms. Brenda Guzman, Crenshaw High School

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution was adopted. Ms. García was absent.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION (continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 425 – 08/09  
Student Expulsions

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

The following speakers addressed the Board on this report:

Ms. Kazi Khan, Case No. 117 – 08/09  
Mr. Bennie Gray, Case No. 114 – 08/09  
Ms. Ada Urias  
Ms. Emily McGowan  
Ms. Leticia Ibarra

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

Ms. LaMotte announced that Dr. Julio Fonseca, Coordinator, Student Discipline Proceedings Unit, would be leaving the District and thanked him for his years of service.

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Vice President Flores Aguilar resumed the Order of Business.

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SPECIAL REPORT

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER MARLENE CANTER

Ms. Canter's recognition began with opening remarks from former Board Member David Tokofsky, the master of ceremonies.

Remarks and well wishes were heard from Los Angeles County Supervisors, Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky and Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas.

The Vista Del Mar Youth and Family Services Chorus performed “We Are the World.”

Remarks and well wishes were also heard from the following:

- Mr. Mike Lansing, Former Board Member
- Mr. Steve Zimmer, Board Member Elect
- Ms. Lara Larramendi, Office of State Senator Alex Padilla
- Ms. Tessa Charnofsky, Office of Speaker of the Assembly Karen Bass
- Mr. Jim Kennedy, Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl
- Mr. John Ayers, Beethoven Elementary School Parent
- Ms. Kelly Kane, Westchester Complex Parent
- Mr. Bill Ring, Parent Collaborative
- Ms. Michelle King, Superintendent, Local District 3
- Mr. Ed Zubiate, Principal, Fairfax High School
- Ms. Elizabeth Abramowitz, Principal, Fairburn Elementary School
- Ms. Althea Ford, Beethoven Elementary School
- Mr. Mike O’Sullivan, AALA
- Mr. Dan Basalone, AALA
- Dr. Shane Martin, Dean, School of Education, Loyola Marymount University
- Dr. Aimée Dorr, Dean, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, UCLA
- Mr. Matt Sharp, California Food Policy Advocates
- Ms. Elizabeth Medrano, Healthy School Food Coalition
- Mr. Dennis Barrett, Food Services Director
- Mr. Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive
- Ms. Donnalyn Jaque-Antón, Associate Superintendent, Special Education
- Mr. Jose Cole-Gutiérrez, Executive Director, Charter Schools Division
- Ms. Kate Collins, Associate General Counsel, II
- Ms. Lisa Keegan, Former Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Ms. Ellen Winn, Director, Education Equity Project

Remarks were heard from Superintendent Cortines, who presented Ms. Canter with a certificate of appreciation and the traditional school bell, as well as Board Members.

Ms. Canter thanked all the speakers for their kind words.

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President García assumed the Chair.  
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NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION (continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 404 – 08/09  
Approval of Professional Services Contract Agreements

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 405 – 08/09  
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Add the  
Modification of Facilities at Nine LAUSD High Schools to Create Smaller Learning  
Environments by Implementing Small Learning Communities

These reports were postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2009.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 408 – 08/09  
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to Add  
Alteration and Improvement (A&I) Projects, Measure K Leveling Funds Projects,  
Measure K Unallocated Projects, and Board Member Priority Projects at Various Schools

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to include the Bond Oversight Committee recommendation and resolution. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 409 – 08/09  
Amendment to the Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan for the  
Fairfax High School Grandstand Project

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to include the Bond Oversight Committee recommendation and resolution. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 412 – 08/09  
Amendment to the Planning and Development Strategic Execution Plan to Add Twenty-Three  
2009-10 Proposition 39 Charter School Renovation Projects

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

Mr. Crain reviewed additional changes on the substitute pages.

Ms. Ana Teresa Fernandez, Charter Planning Manager, and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding report changes, stakeholder input, community outreach, and parental involvement.

On roll call, the vote was, 3 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte. The roll was held open pending the return of Board Members.

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

The final vote was 4 ayes, 2 noes, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte. Dr. Vladovic was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 416 – 08/09

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

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President García modified the Order of Business.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 437 – 08/09  
Maintenance and Operations CalPERS Early Retirement Incentive Proposal

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 439 – 08/09  
Early Retirement Incentive Proposal

Ms. Korenstein moved that these reports be adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 417 – 08/09  
Authorization for Temporary Borrowing Between Funds

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

Mr. Timothy Rosnick, Controller, responded to questions from Board Members regarding funds and repayment.

The item was held open to allow speakers to address the Board.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Bill Ring addressed the Board on this report.

After discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 418 – 08/09  
Authorization to Make Interfund Transfers

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 428 – 08/09  
Estimated General Obligation Bond Debt Service Requirements

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Dr. Vladovic was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 419 – 08/09  
Adoption of the LAUSD Policy on Charter School Authorizing

This item was postponed to the Special Board Meeting of June 30, 2009.

Later in the meeting Mr. George Buzzetti addressed the Board on this report.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 424 – 08/09  
Ratification of One New Charter, Renewals of the Charters of Ten Schools, and  
Amendments to Extend Five Charters

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to withdraw Exhibit 1, New Designs Charter School – Watts, and Exhibit 4, Alexander Science Center. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board on this report:

Mr. Robert Saldaña, Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)  
Ms. Hilda Guzman  
Ms. Marivia Torres  
Ms. Aurelia Theodoro  
Ms. Aurora Ponce, ACORN  
Ms. Arcelia Diaz, ACORN  
Ms. Itzell Contreras  
Ms. Maria Zamora  
Ms. Susanna Carrillo

Mr. Cole-Gutiérrez responded to questions from Board Members regarding charter extensions, noncompliance, Memorandums of Understanding, and accounting procedures.

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

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President García modified the Order of Business.  
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walter Waddles addressed the Board on parental involvement.

Later in the meeting, the following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Ms. Barbara Torres	School Issues
Ms. Angela Greenfield	Graduation Issues
Mr. Roberto Fonseca	District Advisory Council
Mr. Matthew Kogan, UTLA	Adult Education
Ms. Christine Provencio	Education

Ms. Juanita Arevalo  
Mr. Manuel Aldana  
Ms. Chandra Hudson

Education  
Education  
Ten Schools Program

Dr. Judy Elliott, Chief Academic Officer, responded to concerns on the policy regarding CAHSEE passage and graduation.

BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION (continued)

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved the following resolution regarding Everyone Counts – 2010 Census:

Whereas, An accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;

Whereas, More than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data;

Whereas, Census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

Whereas, The 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and

Whereas, The information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District expresses its commitment to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010; and

Resolved further, That the Board will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our school community to participate.
2. Encourage people to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.

Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion.

Ms. Virginia Jimenez, U.S. Census Bureau, addressed the Board on this resolution.

After discussion and by general consent, the resolution was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

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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. 421 – 08/09  
Routine Personnel Actions

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 422 – 08/09  
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted with the amendment to withdraw Item No. 2, Employee No. 618345. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 426 – 08/09  
Education Code Waiver Request to Change Classified Employees Salary Payment Schedule

This item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of July 14, 2009.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 436 – 08/09  
Authorization of Signatures on All Orders

(Drawn on the Funds of the Los Angeles Unified School District in the Name of the Governing Board)

Ms. Galatzan moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted as amended. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 430 – 08/09  
2008-2011 Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles Unified School District and  
All Unions on Coordinated Health Benefits

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 433 – 08/09  
2008-2011 Tentative Agreement for United Teachers Los Angeles

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 431 – 08/09  
2007-2008 Reopener Agreement for Unit H, Sergeants and Lieutenants

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 432 – 08/09  
2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Reopener Agreement for Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA)  
and Adoption of a Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase for District-Represented Employees

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 434 – 08/09  
2007-2008 Reopener Agreement for Unit E, Skilled Crafts

These items were withdrawn.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 427 – 08/09  
Submission of 2009-10 Consolidated Application for Categorical Aid Programs

Ms. Korenstein moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Galatzan seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 438 – 08/09

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION (continued)

Ms. Galatzan moved the following resolution regarding Sharing Materials with Schools in Need with the amendment as noted:

Whereas, The current budget crisis has required the District and the Board to make painful funding decisions, including reductions in the workforce;

Whereas, These reductions have occurred in many departments, and at all schools;

Whereas, The reduced workforce has created a potential surplus of computers, furniture, copiers, fax machines and other materials purchased for departments and programs that have been reduced or in some cases eliminated;

Whereas, The District has for years experienced a severe shortage in technology and other materials crucial to the education process from elementary through high school;

Whereas; Many of our schools have aging and damaged furniture in desperate need of being replaced; and

Whereas; The budget crisis has made it virtually impossible for schools to find the funds to replace technological equipment and furniture; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent will immediately begin a precise survey of surplus ~~equipment~~, including printers, copiers, and both desktop and laptop computers generated by the reduction in staff;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent will immediately begin a needs assessment to determine which schools can benefit the most from receiving surplus materials; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent will create a system for expeditiously transferring these materials to designated schools prior to the opening of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general was adopted as amended. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

Ms. Korenstein moved the following resolution regarding Support for AB 267 and ACA 10:

Whereas, California's budget crisis must be resolved without breaking the state's commitment to education;

Whereas, State education funding is being reduced and school districts have very few options to cope with the loss of funding;

Whereas, Local revenue generation and local control of our schools should be components in dealing with the current budget crisis;

Whereas, Between 1983 and 2006, California voters approved 211 parcel taxes in 414 elections;

Whereas, Forty percent received a majority vote but not the necessary two-thirds of the vote required for approval;

Whereas, Under a majority vote requirement, over 90 percent of the attempts would have been successful;

Whereas, The latest Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) survey found that about eight in ten residents believe that funding decisions for public schools should be made locally; and

Whereas, Our communities should have the ability to increase local revenues to better serve our students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports Assembly Bill 267, which authorizes school districts to form education finance districts for the purpose of raising revenue for local schools. The districts would be authorized to place a parcel tax on the ballot for voter approval provided that they agree on the division and expenditure of the revenues raised by the tax;

Resolved, further, That the Board supports Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10 that would allow education finance districts to levy a local parcel tax with a majority vote instead of the current two-thirds requirement;

Resolved further, That the Board instructs the Superintendent and the Office of Government Relations to forward this resolution to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the members of the California State Legislature; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to bring a plan and analysis regarding placing a Parcel Tax at the earliest election opportunity.

Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF EMERGENCY PERMITS TO FULLY CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF EARNING ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS. THESE CERTIFICATIONS INCLUDE CLAD AND BCLAD CERTIFICATES, THE RESOURCE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES CREDENTIAL

Ms. Korenstein moved that the motion be adopted. Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

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. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Korenstein moved the approval of the following minutes of the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

10:00 a.m., Special Board Meeting, June 2, 2009  
11:00 a.m., Special Board Meeting, June 9, 2009

Ms. Flores Aguilar seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

BOARD MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION (continued)

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved a waiver of Board Rule 72 to allow action on the following resolution regarding Opposition to Continued Additional Budget Cuts. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved:

Whereas, The Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District is outraged by the onslaught of devastating state cuts to education and demands better for the almost 700,000 students depending on our schools for a high-quality education;

Whereas, Our students deserve the highest quality education available anywhere in the world, with well-resourced schools, the best and most highly-trained educators available, small class sizes, quality instructional materials, dynamic parental support;

Whereas, Devastating budget cuts imposed by the state government in Sacramento in the past two years have already severely undermined the District's capacity to offer our students the educational opportunities they need and deserve to graduate, attend college, and succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy;

Whereas, The District is already reeling from over \$547 million in forced cuts from the 2008-09 budget, resulting in significant reduction in services to our schools;

Whereas, The District must still address over \$1.35 billion in additional cuts over the next two years to close a looming budget gap and submit a balanced budget to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, as required by state law;

Whereas, Despite the prevalence of high-need, high-poverty schools in our District, the District has been disproportionately impacted by state cuts to education funding, absorbing cuts of over \$300 more per student than the average California school district due to the reductions to critical categorical funds intended to level the playing field for poor children, such as the Targeted Instructional Impact Grant (TIIG);

Whereas, The fiscal stimulus funding provided by Washington D.C., while critical, is only enough to help fill 50% of this budget gap, with many restrictions on how portions of that funding may be used by the District;

Whereas, California's financial crisis was not created by our students and fixing the problem should not come at the expense of their educational progress and success;

Whereas, Further cuts to education at the state level are fundamentally inconsistent with the constitutional obligation to provide a high quality education to our children;

Whereas, California already ranks last among the states in the number of school staff per student;

Whereas, California would need to hire 96,000 additional teachers, 9,000 administrators, 42,000 librarians, counselors, nurses, and instructional aides, and 66,000 janitors, bus drivers, and security guards to reach the national average in staff to student ratio;

Whereas, A typical school elsewhere in America has 30% more teachers and 61% more school site administrators per student than the typical school in California; and

Whereas, California voters approved, and continue to strongly support, Proposition 98 to protect schools and students from harmful budget cuts and to establish a minimum level of education funding; now, therefore, be

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District declares its deep opposition to continued cuts to education by the State of California and demands better for the almost 700,000 students relying on our schools for an opportunity to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> economy; and be it

Resolved further, That the District includes in its state legislative agenda the following demands to provide the District the resources and flexibility needed by the Board and Senior Management Team to effectively manage this financial crisis and serve our students as ably as possible in the face of continuing state budget cuts:

- 1) Demand that any additional cuts to the State's education budget be directed to General Revenue Limit funds, which affect all school districts equally, and not to the Categorical Funds that are designed to protect the educational opportunities of the most vulnerable, highest need students in our School District and indeed our state;
- 2) Demand the flexibility needed to effectively manage the enormous budget cuts handed down by Sacramento, including the following:
  - A) Waive AB 1200 requirement for districts to file a balanced state budget for three years, even though the State is required to balance its budget for only one year,
  - B) Waive any penalties if districts are unable to meet the State unfunded Class Size Reduction mandates,
  - C) Allow the District to use all categorical funds where needed most by providing complete programmatic and budget flexibility on all categorical programs; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board of Education immediately transmits this Resolution and these demands to the Governor, State Legislature, and other school districts with a request for immediate response and action.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Flores Aguilar moved:

That a Special Board Meeting be called on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 1 p.m. in the Board Room regarding the LAUSD Charter Policy on Charter School Authorizing, a request to Apply for a County-District-School Code for Daniel Pearl Journalism and Communications Magnet High School, and any other items requiring Board consideration.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

Ms. Flores Aguilar announced that the Annual Board Meeting will held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, in the Board Room at 2 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Galatzan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD:

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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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