

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
333 South Beaudry, Board Room  
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, 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 special session on Tuesday, July 1, 2009, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry, Los Angeles, California.

President Mónica García called the meeting to order at 4:54 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar, 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.

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President García modified the Order of Business.

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NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 2 – 09/10  
Consideration of the Birmingham Community High School Charter

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Ms. Marsha Coates  
Mr. Lance Johnson  
Mr. Chris Monaster  
Ms. Virginia Witherow  
Mr. Ervin Catañeda  
Mr. Steven Shapiro  
Mr. Dave Wertz  
Mr. Jerry Simmons  
Ms. Lindsay Surendranath

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

Mr. José Cole-Gutiérrez, Executive Director, Charter Schools Division, addressed the Board regarding the recommendation of the Charter Schools Division.

Mr. Cole-Gutiérrez, Superintendent Ramon Cortines, and Mr. Aaron Earlywine, Business Advisor, Charter Schools Division, responded to questions from Board Members regarding faculty support for previous conversions, tension mediation, stakeholder input, challenges, options, projection plans, space issues, student access, staffing, and leadership.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 5 ayes, 1 no, Ms. LaMotte, 1 abstention, Mr. Zimmer.

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President García resumed the Order of Business.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 1 - 09/10  
Ratification of the Approval of New Charter School and Renewal of Charter School

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 3 – 09/10  
Request to Apply for a CDS Code for Daniel Pearl  
Journalism and Communications Magnet High School

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

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

Mr. Mudd Baron

Ms. Galatzan requested information from the Facilities Division regarding the building of green schools and incorporation of the School Garden Program.

Mr. Steven Shapiro  
Ms. Maura Penbers

Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding school structure.

Ms. LaMotte moved that Superintendent Cortines convene a meeting with the Birmingham High School community. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. Subsequently, the motion was withdrawn.

Superintendent Cortines, Mr. Cole-Gutiérrez, and Ms. Roberta Fesler, General Counsel, responded to questions from Board Members regarding expanding the number of seats in the magnet school, community input, challenges, innovation policy, Proposition 39, enrollment capacity, and the impact of a no vote.

After discussion and on roll call, the report was adopted, 6 ayes, 1 abstention, Ms. LaMotte.


BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 4 – 09/10  
Early Retirement Incentive Proposal


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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Zimmer, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **AUGUST 25, 2009**

  
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MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

  
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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD