

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 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 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, November 24, 2009, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Chairperson Steve Zimmer called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Tamar Galatzan, Ms. Mónica García, Dr. Richard Vladovic and Mr. Steve Zimmer. Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar and Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte were absent. Ms. Nury Martinez arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Dr. Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Chairperson Zimmer modified the Order of Business.  
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DISCUSSION OF BEYOND THE BELL PROGRAMS

Mr. Alvaro Cortés, Assistant Superintendent, Extended Day Programs, discussed the Beyond the Bell programs. He stated that the mission of Beyond the Bell is to ensure that all children and youth in the District have access to high learning and achievement beyond the regular school day. Mr. Cortés acknowledged partnerships with Students Run LA, Kids Marathon, WriteGirl, EduCare Foundation and Champions Sports. He introduced Mr. Patrick Escobar from LA84 Foundation and Dr. Margaret Martin from the Harmony Project. Mr. Escobar discussed how the LA84 Foundation benefits the children and prepares them for life, through sports. Dr. Martin highlighted achievements from the Harmony Project, and stated that the 2009 Coming Up Taller Award was presented to the Harmony Project.

Mr. Cortés shared a video about the Beyond the Bell program and impacts of their partnerships.

Mr. Tim Bower, Student Auxiliary Services, introduced the following student participation in the Beyond the Bell programs: Oscar Lopez, Fremont High School Senior, Shakara Riley, Jordan High School, Jose Rodriguez, Jordan High School Senior, Christopher Minivar, Maywood Academy High School 11<sup>th</sup> Grader, and Ana Salmeron, Maywood Academy High School Senior. The students identified the program they participate in and the college they plan to attend.

Ms. Ana Lasso, Acting Director, Joint Use Program, discussed joint use projects and their correlation with the Beyond the Bell program. She identified ongoing projects at Banning High School, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez Learning Center, Esteban Torres High School, Glassell Park Early Education Center, Helen Bernstein High School, John H. Leichty Middle School, South Region High School No. 12, West Adams Preparatory High School, Central Los Angeles Learning Center No. 1, Ramona Opportunity High

School, Dorsey High School, El Camino Real High School, Point Fermin Outdoor Education Center, Marshall High School, Markham Middle School, Gage Middle School, and Maclay Middle School.

Mr. Cortés and Ms. Lasso responded to questions from Board Members regarding joint use projects and partnerships.

### NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 147 – 09/10 Delegation of Authority for Interscholastic Athletic Activities at Elementary and Middle Schools, Board Rules 2401 and 2402

Ms. García moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Flores and Ms. LaMotte were absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Lorena Jaramillo, Parent  
Ms. Andrea Canty, California School Employees Association

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Chairperson Zimmer resumed the Order of Business.  
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### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the budget for fiscal year 2010-11. She provided an overview of the plan that will be submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), on December 15, 2009. Ms. Reilly stated that the general fund revenue is declining due to a decline in the revenue limit rate per ADA, and a decline in District enrollment. The decline in District enrollment is a result of demographic shifts and the increase in charter school participation. She identified Tier III Categorical Programs, and stated that this category provides flexibility by allowing the District to use the dollars as if they were general revenue limit toward the deficit.

Ms. Reilly discussed the projected expenditures and revenues and stated that in 2010-11 the District would have a deficit of \$495.2 million. Under LACOE guidelines, the projected \$495 million deficit would leave two options: Choice A, call for agreements or concessions from employees, or Choice B, cut jobs, increase class sizes and reduce support to schools. She stated that 2010-11 shortfalls mean reductions of 10-20% on top of previous years' cuts.

Ms. Reilly stated that the District is moving toward more decentralization and more school community budgeting. Over the next several months, schools should expect to begin working on identifying their instructional and operational priorities, thinking whether what's been funded at their schools is helping them achieve their goals, and they should begin raising awareness of the State's budget crisis. Schools should expect to see a 10-20% reduction in services. Superintendent Cortines will present each school with

recommendations for school-site services to maintain and which to reduce, before the development of the budget begins in March. Ms. Reilly concluded her presentation with a recap of past budget updates and timelines which will lead to the December 8, 2009 Board vote.

Ms. Reilly and Superintendent Cortines responded to questions from Board Members regarding the choices the District faces as a result of the deficit and options for revenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martinez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. García seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar, Ms. Galatazan and Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **February 9, 2010**

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STEVE ZIMMER  
CHAIRPERSON

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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