

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

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2009

Board Members Present:

Yolie Flores Aguilar, Chairperson  
Mónica García  
Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte  
Dr. Richard Vladovic

District Staff Present:

Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive

External Representatives Present:

Robert Kladifko, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles  
Mary Najera, Parent Representative

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The meeting convened at 10:13 a.m.

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OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Flores Aguilar provided brief opening remarks and presented the first item for discussion.

SMALL SCHOOLS UPDATE: CREATING SMALLER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Mr. Ellis Kaufman, Director of Small Learning Communities and School Redesign, provided a Small Schools update. He stated that he has been meeting with the Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, Local District Superintendents, and members of the Personnel Commission. Mr. Kaufman stated that a work plan has been issued to the District to explain how Local Districts will cultivate small schools thinking. He highlighted that the United States Department of Education has provided over \$33 million, over a six-year period, to 36 high schools. Mr. Kaufman stated that a small school is a unique, personalized learning environment, with its own school identification code, administration, staff, budget, contiguous space, and responsibility for all aspects of its educational program. He identified sites with co-located schools and stated that the implications of co-locations are access and equity, curriculum, operations, activities and athletics, personnel, and finance.

Mr. Kaufman indicated that the priority for transformation are 17 high priority high schools, 17 high priority middle schools, middle schools and schools larger than 1,000 students. He concluded by stating that the way forward was to include Measure Q funds for repairs, upgrades, renewing, and creating small high quality schools.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Randy Britt Director of Sustainability Initiatives, provided an overview of the Sustainability Initiatives Strategic Plan. He stated that the group was headed by the Chief Facilities Executive, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Chief Academic Officer. Mr. Britt stated that 10 working groups were created in each area to generate ideas and projects to bring forward for review and approval. The working group goals are: (1) AB 32's goal is to reduce the District's carbon footprint by 10% by 2012; (2) Facilities' goal to install 50 mw of renewable energy, reduce annual energy and water consumption by 10% by 2012, and design major modernization projects to meet the CHPS standards; (3) Workforce Development's goal is to create green

jobs through implementation of the Sustainability Program; (4) Regulatory Affairs, Government, and Utility Relations' goal is to achieve full restoration of customer choice in electricity, minimize impact of utility rate increases, and achieve DSA certification within 90 days; (5) Communications' goal is to inform the District about the Sustainability Program; (6) OEHS' goal is to reduce the waste that the District disposes in landfills by 70%, by 2015; (7) Transportation's goal is to maximize fuel consumption reduction opportunities; (8) Procurement's goal is to expand, implement, and enforce the Green Procurement Policy; (9) Food Services' goal is to convert existing food packaging to biodegradable and recycled content; and (10) Academic's goal is to increase energy awareness of students.

### PREFERRED SITE DESIGNATION FOR SOUTH REGION HIGH SCHOOL NO. 8

Mr. Rod Hamilton, Regional Development Manager, provided an overview of the South Region High School No. 8 project, which would consist of 45 classrooms and 1,215 seats. The project would be located on the northeast corner of Slauson Avenue and King Avenue. It would relieve overcrowding at Bell High School, which serves the communities of Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, and Maywood. Mr. Hamilton stated that the preferred site No. 18 would displace 10 single-family residences, 96 multi-family units, and 6 commercial properties. He indicated that this site is being recommended because it is a central location, has the fewest single-family relocations, and has no significant environmental risks at the site. Mr. Ian MacMillan, OEHS, discussed the environmental analysis, and identified risks in the other potential sites.

### SPEAKERS

The following speakers expressed their views on this item:

Mr. Gustavo Villa, Resident  
Mr. Salvador Contreras, Resident  
Mr. Ruben Guardado, Resident  
Mr. Edward Varela, Resident  
Mr. Hector Alvarado, Resident  
Ms. Kenia Alcocer, Resident  
Mr. Eduardo Olivo, Resident's Attorney  
Ms. Maria Serrano, Resident  
Mr. Jesus R. Padilla, Resident  
Mr. Enrique Curiel, Resident  
Mr. Jesus Zuniga, Resident  
Ms. Mary Rincon, Resident  
Ms. Ana Rizo, City of Maywood Councilwoman  
Ms. Veronica Guardado, Vice-Mayor, City of Maywood  
Mr. Ramon Medina, Resident  
Mr. Enrique Martinez, Resident  
Mr. Martin Galindo, Local District 6 Superintendent  
Ms. Cynthia Ruelas, Bell High School Student  
Ms. Nathaly Fernandez, Bell High School Student  
Ms. Miyuki Hernandez, Bell High School Student

*Agenda Items 5 through 9 were postponed.*

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The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.  
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Notes by: Janet Saavedra  
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