

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2009

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in special session on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the Administrative Offices, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room, Los Angeles, California.

President Mónica García called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Ms. Marlene Canter, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Dr. Richard Vladovic, and President Mónica García. Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar, Ms. Tamar Galatzan, and Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte were absent.

Open Session

Board Members Resolution Initial Announcement (Action on July 14, 2009)

Ms. García – Support of Youth Promise Act (HR 1064, S 435)

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to offering safe school communities free of gang violence in order to accelerate high student achievement and reach a goal of 100% graduation;

Whereas, Safer school communities can best be achieved through a strong emphasis on prevention and intervention methods that help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives;

Whereas, Additional resources and tremendous public commitment will be needed to achieve these goals;

Whereas, HR1064, S 435, the federal Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act (Youth PROMISE Act), introduced by Congressman Robert "Bobby" Scott on February 13, 2009, could provide the communities served by the Los Angeles Unified School District with additional resources to spearhead effective gang intervention and prevention efforts;

Whereas, The Youth PROMISE Act would amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to establish a PROMISE Advisory Panel that would assist the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in assessing and developing standards and evidence-based practices to prevent juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity,

Whereas, The PROMISE Advisory Panel would also collect data in designated geographic areas to assess the needs and existing resources for juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention; and

Whereas, The Youth PROMISE Act would authorize awarding grants to local governments to:

- Plan, assess, and implement PROMISE plans and programs for juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention, especially for at-risk youth, in local communities;
- Hire and train law enforcement officers as youth oriented police to work with local PROMISE Coordinating Councils, other community-based organizations, and high-risk youths;
- Extend and increase funding for juvenile accountability block grants through Fiscal Year 2013; and
- Create and expand state, local, and tribal juvenile witness and victim protection programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports immediate passage of HR 1064, S 435, the Youth PROMISE Act, and directs the Superintendent to transmit this resolution to the California Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States of America.

Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, announced that the following items would be discussed in closed session:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a))

Los Angeles Unified School District v. HSBC Bank USA N.A., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 412430

Los Angeles Unified School District v. In Chul Han & Won Jung Han, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 392014

Jennifer Cruz v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 351337

American Civil Rights Foundation v. Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 341341

Potential Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(c))

2 cases

2. Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)

Employee Evaluation

Superintendent of Schools

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code §54957.6)

Negotiator: Superintendent Cortines

Employee Organizations:

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
California School Employees Association
Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council
Los Angeles School Police Association
Los Angeles School Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association
Service Employees International Union, SEIU Local 99
Teamsters
United Teachers Los Angeles
District Represented Employees and Contract Management Personnel

There were no speakers.

The Board recessed the public portion of the closed session meeting at 11:08 a.m.
Closed Session discussion began at 11:15 a.m. and ended at 1:09 p.m. to begin the
Regular Board Meeting scheduled for 1 p.m.
All Board Members were present during the closed portion of the meeting.

The Board reconvened the public portion of the closed session meeting at 8:15 p.m. The following Members were present: Ms. Flores Aguilar, Ms. Galatzan, Ms. LaMotte, and President García. Ms. Canter, Ms. Korenstein, and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

Mr. Crain announced the following reportable actions:

- The Board authorized a settlement to resolve all property owner claims in the matter of Los Angeles Unified School District v. HSBC Bank USA N.A., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 412430. Final terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the settlement.

The vote was 6 ayes, Ms. LaMotte absent.

- The Board authorized a settlement of specific property owner claims in the matter of Los Angeles Unified School District v. In Chul Han & Won Jung Han, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 392014. Final terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the settlement.

The vote was 6 ayes. Ms. LaMotte was absent.

- The Board authorized a settlement of in the matter of Jennifer Cruz v. Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 351337. Final terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the settlement.

The vote was 7 ayes.

- The Board authorized staff to file a lawsuit and enter into a settlement in the case of Los Angeles Unified School District v. Seminoff. Final terms and conditions will be available upon the finalization of the settlement.

The vote was 6 ayes, Dr. Vladovic absent.

- The Board authorized staff to negotiate and enter into a settlement agreement to revise the current parking covenant with Golden Hills LLC for the facility located at 233 South Beaudry in the City of Los Angeles.

The vote was 7 ayes.

On motion by Ms. Galatzan, seconded by Ms. Flores Aguilar, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Ms. Canter, Ms. Korenstein, and Dr. Vladovic were absent.

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



MONICA GARCIA
PRESIDENT



JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD