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, January 27, 2004 at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry, Los Angeles, California.

President José Huizar called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Marlene Canter, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Ms. Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte, Mr. Mike Lansing, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, Mr. David Tokofsky, and President José Huizar.

Dr. Maria Gutierrez Ott occupied the Superintendent’s chair until his arrival at 2:18 p.m.

Ms. Canter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Rose Jackson addressed the Board regarding Board of Education Report No. 173 - 03/04.

Ms. LaMotte moved the adoption of the following reports designated as Consent Calendar items in accordance with Board Rule 61:

- **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 173 - 03/04**
  Authorization to Add Two Parcels to the Preferred Site for South Los Angeles Area New High School No. 3

- **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 174 - 03/04**
  Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Second Amendment to the Existing Lease for Adult Education Classrooms at 316-318 South Lincoln Boulevard for the Venice Skills Center

- **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 178 - 03/04**
  Warrants Issued and Request to Reissue Stale Warrants

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Lansing was absent.

RECEIPT OF BARGAINING UNIT’S INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL
Los Angeles School Police Officers Association

President Huizar announced:
The Board is in receipt of the initial proposal from the Los Angeles School Police Officers Association. There will be an opportunity to address the Board on the initial proposal at the Board meetings of February 10, and 24, 2004, in the Board Room. Those persons who wish to address the Board on the proposal should call Area Code (213) 241-7002 or Toll Free (877) 772-6273, prior to 10 a.m. the days of the meetings.

STUDENT INPUT

Student Member Andrew Robles from Bell High School stated that API test scores in his school improved in the 2002-03 school year. He spoke about their clean campus and the improvement in the restrooms maintenance. He concluded by requesting the Board’s assistance in relieving the overcrowding at his school.

Student Member Cynthia Medina from Huntington Park High School also commented on the improvement of their API test scores and their college counseling. She concluded by expressing her concern regarding the lack of air conditioning in some of the classroom bungalows.

Student Member Dulce Brassea from the Elizabeth Learning Center commented on the success of their school’s Health and Technology academies referring to these programs as serious learning institutes. She spoke highly of her school’s faculty.

Mr. Huizar thanked the students for their leadership and for sharing their thoughts with the Board. He also encouraged them to speak with senior staff regarding questions or concerns.

Ms. LaMotte and Mr. Tokofsky commended the students for their participation and professionalism.

President Huizar passed the gavel to Vice President Canter and left the meeting.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

Board of Education Report No. 188 - 03/04 - Ivy Academia Charter School Petition: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Vice President Canter announced:

The Board is in receipt of the Ivy Academia Charter School Petition. This constitutes a public hearing for the petition, and those individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Anyone who wishes to speak to this report should go to the recording booth at the back of the Board Room and fill out a speaker’s card. Those individuals will be heard after the speakers already on the list.

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report and responded to questions from Board Members:

Mr. Eugene Selivanov

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Ms. Tatyana Berkovich

Ms. Esperanza Alvarez

Following discussion, Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board stated:

The Board will take final action to either approve or deny the charter request at the Board meeting on February 10, 2004. Should the charter request be denied, the petitioners may submit the petition directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or directly to the State for action.

Board of Education Report No. 192 - 03/04 - Proposition 1A – Revenue: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Mr. James McConnell, Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions from Board Members.


Board of Education Report No. 195 - 03/04 - Ratification of Award of Advertised and Unadvertised Contracts, Approval of Change Orders, Completion of Contracts, Rejection of Bids, Termination of Contracts, and Award of Professional Services Contracts: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Mr. McConnell and Mr. Joseph Mehula, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions from Board Members.

Board of Education Report No. 196 - 03/04 - Lease Renewal for Evans Community Adult School Parking Lot: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 197 - 03/04 - Lease of Classroom: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 198 - 03/04 - Designation of Authorized Agents for Obtaining Financial Assistance - Disaster Relief: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 200 - 03/04 - Notice of Release/Reassignment for all Certificated Management/Supervisory/Confidential Employees, Staff Counsel, and Contract Management Employees: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 201 - 03/04 - Approval of Agreement and Amendments and Donation of Money: Assigned to Regular Calendar

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Vice President Canter modified the Order of Business.

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REGULAR CALENDAR

REPORT POSTPONED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED REPORT NO. 187 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Legislative Agenda for 2004

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the report be adopted separating the items regarding Certificated Tenure Calculation and Assignment of National Board Certified Teachers to API 1 and 2 Schools for a later vote. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion.

Ms. Vivian Castro, Director of the Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, commented on the Legislative Agenda for 2004 and responded to questions from Board Members.

Following discussion and by general consent, the report as amended was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

Mr. Lansing moved to adopt the Assignment of National Board Certified Teachers to API 1 and 2 Schools, and Certificated Tenure Calculation proposals. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Crain noted that staff had requested the item regarding the Assignment of National Board Certified Teachers be amended by changing the Proposal as follows:

Amend current law to redefine “low performing school” as a school in Academic Performance Index rankings 1 and 2, rather than a school in the bottom half of all schools ranked (rankings 1 through 5), so that, in the future, a new NBC teacher must serve in an API 1 or 2 school to be eligible for the State’s $20,000 stipend, ($5,000 a year for four years of service). Newly certified NBC teachers serving in schools with API 3 through 5, Program Improvement Schools or a school not meeting their AYP goal, would be eligible for a $10,000 stipend ($2,500 a year for four years of service).

Vice President Canter ruled that the Board would consider each of the two items separately with the wording as originally presented to the Board, and would consider any amendments following preliminary discussion.

Ms. Deborah Hirsh, Chief Human Resources Officer, Mr. Bernie Goldstein, Administrator of the Certificated Operations and Customer Services Branch, and Mr. Sheehan responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Tokofsky moved to withdraw the Certificated Tenure Calculation proposal and refer the item to the Human Resources Committee Meeting on February 19, 2004, for further discussion. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

Action on the second item was postponed until after the presentation for Justice Elementary School.

After the recognition, Ms. Korenstein moved to withdraw the Assignment of National Board Certified Teachers to API 1 and 2 Schools proposal to allow further discussion at the Human Resources Committee meeting on February 19, 2004. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

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Vice President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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Bd. of Ed. Regular Meeting - 4 - Minutes, 1:00 p.m., January 27, 2004
Mr. Lauritzen introduced Ms. Christina Gordon and her students, who were the recipients of the 2003 Arts Spotlight Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Student Media Production for their interpretation of “Julius Caesar” during the 2003 National School Board Association Conference in Anaheim, California. He presented them with a Certificate of Recognition and acknowledged Ms. Gordon who has gained local and national recognition for her accomplishments, which include seventeen awards from KLCS, eight awards from KOCE and two Channel 36 First Place and Second Place video awards. Mr. Lauritzen commended Ms. Gordon for her innovation, talent, dedication and commitment to the development of the artistic talent of the students at Justice Street Elementary School. Mr. Lauritzen also acknowledged the enthusiasm of the students and the support of the school and the community in this ongoing endeavor. Student Eric Miller introduced his classmates and thanked the Board for the recognition.

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Vice President Canter modified the Order of Business.
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REGULAR CALENDAR (Continued)

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 180 - 03/04
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of Central Los Angeles High School No. 10

Ms. Dora Marin addressed the Board on the report.

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Mehula, Mr. McConnell and Mr. Sam Yoshida, Director of Facilities Contract, provided information regarding the report and responded to questions from Board Members.

Mr. Sheehan requested a breakdown on the differences between the estimate and the ultimate bid price.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 179 - 03/04
Ratification of Approval of Agreements and Amendments, Agreement for Professional Services, and Donations

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which on roll call was adopted 6 ayes, with the following abstentions:

Mr. Lansing abstained from voting on Agreement No. 0400305 in Section (1) for reasons previously stated, and voted aye on the balance of the report.
Mr. Tokofsky abstained from voting on Agreement Nos. 040652, 0400653, 0400676, 0400027, 0301278, and 0400093 in Section (1), for reasons previously stated, and voted aye on the balance of the report.

Mr. Huizar was absent.

DIRECTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 202 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Resolution of Intention to Dedicate Easements for Rowan Primary Center

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 181 - 03/04
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of East Valley High School No. 1B

Mr. Tokofsky moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Mr. Mehula, Mr. Yoshida, Mr. McConnell and Mr. Kevin Reed, General Counsel, responded to questions from Board Members.

Roll call was held open pending the arrival of speakers.

Later in the meeting, the following speakers addressed the Board regarding the report:

Ms. Mayra Villegas

Ms. Daisy Lopez

Following discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

DIRECTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 190 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Student Expulsions

Mr. Lauritzen moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion.

Ms. Linda Wilson, Coordinator of Student Discipline Proceedings, responded to questions from Board Members.

Later in the meeting, Ms. April Powell addressed the Board regarding Case No. 190-03/04.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.
Student Reinstatements

Mr. Tokofsky moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lansing seconded the motion.

Ms. Wilson responded to questions from Board Members.

Ms. LaMotte requested that the District’s Reinstatement Process be brought before the Safety Committee for review.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 182 - 03/04
Authorization for Staff to Enter into a Development Agreement for the Delivery of Canoga Park New Elementary No. 1, Consideration of CEQA Addendum, and Approval of the Modified Project

At the request of staff this item was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2004.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 176 - 03/04
Office of the Inspector General Bond Contract Audit Services

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

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Vice President Canter resumed the Order of Business.
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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 171 - 03/04
Ratification of Award of Advertised and Unadvertised Contracts, Approval of Change Orders, Completion of Contracts, Rejection of Bids, Termination of Contracts, and Award of Professional Services Contracts

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Yoshida and Mr. Mehula responded to questions from Board Members.

Following discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 186 - 03/04
Change Status of Middle College High School on the Campus of Southwest College to a Regular High School

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion.

Mr. Merle Price, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, responded to questions from Board Members.

Bd. of Ed. Regular Meeting - 7 - Minutes, 1:00 p.m., January 27, 2004
Following discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 194 - 03/04
Policy for the Use of Measure K Joint-Use Fund

Mr. Sam Mistrano addressed the Board on the report.

At the request of staff, Mr. Tokofsky moved that the report be adopted with the following amendment:

On page 1, Policy for the Use of Measure K Joint-Use Funds, Leverage Non-District Funding to Create Joint-Use Opportunities, adding in the second sentence: As a guideline, the value of the funding, assets or commitments must represent at least 50 percent of the joint-use project budget solely, but the funding could be applied to the greater project of which the joint-use project is only one aspect.

In Section D - Process for Allocating Joint-Use Funds, adding the following as “bullets” 2, 3 and 4:

- Assist in providing an unmet community need; or
- Provide the opportunity to either reduce negative impacts or enhance positive impacts of public projects in the surrounding community; or
- In the aggregate, the project will result in a more efficient use of funding resources; or

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Mehula, and Superintendent Romer responded to questions from Board Members.

At the request of the Board, roll call was held to allow staff the opportunity to clarify the amendment to the report.

Later in the meeting, the mover and seconder accepted the following substitute amendment as presented by staff:

In Section C - Leverage Non-District Funding to Create Joint-Use Opportunities, substituting the paragraph with the following:

The District would use Measure K funds to match the value of contributions (i.e. funds, assets or commitments) provided by a third-party to develop joint use facilities or improvements to new or existing facilities. The cost of the joint use portion of the project shall serve as a baseline to determine the amount of the third-party contribution. As a guideline, the value of the third-party contribution must equal at least 50% of the cost of the joint use portion of the project. The third-party contribution may be applied to the overall project of which the joint use portion is only one aspect.

In Section D - Process for Allocating Joint-Use Funds, adding the following as “bullets” 2, 3 and 4:

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• Assist in providing an unmet community need; or

• Provide the opportunity to either reduce negative impacts or enhance positive impacts of public projects in the surrounding community; or

• In the aggregate, the project will result in a more efficient use of funding resources; or

By general consent, the report as amended was adopted. Ms. Canter, Mr. Tokofsky and Mr. Huizar were absent.

DIRECTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 191 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Various Purchasing Transactions

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Tim Buresh, Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Anne Fischer, Chief Procurement Officer, Ms. Margaret Klee, Chief Information Officer, Mr. Richard Luke, Director of Design and A/E Technical Support, and Ms. Marilynn Wells, Director of Food Services, responded to questions from Board Members and Mr. Sheehan.

Following discussion and by general consent, the report was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 199 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Routine Personnel Actions and Correction to Board Records

Mr. Marcel Bell addressed the Board on the report on Case No. 0571.

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 203 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 204 - 03/04 (DIRECT)
Special Education Teacher Credential Waiver Authorizations

Mr. Lansing moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Mr. Huizar was absent.

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Vice President Canter passed the gavel to Mr. Lansing and left the meeting.

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Bd. of Ed. Regular Meeting - 9 - Minutes, 1:00 p.m., January 27, 2004
The following speakers addressed the Board on the subject indicated:

Mr. Manuel Aldana  
Mr. Gene Krischer representing Friends of the Children  
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo  
Ms. Berta Orrostieta  
Ms. Olga Hall  
Mr. Richard Alonzo representing Innercity Struggle Organization, spoke in place of Ms. Maria Brenes  
Mr. Ron Garcia representing Innercity Struggle Organization  
Ms. Vanessa Garcia representing Innercity Struggle Organization  
Ms. Nancy Meza representing Innercity Struggle Organization  
Ms. Lourdes Rojas representing Innercity Struggle Organization  
Mr. Bill Taxerman  
Ms. Ruth Sarnoff  
Mr. Tim Mennard

Public Comment  
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Healthcare/Budget  
Accountability  
Language Arts Program

At the request of President Pro Tempore Lansing, Mr. McConnell made the following announcement:

The District will be hosting the second round of boot camps for the Small Business Outreach for the Construction Program which will be held tonight at the University of Southern California (USC); on January 28, 2004, in East Los Angeles at the East Los Angeles Workforce Center; and on January 29, 2004, in the Valley at the Valley Economic Development Center.
President Pro Tempore Lansing modified the Order of Business.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE
Mr. Lauritzen moved that the recommended disposition of the items of correspondence as indicated in the report be approved. Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter, Mr. Tokofsky and Mr. Huizar were absent.

President Pro Tempore Lansing resumed the Order of Business.

BOARD MEMBERS MOTIONS

ACTION

Mr. Huizar’s Resolution to Research Best Practices Within the Los Angeles Unified School District to Increase Student Achievement (Noticed October 28, 2003) was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting on February 10, 2004.

Whereas, 71.9% of the Los Angeles Unified School District’s K-12 student population is of Latino descent, with today’s Latino youth becoming the largest source of workforce, emerging leadership and parents;

Whereas, A coalition of preeminent local organizations, individuals, foundations, and corporations have joined together to create the “Latino Scorecard 2003: Grading the American Dream” to assess the well being of Latinos in Los Angeles across the areas of education, health, economic development, housing, and public safety;

Whereas, The Education Scorecard was released on October 30, 2003, and offers a final grade of a "D" to the state of education provided to Latino students in Los Angeles County based on the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute’s analysis of pre-school enrollment, academic achievement, drop-out rates, and college preparation which indicates that:

Only 26% of Latino high school graduates in the County of Los Angeles are UC/CSU eligible, compared to 44% of White, Non-Hispanic, 31% of African-Americans and 69% of Asians;

The County of Los Angeles high schools lose more than 41% of Latino student enrollment between the 9th and 12th grades, more than 30,000 students somehow disappear from the high school system; and

Latino 4th graders in the County of Los Angeles score lower than all other groups on the California Achievement Test (CAT/6) in both math and reading, with the exception of math achievement when compared to African American students indicating that Latino students have
not mastered the basic skills of reading and writing thus are likely to fall behind in the years to come.

Whereas, The Latino Scorecard highlights rays of hope in public education provided to Latino students by identifying the District schools that excel in educating Latino students;

Whereas, The Latino Scorecard identifies 12 out of 46 District schools as Higher Performing Latino Los Angeles County Schools in READING based on the CAT/6 for 4th grade;

Whereas, The Latino Scorecard identifies 20 out of 61 District schools as Higher Performing Latino Los Angeles County Schools in MATH based on the CAT/6 for 4th grade;

Whereas, The Latino Scorecard identifies 21 out of 52 District schools as Higher Performing Latino Los Angeles County Schools in LANGUAGE based on the CAT/6 for 4th grade;

Whereas, The Latino Scorecard recommends that the best practices of these schools and others, middle and senior high schools, be identified and researched for replication in other schools;

Whereas, The Latino Scorecard Education Action Team has requested to work with the District to develop best practices recommendation; and

Whereas, The Board Members are committed to better educating our Latino student population to maximize their skills and future contributions to our society; now therefore, be it

Resolved That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs the Superintendent to immediately initiate research of the best practices of District schools that were identified by the Latino Scorecard as having a strong record of Latino student achievement and develop recommendations that could be adopted Districtwide in efforts to improve student achievement in the District; and be it finally

Resolved, That the findings of said research will be presented to the Board in April 2004 with recommendations.a

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President Pro Tempore Lansing modified the Order of Business.

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INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

No announcement of wording was made regarding Mr. Tokofsky’s intention to present a motion regarding the Policy on Small Learning Communities.

Ms. Canter - Los Angeles School Police Funding:

Whereas, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca is collecting signatures for a November ballot initiative to generate additional funding for Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies;
Whereas, The Los Angeles City Council is considering a citywide measure for the same purpose; and

Whereas, The Los Angeles School Police Department (LASPD) is the fourth largest local law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County and is charged with protecting our school children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs the Superintendent to advocate for the inclusion of the LASPD in any City or County ballot initiatives that aim to generate additional funding for local law enforcement and to send a letter requesting LASPD inclusion in such initiatives to appropriate officials forthwith.

Mr. Huizar and Ms. Canter - Support of “No Secrets Program” in the District:

Whereas, The mission of educating children includes a responsibility to promote the health and welfare of children;

Whereas, Child sexual abuse is a heinous problem in our society, striking as many as one in five girls and one in twenty boys at some point in their childhood;

Whereas, Parent education and involvement are vital elements in the fight against child sexual abuse;

Whereas, The City Attorney of the City of Los Angeles, Rockard J. Delgadillo, has launched the “No Secrets Program,” a child sexual abuse awareness and prevention program aimed to educate parents about this crime;

Whereas, The “No Secrets Program” will provide parents with an in-depth explanation of the types of sexual predators, the signs of child sexual abuse, and ways to protect their children through a lecture presented by child abuse expert Bill Dorwin, and written materials; and

Whereas, These lectures and materials are provided free to the Los Angeles Unified School District schools through a grant provided by Verizon Wireless; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles hereby expresses its commitment to partner and collaborate with the City of Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office to present the “No Secrets Program” to parents of students in the District.

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President Pro Tempore Lansing resumed the Order of Business.

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Mr. Tokofsky, Ms. Canter, Mr. Huizar - Support of Full Day Kindergarten (Noticed December 9, 2003) (Assigned to Curriculum and Instruction Committee on January 29, 2004)
Whereas, The mission of the Los Angeles Unified School District is to best educate its students;

Whereas, It is universally accepted that the formative years of a child’s life will have the most impact on that child’s ability to learn and gain skills;

Whereas, By mandate of the State of California, the District currently provides a half-day of kindergarten that is limited to 265 minutes per day, excluding recess;

Whereas, The implementation of full-day kindergarten is a means of improving academic achievement for District’s students;

Whereas, Full-day kindergarten is a nationally accepted educational solution that has been proven to close achievement gaps among English and non-English speakers, racial groups, and economic classes;

Whereas, Full-day kindergarten students consistently outperform half-day students on learning achievement measures;

Whereas, A half-day schedule can only afford a bare-bones lesson plan, students that participate in full-day programs enjoy a broader curriculum where they are exposed to music and art, are better able to develop important social skills and get more individual time with teachers leading to a greater quality and quantity of parent/teacher interactions and allowing for early diagnosis of potential problems;

Whereas, Full-day kindergarten facilitates the transition to and readiness for the first grade, directly aids in reducing retention rates and ultimately helps cut the number of students who drop-out;

Whereas, Over 50 percent of the kindergartners in this nation are already attending full-day kindergarten and will be competing with California’s students on many national tests, rankings, SAT’s, and ultimately for jobs, it behooves the State of California to catch up with the rest of the country and start advocating for full-day kindergarten;

Whereas, While the District is making academic advances, it has a ways to go toward ensuring that all of our students are well-prepared for State mandated testing and that our schools reach the Federal government’s “No Child Left Behind” requirements and given the number of children in the District that are starting with one disadvantage or another, it will be difficult for them to compete in the national and global economy when others across the country have been more educated and enriched early on;

Whereas, An additional benefit to full-day kindergarten is that it meets the childcare needs of working and lone parents and is very family-friendly; and

Whereas, Due to the fact that kindergarten teachers are already paid for a full day and the classrooms, desks, chairs, the library and the cafeteria are already in place and bond money is committed for additional start-up costs, the District can implement a full-day kindergarten program at a minimal investment yet reap tremendous academic rewards; now, therefore, be it
Resolved. That the Los Angeles Unified School District shall commit itself to creating a full-day kindergarten program to be developed by the Superintendent and staff in conjunction with State educators and national experts.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Korenstein moved the approval of the following minutes of the governing board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

1:00 p.m., Regular, December 9, 2003
12 noon, Closed Session, December 16, 2003
9:30 a.m., Closed Session, January 13, 2004

Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Canter, Mr. Tokofsky and Mr. Huizar were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Crain announced:

There will be a Special Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding Workers’ Compensation on Thursday, January 29, 2004, at 1:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held in the Board Room.

Mr. Lauritzen announced:

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee will meet on Thursday, January 29, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

THIS WEEK IN EDUCATION

Mr. Lauritzen reported that he was in attendance at the Department of Water and Power ceremony where District students were the recipients of awards for their participation in the Green L. A. Event. He mentioned the name of a student who was the victim of a hit and run accident and requested the public’s assistance for the family.

Ms. LaMotte thanked the Small Business Contractors who attended the Small Business Outreach Program boot camp, as well as the Facilities staff for providing their support to the well attended event held on Saturday, January 24, 2004.

Mr. Lansing moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Bill Chavez who formed part of the District’s legislative team in Sacramento. He stated that a memorial fund has been established for
University of California Santa Cruz students. He requested that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Ms. Renee Evans, a teacher at Richland Elementary School.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Canter, Mr. Huizar and Mr. Tokofsky were absent.

APPROVED BY BOARD: February 24, 2004

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JOSE HUIZAR                                                            JEFFERSON CRAIN
PRESIDENT                                                  EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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