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 May 11, 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 2:22 p.m.

The following Members were present: Ms. Marlene Canter, Ms. Julie Korenstein, Ms. Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte, Mr. Jon Lauritzen, and President José Huizar. Mr. Mike Lansing arrived at 2:55 p.m. and Mr. David Tokofsky arrived at 2:31 p.m.

Superintendent Roy Romer was present.

Ms. Canter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 292 - 03/04
Bert Corona Charter School Petition

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 298 - 03/04
Report on Physical Inventories of Stock in District Warehouses

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 304 - 03/04
Report of Warrants Issued and Request to Reissue Stale Dated Warrant

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 306 - 03/04
Resolution to Authorize the Amendment of the Trust Agreement and Lease Agreement Relating to Certificates of Participation (Land Acquisition Program II), 2001 Series D

Ms. Canter seconded the motion, which by general consent the Consent Calendar was adopted. Mr. Lansing and Mr. Tokofsky were absent.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Tokofsky recorded an aye vote on the Consent Calendar.

STUDENT INPUT
Student Member Kerin Alfaro from South Gate High School praised the school administration and staff for providing a positive educational environment; however, he expressed concern regarding the lack of adequate campus security and hazards posed by uneven and cracking asphalt on the school campus.

Student Member Jennifer Garcia from Bravo Medical Magnet shared some of the activities she has been involved with, such as small learning communities symposiums and the youth summit.

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President Huizar modified the Order of Business and left the meeting.
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RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Education Report No. 318 - 03/04 - Jardin de la Infancia Charter School: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Dr. Roberta Benjamin, Director of the Charter School Office, stated that the District would be approving the charter for three years. She introduced Ms. Alice Callahan, Director of Las Familias, who made a brief presentation, Ms. Jessica Schram, Teacher, who described the curriculum, and Ms. Portia Ilagan, Senior Financial Analyst for the Charter Office, and responded to questions from Board Members.

Dr. Benjamin and Mr. Greg McNair, Associate General Counsel, responded to questions from Board Members.

Vice President Canter announced:

The Board is in receipt of the Jardin de la Infancia 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.

There were no speakers

Vice President Canter announced

The Board will take final action to either approve or deny the charter request at the Board meeting on May 25, 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.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Vice President Canter called on Mr. Huizar for a presentation of the California Mathematics Council award for teaching excellence. The Council recognized teachers from Berendo Middle School, Verdugo Hills High School, and Wilson High School. Mr. Huizar introduced Ms. Sara Munchon, President of the California Mathematics Council, and Mr. Tom McKennon, President of the Southern California Automobile Club and Chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board, who presented certificates and $1,000 to each of the three teachers.

Bd. of Ed. Regular Meeting Minutes, 1:00 p.m., May 11, 2004
BOARD MEMBER MOTION

ACTION

Ms. Korenstein moved her motion regarding School Nurses Day (noticed April 13, 2004):

Whereas, School Nurses in the Los Angeles Unified School District are celebrating their 100th anniversary of service to the children of our community on School Nurses Day, May 12, 2004;

Whereas, Children are our most valuable resource and we must ensure their good health and well-being in safe and supportive surroundings;

Whereas, School Nurses help keep students healthy and ready to learn and it is well established that healthy children perform better in school;

Whereas, Having medical professionals in schools is an essential component of a team to prepare students for learning and future achievement;

Whereas, School Nurses handle emergencies in our schools with decisiveness and professionalism; now, therefore, be it

Resolved. That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles and the Superintendent recognize and appreciate the outstanding dedication of school nurses and thank them for a 100 years of excellence in nursing and health services provided to the students and families of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mr. Lansing seconded the motion.

Ms. Korenstein called on Ms. Maria Reza, Assistant Superintendent of Student Health and Human Services, who provided background information regarding the services rendered by School Nurses.

By general consent, the motion was adopted. Mr. Tokofsky was absent.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Tokofsky recorded an aye vote on the motion.

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Vice President Canter resumed the Order of Business.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INITIAL NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL

District’s Revised 2004-2005 Initial Proposals to United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA), Local 99, California School Employee’s Association (CSEA), Building Trades Council, and Teamsters (Received April 27, 2004)

Mr. Jefferson Crain, Executive Officer of the Board, announced:

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An opportunity is now given to those individuals who had requested to address the Board on the District’s 2004-05 Initial Proposals to United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA), Los Angeles School Police Association (LASPA), Local 99, California School Employee’s Association (CSEA), Building Trades Council, and Teamsters received April 27, 2004.

A final opportunity to speak to the initial negotiating proposals will be given at the 1 p.m., May 25, 2004, Board meeting to be held in the Board Room. To be placed on the speakers’ list, individuals should call the Board Secretariat at Area Code (213) 241-7002 or Toll Free (877) 772-6273, prior to 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.

SEIU Local 99 Proposals for Unit B - Instructional Aides, Unit C - Operations-Support Services, Unit F - Teaching Assistants, and Unit G - Playground Aides (Received April 13, 2004)

Mr. Crain announced:

This is the final opportunity for the public to address the Board on the Negotiating Proposal from SEIU Local 99 for Unit B - Instructional Aides, Unit C - Operations-Support Services, Unit F - Teaching Assistants and Unit G - Playground Aides received April 13, 2004.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

Board of Education Report No. 313 - 03/04 - Approval of Agreements and Amendments: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 314 - 03/04 - Entering Into Lease for Pacoima Skill Center: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 315 - 03/04 - Measure R Funds for Pending Facilities Projects: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 316 - 03/04 - Entering into Development Agreement for 15th Street Elementary School Addition: Assigned to Consent Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 317 - 03/04 - Ratification of Award of Advertised, Unadvertised, and Information Contracts, Approval of Change Orders, Completion of Contracts, Rejection of Bids, Termination of Contracts, and Approval of Agreements and Amendment for Professional Services Contracts: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 322 - 03/04 - Charter School of American and International Studies: Withdrawn

Board of Education Report No. 323 - 03/04 - District-AALA Agreement - Rescinding 4000 Series Board Rules: Assigned to Regular Calendar

Board of Education Report No. 324 - 03/04 (via Budget and Finance Committee) - Budget and Finance Policy: Assigned to Regular Calendar
Vice President Canter modified the Order of Business.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 290 - 03/04
Agreements, Amendments, and Donation of Money

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

Mr. James Alther, Director of Strategic Planning, Implementation, E-Rate and Measure K Programs, and Mr. Duane Johnson, Director of the Contract Administration Branch, responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 299 - 03/04
Ratification of Award of Advertised, Unadvertised, and Information Contracts, Approval of Change Orders, Completion of Contracts, Rejection of Bids, Termination of Contracts, and Approval of Agreements and Amendment for Professional Services Contracts

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

Mr. Mark Hovatter, Acting Director of Facilities Contracts, and Mr. Bruce Kendall, Director of Maintenance and Operations, responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 300 - 03/04 (via Facilities Committee)
Amendment to Add Seven Charter School Expansion Projects to the January 2004 Strategic Execution Plan for New Construction

Mr. Steve Barr, representing Green Dot Public Schools, addressed the Board on the report.

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

Dr. Benjamin, Mr. Guy Mehula, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, New Construction, Mr. Kevin Reed, General Counsel, and Mr. Richard Sheehan, Special Counsel to the Board, responded to questions from Board Members.

On roll call, the report was adopted, 4 ayes, 1 abstention, Ms. Korenstein, 1 no, Mr. Lauritzen, with the exception of the Oscar de la Hoya, Los Angeles Leadership, and Animo Expansion Projects on which Mr. Lauritzen voted yes. Mr. Tokofsky was absent.
Mr. Ken Fisher addressed the Board on the report.

At the request of staff, the report was postponed to the June 8, 2004, Regular Board meeting.

**SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

Mr. Lauritzen recognized Marti Binkow, Fifth Grade Student at Sherman Oaks Elementary School, whose letter to the principal resulted in a school-wide community service project entitled “Sherman Oaks Elementary School Cares.” The project invites community service providers to come to the school to receive collected donations from students from every grade level.

Mr. Huizar and Ms. Korenstein acknowledged individuals and organizations in Hollywood, who work with and support pregnant minors and provide information to prevent teen pregnancy.

Ms. LaMotte recognized the City and Invitational Division Championship High School Girls’ Basketball Team from Crenshaw High School, their coaches, and Principal. Mr. Lansing also acknowledged the Invitational Championship basketball team from Gardena High School, their coaches, and Principal.

Mr. Lauritzen recognized the City Champion Soccer Team from El Camino Real School, and Invitational Championship Soccer Team from Kennedy High Schools and their coaches.

**REGULAR CALENDAR (Continued)**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 291 - 03/04**
Granada Hills Charter High School Renewal

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

Mr. Brian Bauer and Ms. Myra Booker, representing the Charter School, Dr. Benjamin, and Mr. Reed responded to questions from Board Members.

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President Huizar assumed the Chair.
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By general consent, the report was adopted.

**REPORT POSTPONED FROM REGULAR APRIL 22, 2004**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 287 - 03/04 (Direct)**
Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year 2004-05

The following speakers addressed the Board on the report:

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Mr. Jaime Corral
Ms. Iola Smith
Mr. Luis Villanueva
Ms. Suzanne Markey
Mr. Craig Murphy
Ms. Angela Sampson
Mr. Scott Folsom
Mr. John Perez representing United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)
Mr. Michael O’Sullivan representing Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA)

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President Huizar postponed action on Board of Education Report No. 287 - 03/04 to allow public input from speakers and action of several other items.

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PUBLIC INPUT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the subjects indicated:

Mr. Oscar Almaguer Hammel Street School
Mr. William Clay African American Language Initiative
Mr. Scaulson John Jackson African American Language Initiative
Ms. Kimberly West-Fausoulzon African American Language Initiative
Mr. Akili African American Language Initiative
Ms. Lorena Jaramillo Accountability

BOARD MEMBER MOTION (Continued)

Mr. Stephen Lawler addressed the Board regarding Ms. Canter and Mr. Lansing’s motion to Increase Budget Flexibility for School Sites, which was withdrawn:

Whereas, The $50 per pupil cut imposed last year places a significant hardship on schools;

Whereas, Schools have been directed to apply the $50 per pupil cut to General Fund Unrestricted accounts, which total only a small portion of a school’s budget;
Whereas, The limited number of accounts from which schools can cut further exacerbates the impact of the cuts;

Whereas, The acute nature of the budget crisis requires schools to have the greatest flexibility in making cuts;

Whereas, The District supplements certain General Fund Restricted (003) accounts with General Fund Unrestricted (001) dollars;

Whereas, Cuts to the aforementioned General Fund Restricted accounts in the amount of the encroachment on the General Fund Unrestricted Program can be applied to the District’s 2004-05 deficit; and

Whereas, By allowing schools to apply a portion of the $50 per pupil cut to General Fund Restricted accounts that encroach upon the General Fund Unrestricted Program, the District will give schools much needed flexibility in creating their 2004-05 school budgets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs the Superintendent to work with schools and Local Districts to allow reductions in those General Fund Restricted accounts that encroach upon the General Fund Unrestricted Program, and

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to return to the Board by June 30, 2004, with a summary report on school-site reductions in both restricted and unrestricted accounts for the 2004-05 school year.

PUBLIC INPUT (Continued)

With the consent of the Board, Mr. Sigifredo Lopez was given the opportunity to address the Board regarding budget reductions

Ms. Rita Suárez  Local District

Mr. Steven Shapiro  Science Courses for High Schools

President Huizar resumed the Order of Business.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS(Continued)

SUPERINTENDENT’S DISTRICT ORGANIZATION RESPONSE TO BOARD REQUEST

Superintendent Romer presented his plan to organize the District. He presented the close interaction at the local level with the community and schools as one of his reasons for maintaining the 11 Local District organization, but proposes to take a 10 percent budget cut on top of the 20 percent already taken, to regionalize special education and health and human services, and to continue to look at more economies. He provided information regarding the possibilities of reducing the number of Local Districts and reducing funds in other areas.
Superintendent Romer, Mr. Lorenzo Tyner, Budget Director, Dr. Maria Ott, Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Sue Shannon, Local District Superintendent, and Ms. Donnalyn Jaque-Anton, Associate Superintendent of the Division of Special Education, responded to questions from Board Members.

President Huizar resumed consideration of Board of Education Report No. 287 - 03/04

REPORT POSTPONED FROM REGULAR APRIL 22, 2004 (Continued)

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 287 - 03/04 (Direct)
Budget Reductions for Fiscal Year 2004-05

Mr. Lansing moved the following substitution to the recommended reduction:

1. Keep the 11 Local Districts; eliminate as much “fat” as possible and change job descriptions so that all Local District employees engage in activities in only three areas: instruction, construction, and business operations in support of schools.

2. Cut Central Offices for a combined total of $50 million.

3. Freeze/suspend all step and column wage increases for the coming year, and all proposed salary increase for any District employee or consultant.

Ms. Canter seconded the motion.

Mr. Lauritzen moved the following motion to substitute for Mr. Lansing’s motion:

Direct the Superintendent to dissolve the 11 Local Districts and create three new divisions. The purpose of this new District administrative structure is to effect cost efficiencies and help the District better achieve its instructional goals. The three divisions will be one elementary, one middle school, and one senior high school.

The Superintendent is further directed to cut Central District Administration enough to provide funding to the Local Districts replacing the $50 per student cut from each school, returning to last year’s counseling, nursing, and psychiatric social workers norms; and eliminate mid-year renorming.

The Board President and the Superintendent will further organize a Districtwide committee to study and recommend the implementation of a new administrative structure for the District that will result in greater cost efficiencies, help the District better achieve its instructional goals, and encourage greater parent/community involvement.

Ms. Korenstein seconded the motion.
At the advice of counsel, President Huizar stated that the Board would consider each motion separately and would first vote on Mr. Lansing’s motion.

Mr. Sheehan, Ms. Deborah Hirsh, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Ms. Reza responded to questions from Board Members.

On roll call, Mr. Lansing’s motion failed, 5 noes, 2 ayes, Ms. Canter, Mr. Lansing.

At the Superintendent’s request to allow him to come back to the Board with other options for organizing the District, Mr. Tokofsky moved:

Postpone discussion on Mr. Lauritzen’s motion in order to receive an assessment of the cost and organizational effects, and any new proposal the Superintendent may present to the Board at a 3 p.m., Special Board Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2004, and vote on Mr. Lauritzen’s motion at the June 8, 2004, Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Lansing seconded, which on roll call was adopted, 4 ayes, 3 noes, Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, Mr. Lauritzen.

With the consent of the Board, action on Board of Education Report No. 287 - 03/04 (Direct) was postponed to the Special Board Meeting on May 13, 2004.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 305 - 03/04
Closure of 98th Street School

Ms. LaMotte moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Canter seconded the motion.

Mr. Reed, Ms. Ronni Ephraim, Mr. Michael Eugene, Business Manager, and Mr. Sheehan responded to questions from Board Members.

Mr. Tokofsky moved:

To change the recommendation to read: Board authorizes ceasing school operation of 98th Street School as a K-12 facility and relocates students and staff as of July 1, 2004.

The maker and seconder accepted the amendment as friendly.

By general consent, the report as amended was adopted.

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President Huizar modified the Order of Business.
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PUBLIC INPUT (Continued)

Mr. Gene Krischer, Friends of the Children Accountability
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President Huizar resumed the Order of Business.

Bd. of Ed. Regular Meeting - 10 - Minutes, 1:00 p.m., May 11, 2004
DIRECTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 307 - 03/04 (Direct)
Certification of Local Bond Election - Measure R, School Construction and Modernization

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 308 - 03/04 (Direct)
Student Expulsions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 309 - 03/04 (Direct)
Student Restatements

Ms. Canter moved that Board of Education Report Nos. 308 and 309 - 03/40 be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Hector Madrigal, Director of Pupil Services, responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 310 - 03/04 (Direct)
Various Purchasing Transactions

Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Mr. Alther responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 311 - 03/04 (Direct)
Measure R Revenues

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

Mr. Ken Gotsch, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 312 - 03/04 (Direct)
Routine Personnel Actions

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 319 - 03/04 (Direct)
Liability Insurance Claims

Bd. of Ed. Regular Meeting - 11 - Minutes, 1:00 p.m., May 11, 2004
Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted. Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 320 - 03/04 (Direct)  
Proposition 55 Revenues

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 321 - 03/04 (Direct)  
Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Ms. Canter moved that the report be adopted. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion.

Ms. Deborah Hirsch, Chief Human Resources Officer, responded to questions from Board Members.

By general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

BOARD MEMBER MOTION (Continued)

Ms. Canter moved her motion regarding Preserve School Site Administrators’ On-Site Time (Noticed April 13, 2004):

Whereas, The job of principal is complex, varied, and demanding, requiring principals to both lead and manage their school sites;

Whereas, The most important place for a principal during school hours is at the school site;

Whereas, Principals are responsible for the instructional leadership, long term instructional planning, and the day-to-day operations of their school sites;

Whereas, District-mandated professional development and meetings often call principals and other school site administrators away from their school sites; and

Whereas, Principals are unable to effectively manage and lead their schools when they or their assistant principals are frequently called away for off-site activities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to review all District mandated off-site time for principals and other school site administrators to ensure efficiencies and alignment with District goals and objectives; and

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to significantly reduce off-site mandated time for principals and other school site administrators and report back to the Human Resources Committee within 90 days with a plan and within 6 months with a progress report.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.
Ms. Canter moved her motion to Preserve Classroom Time and Promote Effective Professional Development:

Whereas, Effective professional development is vital to maintaining a strong teaching staff and improving academic achievement (Noticed April 13, 2004):

Whereas, The March 2003 Compendium of Professional Development Program Descriptions indicates that there are numerous professional development activities in the District, but these activities have not been systematically studied as to their effectiveness and alignment with District goals and objectives, State and District instructional standards, and the California Standards for the Teaching Profession;

Whereas, The lack of a central management system for professional development and the lack of effective feedback mechanisms impairs the District’s ability to ensure that professional development is aligned with District goals and that it provides a value added to teachers;

Whereas, The full cost-benefit impact of these disparate professional development activities on a teacher’s classroom time has not been studied; and

Whereas, Recent research by the District’s Program Evaluation and Research Branch indicates that the more a teacher is absent, the greater the negative impact on the academic achievement of students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles recognizes the importance of effective professional development in improving professional practice, improving student achievement and eliminating the achievement gap;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to inventory all professional development and to review all current Local District and Central Office Division (including grants and specially funded programs) professional development programs and practices to ensure their effectiveness and alignment with District goals and objectives, State and District instructional standards, and the California Standards for the Teaching Profession;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to identify and eliminate professional development that is redundant or not aligned with District’s goals and objectives, State and District instructional standards, and the California Standards for the Teaching Profession;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to significantly reduce District mandated off-site professional development (including grant and specially funded professional development) and report back to the Human Resources Committee within 90 days with a plan and within 6 months with a progress report;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to develop a teacher and administrator feedback mechanism to inform and improve relevance, methodology, and content of future professional development;
Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to develop a centrally administered mechanism to streamline and manage professional development programs to ensure their effectiveness and alignment with District goals and objectives; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to consult with the existing Professional Development Advisory Committee in carrying out the objectives of this motion.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent, the motion was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

MOTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. LaMotte moved the motion Adopting Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in the Matter of the Reduction In Force of Psychiatric Social Workers:

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles hereby adopts the Administrative Law Judge’s proposed decision sustaining the District’s determination to reduce 17 full-time equivalent positions in the classification of Psychiatric Social Worker. This action will result in the release from employment of six, and the reassignment of eleven, permanent Psychiatric Social Workers, effective the close of June 30, 2004.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion.

Mr. Bernie Goldstein Administrator of Certificated Operations and Customer Services Branch, responded to questions from Board Members.

On roll call, the motion was adopted, 4 ayes, 1 no, Mr. Tokofsky. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

DRAFT

Mr. Huizar’s motion regarding Information Technology Advice and Oversight was postponed to the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2004:

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District’s Measure K Strategic Execution Plan contains approximately $38 million of projects and Measure R includes another $140 million to upgrade telephone systems, computer networks, public address systems, and safety alarms;

Whereas, The Board of Education of the city of Los Angeles has previously approved a master “Bench” in order to streamline the process for approval of professional information technology services and to insure that the best possible terms and rates are provided to the District;

Whereas, The Board approved a Rational Audit Process to ensure that the District plans, designs, constructs, modernizes, repairs, maintains, and operates its facilities in a cost effective and productive manner;

Whereas, All stakeholders, at all levels, must have a high degree of confidence in the District’s ability to perform these tasks;
Whereas, A Rational Audit Process is a major component of providing that confidence through constant evaluation of the systems and transactions involved by using, in part, the Office of the Inspector General’s Contract Audit Unit to conduct pre-award and post-award audits of the contracts;

Whereas, The current Rational Audit Process focuses only on those contracts and projects managed by the Facilities Services Division;

Whereas, The Office of the Inspector General’s Contract Audit Unit in conjunction with District procurement officials have achieved cost avoidances and savings totaling approximately $25 million in the past year; and

Whereas, The Board is committed to ensuring that all District funds are efficiently and effectively used, including funds from bond proceeds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Inspector General, as part of the Contract Audit Unit, develop protocols for conducting pre-award and post-award audits of information technology bench contracts;

Resolved further, That the Inspector General amend the Contract Audit Unit’s annual plan to reflect the addition of the bench contracts that are within the established protocols;

Resolved further, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles create an information technology advisory group made up of volunteers from the private and public sector to provide the Board with independent advice on information technology issues; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board President and Vice President will convene a Board Committee to appoint the advisory group.

Mr. Huizar’ motion regarding Review of Board Rules was postponed to June 8, 2004:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles has adopted 590 Board Rules;

Whereas, A recent informal review of such Board Rules by the Independent Analysis Unit indicates that of those 590 Board Rules, 46 percent involve District Administration, 28 percent involve student issues, 15 percent involve certificated management issues, 9 percent involve the operation of the Board, and 2 percent pertain the Annuity Reserve Fund;

Whereas, There are many confusing categories within these Board Rules, such as “policies,” “bylaws,” or “administrative direction” rules;

Whereas, Such Board Rules vary from simple to complex, involving references to administrative bulletins, case law, and other District documents;

Whereas, The existing Board Rules are complex and not user-friendly; and

Whereas, The public, District staff, and the Board might benefit from a review of such Board Rules; now, therefore, be it
Resolved. That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles establishes a Board Committee comprised of the Board Secretariat, the Office of the General Counsel, the Special Counsel to the Board of Education, Office of the Superintendent, Board President, and Vice President with the task of reviewing and revamping the existing Board of Education Rules;

Resolved further, That this Board Committee’s main task will be to review the Board Rules to make them transparent and user-friendly, with a Board Rule Book as a final product; and be it finally

Resolved, That this Committee take into consideration the following: 1) whether Rules pertaining to certificated management could be referred to the appropriate labor agreements; 2) whether Rules pertaining to the operation of the Board be simplified; and 3) whether Board policies should be put into a separate category from Board Rules.

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Tokofsky announced his intention to present a motion regarding Small Learning Communities.

Mr. Crain announced Mr. Lansing’s intention to present a motion regarding Japanese-American Internment Diploma Resolution:

Whereas, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 in 1942, which incarcerated over 100,000 persons of Japanese descent in the United States after the start of World War II;

Whereas, The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles has a history of support for and from Japanese-Americans in the community;

Whereas, The Board issued Japanese-American employees leaves of absence when Presidential Executive Order 9066 evacuated them from the West Coast during World War II;

Whereas, The Board adopted a motion authored by Board Members Furutani and Goldberg on June 27, 1988, supporting Senate Bill 1009 and House Resolution 442, which on August 10, 1988, was signed by President Ronald Reagan and became Public Law No. 100-383, providing Federal monetary compensation to victims of World War II internment;

Whereas, The Board passed a motion authored by Board Members Furutani and Walters on September 17, 1990, implementing Assembly Concurrent Resolution 37, which urged the adoption of instructional materials that accurately reflected the experience of Japanese-Americans during their incarceration in order for future generations of students to understand and appreciate their experiences; and

Whereas, The Board recognizes there are former District students who were taken from their homes and schools, interned in camps during World War II, and not allowed to complete their secondary education with their peers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Unified School District, in keeping with California Education Code Section 51430, shall henceforth retroactively grant a high school diploma to any person who was enrolled in a District high school immediately preceding his or her internment and did not receive a high school diploma because their education was interrupted due to his or her internment during World War II.
REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tokofsky moved the approval of the following minutes of the governing board of the Los Angeles Unified School District:

10:30 a.m., Special Meeting, March 11, 2004
9:30 a.m., Closed Session, April 27, 2004

Ms. Canter seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein and Mr. Lansing were absent.

INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tokofsky moved:

That Ms. Marguerite LaMotte, Member of this Board, be found absent from the Closed Session Meeting and the Special Board Meeting on April 22, and the Closed Session Meeting on April 27, 2004.

Mr. Lauritzen seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, and Mr. Lansing were absent.

President Huizar announced:

The May 13, 2004, Facilities Committee will meet at 9:15 a.m.

Business, Audit and Technology Committee will meet at 12 noon on May 13, 2004.

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Ms. Canter moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory in Gwendolyn Turner, Principal at Grant Elementary School. Mr. Tokofsky seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Korenstein, Ms. LaMotte, and Mr. Lansing were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: February 8, 2005