

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
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in special session on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

President Mónica García called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

The following Members were present: Mr. Bennett Kayser, Ms. Nury Martinez, Dr. Richard Vladovic and President Mónica García. Mr. Steve Zimmer arrived at 9:11 a.m. and Ms. Marguerite P. LaMotte arrived at 9:12 a.m. Ms. Tamar Galatzan was absent.

Superintendent John Deasy was present.

Ms. García led in the pledge of allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

BUDGET UPDATE

Superintendent Deasy introduced Ms. Megan Reilly, Chief Financial Officer, and stated that a presentation would follow from Ms. Sue Burr, Member of the State Board of Education, Mr. Dennis Meyers, Assistant Executive Director, Government Relations, California School Boards Association (CSBA), and Dr. Alex Cherniss, Chief Business Officer, Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Ms. Megan Reilly opened the discussion and introduced Ms. Burr. Ms. Burr stated that the State Conference Committee has begun to meet to discuss and finalize the two versions of the State budget. She stated that the State deadline for enactment of the budget is June 15, 2013, and the funding for the Local Control Funding Formula would go into effect within the next two weeks. Ms. Burr stated that the Assembly and Senate leaders have expressed support for the local control formula.

Ms. Burr highlighted that she and Governor Jerry Brown agree that there must be an equitable school funding system. School districts, which serve greater numbers of students in poverty need additional resource and therefore she disagree with the elimination of "concentration grants". "Concentration grants" benefit districts with high proportions of students who are English learners or are economically disadvantaged. She noted that every school district in the State of California will receive additional funds because of the passing of Prop 30. She stated that Governor Brown believes in subsidiary and assures that the budget will be responsible and balanced.

Superintendent Deasy introduced Mr. Dennis Meyers. Mr. Meyers is responsible for the development and implementation of the CSBA's political and legislative strategies. Mr. Meyers addressed State budget issues. He provided a year-to-year comparison for 2012-13 and 2013-14, and discussed the Conference Committee revenue differences. He identified issue raised by the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office regarding one-time vs. ongoing funds, deferrals, LCFF accountability, and Proposition 39.

Ms. Burr answered questions regarding the need for "concentration grants" to restore funding to districts that were cut more dramatically.

Superintendent Deasy introduced Dr. Alex Cherniss, Chief Business Officer of the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Dr. Cherniss is responsible for ensuring the financial stability of the 80 K-12 school districts in the County. He stated that LCFF will provide \$240 million of new money to the District, next year and an additional \$88 million in one time money for Common Core State Standards implementation. Dr. Cherniss stated that the Second Interim Financial Report has more information on the Local Control Accountability plan and how Districts will be held accountable for how funds will be expended.

Ms. Reilly, provided a 2012-13 budget breakdown. She discussed base program allocations for elementary, middle and high schools and noted some of the positions and material funded. Ms. Reilly discussed what is included in the base program for a typical elementary school with enrollment of 542 students. She discussed General fund expenditures, the structural deficit, the District's revenues and expenditures since 2007-2008 and the effects of declining enrollment trends since 2000-2001 through 2015-2016. Ms. Reilly highlighted Board resolutions and planning for investments. She urged a discussion and focus on special education, adult education and early childhood education costs.

Mr. Edgar Zazueta, Director, Office of Government Relations, asked that Board Members and community members ask their Los Angeles representatives push for continuation of "concentration grants" funding.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

Board of Education Report No. 329 – 12/13 Nonroutine Personnel Actions

Mr. Zimmer moved that the report be adopted. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Mr. David Tokofsky, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
Ms. Hooshik Bayless, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Marleny Leon, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Claudia Uriel, LAUSD Parent

Following the speakers and by general consent, the report was adopted. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION FOR INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The following resolutions will be for action at the Regular Board meeting of June 18, 2013:

Mr. Kayser, Dr. Vladovic, Mr. Zimmer – Creating Equitable and Enriching Learning Environments for All Los Angeles Unified School District Students

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has continued its upward trajectory of academic achievement and made significant progress in preparing its students for successful careers;

Whereas, The LAUSD has built 131 new kindergarten through twelfth grade schools to eliminate year-round calendars and chronically over-crowded campuses;

Whereas, The LAUSD is committed to creating the most enriching academic environment for all students, which includes a reduction in class-size;

Whereas, the LAUSD is committed to implement Common Core Standards and to transforming its curriculum to an A-G model;

Whereas, The National Education Association (NEA), in a 2008 policy brief stated that class-size reduction yields:

- Reduction in the achievement gap
- Early identification of learning disabilities
- Improved high school graduation rates
- Increased college entrance rates
- Improved student behavior

Whereas, The District's current class-size ratios by grade are:

- K-3=24 students :1 teacher
- 4-6=30 students :1 teacher
- 7-8=30 students and above
- 9-12=30 students and above

Whereas, The 2008 NEA policy brief on class-size reduction states, "a \$2 return on every \$1 spent" is obtained when calculating the financial benefits of class-size reduction;

Whereas, Administrative Norms are significantly higher than they were prior to the 2007-08 budget leading to less supervision and less instructional leadership;

Whereas, School-based Classified staff have been depleted at schools leading to less supervision and less time interacting and fostering an enriching environment for students;

Whereas, LAUSD seeks to restore school site employee salaries to competitive rates similar to other school districts;

Whereas, LAUSD students have dealt with shortened school years and the lack of an appropriate summer intervention program to meet the needs of our students;

Whereas, The School District, after passage of Proposition 30, is expected to see an increase in funding in the 2014-15 school year to promote educational equity in our schools;

Whereas, The last year LAUSD was not negatively affected by budget cuts was 2007-08 and even then, some levels were less than optimal, such as student-to-counselor ratios;

Whereas, Governor Brown's proposed Local Control Funding Formula suggests an eventual net increase in funding for the District; and

Whereas, The Board of Education understands that working conditions of employees must be negotiated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to examine the feasibility of implementing class-size reduction for the 2014-15 academic calendar and to develop a long term, class-size reduction strategy that will yield positive academic results;

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to design a three year strategy to implement the return of other school site certificated positions, for example, counselors and librarians, that have a direct impact on student success and welfare to the same levels as 2007-08 for consideration by the Board;

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to design a three year strategy to implement the return of classified positions (e.g. Building and Grounds Workers), that have a direct impact on student success and welfare to the same levels as 2007-08 for consideration by the Board;

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to design a three year strategy to implement returning school site administrative levels to the 2007-08 school years for consideration by the Board;

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to design a three year strategy for consideration by the Board to implement competitive wages for LAUSD employees whose pay rates have been cut repeatedly over the past several years;

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to design a three year strategy to implement an extended school year or provide for the restoration of a full summer intervention and enrichment program for consideration by the Board; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to report back to the Board of Education at a Board meeting on the implementation of all strategies called for in this resolution within sixty days.

Ms. Galatzan - Local Control Funding Formula Strategy and Implementation

Whereas, Governor Jerry Brown's proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) attempts to rectify longstanding funding disparities between school districts across California;

Whereas, The LCFF aims to simplify education funding, and create a system that is transparent, clear and equitable;

Whereas, The LCFF does away with categorical funding, much of which no longer serves its intended purpose;

Whereas, The LCFF aims to make education funding equitable, but not equal, and to leave no student in the state behind;

Whereas, To make sure funding is equitable, and recognizing that some students need more services than others, the LCFF allocates additional funding to students who live in poverty, are foster children, or are English Learners ("supplemental" funding), and further funding on top of that to districts where more than half the students fall in one of those categories ("concentration" grants); and

Whereas, Every child in the Los Angeles Unified School District is entitled to a certain level of basic services to support his or her education; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District will continue to advocate for Governor Brown's proposed Local Control Funding Formula in Sacramento;

Resolved further, That when education funds come to the District in the form of "supplemental" funding and a "concentration" grant, that money will follow the child to the school site;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent and his staff will come back in 90 days with different allocation models where the dollars follow the child;

Resolved further, That those models will take into consideration the base level of funding every school needs to survive and thrive—regardless of zip code, size or composition;

Resolved further, That the Superintendent will bring back a timeline to the Board for determining what that base level of funding is; and be it finally

Resolved, That the above process to determine what services and programs are part of a school's base funding will include parent, school, and community participation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adoption of the Annual Board Meeting on July 2, 2013

Ms. LaMotte moved to schedule the Annual Board Meeting on July 2, 2013. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, which was adopted by general consent. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Comment on 2013-14 LAUSD Budget

Ms. García read the following statement:

The Board of Education is hearing public comment regarding the budget. A limit of 12 speakers will be heard. Those who wish to speak to this item should pull a speaker form from the slots located on the pillar in the rear of the Board Room. Speakers will be heard in numerical order as indicated on the speaker form.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Judith Perez, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
Mr. Warren Fletcher, United Teachers Los Angeles
Mr. Martin Euan, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Arlene Inouye, United Teachers Los Angeles
Ms. Cruz Osuna, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Aide Bravo, Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor
Dr. Eloisa Gonzalez, Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Ms. Ginger Rose Fox, United Teachers Los Angeles
Mr. Scott Folsom, Parent Teacher Association

Dr. Vladovic moved to allow opportunity for everyone present to speak beyond the original 12 speakers. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which was adopted by general consent. Ms. Galatzan was absent.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Ms. Melinda Buterbaugh, United Teachers Los Angeles
Mr. Matthew Kogan, Adult Education Committee, UTLA
Mr. Frank Milos, Adult Education Student
Mr. Mario Cabrera, Adult Education Student
Ms. Patricia Dunkin, Adult Education Student
Mr. Alexander Tofil, Adult Education Student
Ms. Christina Jackson, Adult Education Student
Ms. Teri Magee, Adult Education Student
Ms. Rebecca Navarez Christmann, LAUSD Parent
Mr. Mario Olmos, LAUSD Parent
Mr. Gared Williams, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Karen Wolfe, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Sara Roos, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Shelly Spiegel-Coleman, Californians Together
Ms. Linda Patterson Salib, LAUSD Parent
Ms. Kathleen Salvaty, LAUSD Parent
Mr. Gregoria Izeta, LAUSD Parent
Mr. David Tokofsky, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
Ms. Sandy Escobedo, Advancement Project
Ms. Lidia Ponce, Community Member
Ms. Stephanie Valez, Community Member

ADJOURNMENT

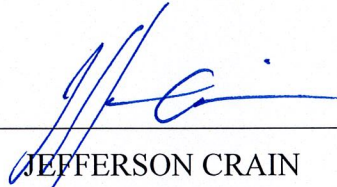
Mr. Zimmer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. LaMotte seconded the motion, which by general consent was adopted. Ms. Galatzan, Ms. Martinez and Ms. García were absent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: May 12, 2015



MONICA GARCIA
PRESIDENT



JEFFERSON CRAIN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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