

COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Call and Notice of BOARD STUDY SESSION*  
of the  
Board of Trustees

*January 11, 2011*

**A G E N D A**

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**BOARD AGENDA PACKETS AND INFORMATION:**

*Complete Board meeting packets are available for review at the Front Lobby Reception Counter.*

*Complete Board agendas and packets are available online at:  
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**REVIEWING AND LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETINGS:**

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**ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS:**

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in all CUSD Board of Trustees meetings.

**Location:** Education Service Center Board Room  
501 South Santa Fe Avenue  
Compton, CA 90221

**Time:** **The Board of Trustees' Study Session meeting will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.** The Board will convene at 5:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center Board Room to receive comments from anyone wishing to address the Board regarding closed session items (see Exhibit B). The Board will then adjourn to closed session in Room 109 and reconvene in open session to address the regular agenda at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**NORMS & PROTOCOLS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE**

**SHARED GOALS**

- **Maximum academic achievement for all students**
- **Safe and orderly environment for all students and employees**
- **Efficient and effective support operations for all students, families, teachers and administrators**
- **Efficient and equitable distribution of resources to address the needs of all students, to the maximum extent feasible**
- **Improved public confidence and strong parent/community engagement.**

**CORE BELIEFS**

- **We will maximize academic achievement of all students**
- **We want a safe and orderly environment for all students and employees**
- **We want efficient and effective support of operations for all students, families, teachers and administrators**
- **We want efficient and equitable distribution of resources to address the needs of all students, to the maximum extent feasible**
- **We want public confidence and strong parent/community engagement**

**CODE OF CONDUCT & PROTOCOLS**

- **Our first and greatest concern is the educational welfare of all students in the city of Compton**
- **Our second concern is our fiduciary responsibility to our constituents and the tax payers of the City of Compton, making our role that of a policy maker not an administrator.**
- **Abide by the California School Boards Association Code of Conduct, as adopted and State Ethics code.**
- **Superintendent should consider input from the Board on District related matters.**
- **Respect staff and Board Members**
- **Prepare ourselves for all meetings so our comments and questions are clear, concise, and allow timely conversation.**
- **Listen carefully and with courtesy to other members' comments, respond only when appropriate.**
- **We shall recognize that a Board Member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting.**
- **Board Members should respect and support the majority decision of the Board.**
- **We shall abide by majority decisions of the Board while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.**
- **We shall take no private action that may compromise the Board or administration and shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information.**
- **Board members shall recognize that the Superintendent has administrative authority in accordance with school board policy and state law, and that Superintendent shall take into account any Board input prior to acting on personnel matters.**
- **Complaints and problems from parents, community members or employees should be discussed with the Superintendent to seek positive solutions before airing matters publicly.**

**COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**DECLARATION OF BELIEFS AND VISIONS**

Acknowledging the long existing need to improve student achievement in the Compton Unified School District, and the current Program Improvement status of the district; the Board of Trustees establishes the following mission statement, state of the district declaration, core beliefs, and expectations for accountability:

To improve the performance of Compton students significantly, the trustees of the Compton Unified School District (CUSD) commit to an essential restructuring and reform of the district.

We acknowledge the effective work of thousands of talented, dedicated teachers, administrators, and other educators. We believe, however, that the district's performance can and must be improved.

We realize also that the serious urban problems that characterize most of America's largest cities also exist in Compton and spill into the schools. We realize that CUSD is a district comprised of diverse groups. We also know that even our best schools are not performing at world-class levels. We realize that CUSD students represent great diversity in terms of culture, ethnicity, language, and economic status. We believe that this rich cultural diversity requires flexibility and focused attention on the individual needs of students to achieve improved learning.

We make the following declaration relative to our current state:

- 1. *The overall achievement level of our students must be improved***
- 2. *The dropout rate is unacceptably high***
- 3. *The district and its schools are overly regulated by compliance issues***
- 4. *School safety must be improved***
- 5. *We must develop family-friends schools, focused on increasing engagement of parents.***
- 6. *The District is not responsive to the fundamental needs of our Community.***

We, the Board of Education, hold the following beliefs:

- 1. *We believe all children will learn at higher levels.***  
The Compton Unified School District has the responsibility to provide the quality of education and a safe environment that allows every child to learn at higher levels. The capacity to learn is not determined or limited by race, family income, native language, gender or area of residence.
- 2. *We believe all children will reach their learning potential and that the achievement gap can be eliminated.***  
The Compton Unified School District must provide equal access to quality education regardless of race, family income, gender, native language, special needs or area of residence. Providing equal access to high quality education for every child may require the investment of unequal resources to ensure an equitable outcome.
- 3. *We believe schools have an enormous impact on children's lives.***  
To improve educational outcomes for all students, a highly qualified and effective teacher must be in every classroom, and every school must have a highly qualified and effective principal who is an instructional leader. Improving the educational outcomes for our students will require support from all segments of our community including parents, caregivers, businesses, elected and appointed officials, civic and faith-based organizations, along with the District's leaders, staff and students. Parents and caregivers are responsible for sending their children to school ready to learn, but the School District is responsible for educating all children regardless of family support or involvement. Children have an obligation to come to school ready to learn, but the District cannot abandon those who do not and must ensure that these students learn as well.
- 4. *We believe the Compton Unified School District will become a high performing organization.***  
Sustainable reforms are possible only if parents have meaningful choices. The Compton Unified School District must develop effective partnerships with parents and caregivers - based upon trust and respect - that engage the District and the parents/caregiver in a plan of action to promote the "best interest" of the child.

All District activities will be measured by their ability to increase the academic achievement of students across the District in the most efficient and effective manner.

The District will launch, continue or expand only those efforts proven to raise student achievement here or demonstrated elsewhere. There are no "sacred cows."

To be sustainable, any reform must conform to realistic, strategic and financial plans.

**COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**DECLARATION OF BELIEFS AND VISIONS (cont.)**

**5. We believe that all children *shall* be educated in a safe and orderly environment.**

In order to maintain such an environment in all schools of the District, high standards with regard to dress, behavior and attendance will be promulgated and enforced in all schools. In addition, violations of the established code of student conduct in the areas of drugs, weapon, and assaults on students or staff will result in severe consequences.

Success on this area is our only option, and we, as leaders of the school system, declare that safe schools, along with improved student achievement are our highest priorities.

The time has come for dramatic restructuring and reform. A new educational structure is required that:

1. *Is built on the relationship between the teacher and the student;*
2. *Features shared decision-making, and decentralized as academic progress is made and where it continues to flourish;*
3. *Is focused on performance, not compliance;*
4. *Requires a common core of academic subjects for all students;*
5. *Allows for the uniqueness of each school community*

As a Board, we have developed the following outline of our vision for an improved CUSD:

**CUSD ACCOUNTABILITY:** Effectiveness requires accountability at all levels of the organization (certificated and classified). We believe that our schools must be held accountable for student performance, and central office must be held accountable for direction, support and overall improved student achievement within the district. We believe that principal and teacher input is central and must be evidenced in all major decisions. We further believe that the best interest of our students must be at the center of all decisions, and that principals must be the leaders of that decision making-process. We further acknowledge that:

- ❖ The Board of Trustees must provide guidance and support to local schools by establishing clear goals, high standards, and effective systems of evaluation, while at the same time giving schools the opportunity to develop and implement methods that best achieve those goals as evidenced by student performance.
- ❖ The central office must become an enabler with a powerful focus on achievement especially in low performing schools. Its role must be training, consulting, providing resources, and evaluating. Evaluation is based in improved student achievement and professional growth.
- ❖ Schools must be responsive to their communities, providing parents and members of the community (and where appropriate, students) with formal, structured input into decision-making.
- ❖ Schools must bring a sense of urgency to using tools that result in improved achievement, using the California Standards as their goal.
- ❖ Schools will:
  - Be led by a strong and effective principal  
*Outstanding leadership will be the norm and not evidenced in only a few of our schools.*
  - Function as teams
  - Collaboratively develop a vision for improved student achievement and a plan to achieve that vision
  - Establish a plan of accountability for all employees

**Order of Business**

A. **OPENING**

A.1 *CALL TO ORDER*

**Ms. Satra Zurita  
Board President**

A.2 *ROLL CALL*

Micah Ali	( )
Fred Easter	( )
Margie Garrett	( )
Emma Sharif	( )
Marjorie Shipp	( )
Mae Thomas	( )
Satra Zurita	( )
Karen E. Frison	( )
Donnie King	( )
<i>Student Board Member</i>	( )

A.3 *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

A.4 *INVOCATION*

A.5 *PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS*

<p><b>HEAR SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST EMPLOYEE(S) IF EMPLOYEE(S) REQUESTS THAT CHARGES BE HEARD IN OPEN SESSION</b></p>
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10/11-057a B. **CLOSED SESSION**

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/SUSPENSION/RELEASE/  
NONREELECTION/NONREEMPLOYMENT/LEAVE/RESIGNATION**  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
  
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Existing Litigation)**  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
  - USD CV-06-4717 AHM; USCA Case No. 07-55751
  - Compton Unified School District v. Redevelopment Agency of the City of Compton (LASC Case No. BC 449037)
  
  - (Case names unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations)
  
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Anticipated Litigation)**  
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c))
  - 4 Potential Cases
  - 6 Potential Defendants
  
  - (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
    - 2 Potential Cases
    - Claim for Out-of-Class Pay
  
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Claims)**  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(2)(C))

*Claimant: Best Contracting Services, Inc.*  
*Agency: Compton Unified School District*
  
- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)
  - Agency Designated Representatives:* *Mr. Barrett K. Green*  
*Alejandro Flores*
  
  - Employee Organizations:* *California School Employees Association*  
*American Federation of Teachers*  
*Police Officers' Association*  
*Service Employees International Union*  
*Compton Education Association*
  
  - Agency Designated Representatives:* *Mr. Barrett K. Green*  
*Alejandro Flores*
  
  - Unrepresented Employee(s):* *Certificated/Classified Management*  
*Nonrepresented Classified*  
*Deputy Superintendent*  
*Associate Superintendents*  
*Acting Superintendent*  
*Chief Facilities Officer*

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10/11-057a B. **CLOSED SESSION**  
(CONTINUED)

- ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION***  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
  - *Acting Superintendent*
  - *Superintendent*
  
- ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS***

10/11-057b B. **OPEN SESSION**

- ***Report Out of Closed Session***  
(Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957.1)

C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

C.1 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

C.2 **STUDENT PERFORMANCE**  
- *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Student Presentations*

C.3 **RECOGNITION**  
1) *National Board Certified Teachers from Kelly, McNair and Tibby elementary Schools - Dr. Abimbola Ajala - Associate Superintendent, Elementary Education*  
2) *The Golden Bell Award Recipient (Laurel Elementary School) - Dr. Abimbola Ajala - Associate Superintendent, Elementary Education*

C.4 **INFORMATION ITEM**  
1) *Compton Unified School District - Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement (Second) Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints*  
2) *2009/2010 Annual Report on Findings of School Visits and Monitoring/Williams Legislation*

**D. SPECIAL SESSION**

**D.1 Public Hearing - 7:30 p.m.**  
*Celerity Sirius Charter School Proposal*

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS**

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

All persons wishing to speak on Agenda & Non-Agenda items may do so at this point in the agenda. To be recognized to speak, the speaker must sign the sign-in sheet on the back table. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per individual.

All persons who wish to speak during meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Compton Unified School District are expected to be courteous and respectful to other people and abide by the directions of the President of the Board in terms of when and how long they may speak. Further, no individual is to engage in making remarks demeaning or related to attacks on personnel. Failure to abide by the directions of the Board President may be disruptive to the meeting and may result in the person being ejected from the meeting. Disruption of a school board meeting is also unlawful and may result in criminal prosecution. (See Education Code Section 32210; Penal Code Sections 403, 415, and 416).

Members of the Board of Trustees, staff and community who participate in Board meetings are requested to discuss only matters directly related to District business and, thus, to focus their statements on the general subject matter of the issues.

**Any criticism, comment, evaluation or observation regarding staff, including members of this administration, should be addressed exclusively in Closed Session. Anyone who makes defamatory remarks or makes personal attacks does so without the knowledge, authority, or approval of the District's Board of Trustees as a whole, the Administration, or the Superintendent.**

***If you wish to ask questions, please address them to the President and not to individual members of the Board of Trustees or to the staff. The Board and employees will listen to your questions and concerns, and the superintendent will direct follow-up as appropriate. Public comment is not intended for dialogue with Board Members or the superintendent. No disrespect is intended as this is a matter of protocol only.***

**F. COMMENTS OF THE STUDENT BOARD MEMBER**



**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10/11-5047 Award of Contract - Christy White Accountancy (RFP #055)  
(Business and Administrative Services)**

**Comment:** Under Nigro, Nigro & White, Christy White has conducted several internal audits for the District. Christy White, under the Christy White Accountancy Corporation (CWAC), is now conducting the District's external audit (currently in its final stage). It is in the District's best interest, for the purpose of continuity, that (CWAC) is awarded the remaining term of the 3-year contract under RFP #055).

**Recommendation:** Approval to award the remainder of the 3-year contract to Christy White Accountancy Corporation for annual financial & compliance audit services. The term of the contract is three years with the option to renew for additional years upon mutual consent of the District and the vendor (March 24, 2010 through June 30, 2012).

**Fiscal Impact:** *General Fund Budget, in the amount of \$159,794 to be paid as follows.*

<i>Audit of 2009/2010</i>	<i>\$36,039</i>
<i>Audit of 2010/2011</i>	<i>\$61,265</i>
<i>Audit of 2011/2012</i>	<i>\$62,490</i>

*(The amount for the first fiscal year of the contract reflects CWAC's portion of the existing contract. It does not reflect an additional appropriation than originally Board approved).*

**H. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Presentation Compton Adult School  
(Secondary Education)**

**Comment:** At the August 31, 2010 Board Meeting, the Board approved to utilize the funding from Adult Education, which is a Tier III program which is a part of the General Fund Fiscal Stabilization Program, for the 2011/2013 Fiscal Year.

This presentation is a response to the Board and community concerns in regards to the elimination of the Adult Education Program. The programs and courses highlighted in the presentation could be maintained to meet the immediate needs of the community provided that there is additional funding or reductions to support the cost.

**I. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)**

**10/11-058 Applications to Attend Professional Conferences/School Business Meetings**

**10/11-059 Amendment to Item No. 08/09-069 (01/13/09) Consultant Agreement - Strategic Counsel - Lobbyist/Governmental Relations Firm (Phase Two: Strategic Plan Implementation)  
(Acting Superintendent)**

**Comment:** In the Fall of 2009, CUSD developed a Strategic Plan or Quest for Excellence to advance reforms designed to accelerate academic progress and close the achievement gap. The strategic plan serves as a five-year guidepost toward increased achievement for every student in the District. In launching phase two of the adopted Strategic Plan, the District has pledged to work collaboratively with students, families, certificated and classified staff, school leaders, district office staff and community members to identify effective strategies to accelerate learning and close the achievement gap.

**Recommendation:** Approval of amendment to increase the funding level for consultant to provide project management services for Phase Two: Implementation of the Strategic Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:** *General Fund Budget, in an additional amount not to exceed \$150,000. (Contracted amount - \$95,000).*

**10/11-5051 Amendment No. 2 to Item No. 09/10-5015 (10/27/10) Contractual Agreement - DecisionInsite  
(Business and Administrative Services)**

**Comment:** DecisionInsite has played an integral part in assisting the District with the planning of future school realignment/consolidations as presented to the Board on December 14, 2010. In an effort to continue engaging stakeholders in the process of school realignment/consolidation, services are needed to facilitate community forums that will be used to make a final recommendation to the Board.

**Recommendation:** Approval of amendment to increase the funding to cover the costs for services rendered during the school consolidation/realignment forums.

**Fiscal Impact:** *General Fund Budget in the additional amount of \$10,000.*

**J. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS**

Consent Items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved, adopted by one motion, unless a request for removal, discussion or explanation is received from any Board member or member of the public in attendance.

**10/11-3015 Classified Personnel Actions  
(E)**

**Comment:** Approval/Ratification of the indicated Personnel Appointments, Exempts, Status Changes (Reassignments, transfers, etc.), Extra Duty, Leaves, Separations, Volunteers, and Return from Leaves.

**Recommendation:** Approval

**Fiscal Impact:** *No Cost to the District.*

**K. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT**

**L. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD STUDY SESSION**  
Education Service Center Board Room - February 8, 2011

**10/11-9012 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 p.m. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

*Approved:*

*Karen E. Frison  
Acting Superintendent*