



MINUTES

BOARD STUDY SESSION

February 9, 2010

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. OPENING

A.1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mae Thomas, Board President, at 5:10 p.m., in the Board Room of the District Education Service Center, 501 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221.

A.2 **ROLL CALL**

The following Members were present:

Micah Ali *[Arrived During Closed Session]*

Fred Easter

Margie Garrett

Emma Sharif *[Arrived During Closed Session]*

Marjorie Shipp

Mae Thomas

Satra Zurita *[Arrived at 5:15 p.m.]*

Kaye E. Burnside

Oseas Chavaque

Student Board Member

A.3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member, Margie Garrett, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A.4 **INVOCATION**

Elder Herles Holmes rendered the invocation.

A.5 **PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- None.

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B. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by **MR. EASTER, SECOND** by **MRS. SHIPP** to recess to Closed Session to consider matters within the purview of the Brown Act.

(Time: 5:15 p.m.), specifically:

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS**
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
 - Associate Superintendents
 - Senior Directors
 - Directors
 - Chief Facilities Officer
 - Administrators
 - Deputy Superintendent
 - Communications Coordinator
 - Program Manager
 - Teachers
 - Principals
 - Assistant Principals
 - Intervention Support Coordinator
 - Program Coordinator of Recruiting Services
 - Special Education-Transition Coordinator
 - Principal - Special Assignment
 - Instructional Support Administrators
 - Interim Principal
 - Interim Senior Director
- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/SUSPENSION/RELEASE/
NONRELECTION/NONREEMPLOYMENT/LEAVE/RESIGNATION**
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Existing Litigation)**
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
 - Compton Unified School District v. South Santa Fe Limited Partnership, et al. (LASC Case No. BC 297833) (Case names unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations)
 - SEHO Case No. SN05-00684; OAH Case Nos. N2005110837 and N2005120325; and Federal District Court - Case Nos. CV05-8860 R and CV06-0555R (VBKx)
 - Case No. TC019060 - (Case Name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations)
 - Case No. LASC Case No. TCO20906 - (Case Name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations)
 - GKK Works v. Compton Unified School District (LASC Case No. BC372955)
 - Compton Unified School District v. GKK Works (LASC Case No. BC 415131)
 - Williams v. Compton Unified School District, Case No. 07K18595
 - USDC Case No. CV08-02819; OAH Case No. N2007070980
 - Case No. TS 011754
 - LITIGATION REPORT:
 - 1) LASC BC 363613; LASC BC 363711; USDC CV-06-4717 AHM; OAH Case No. N2005110596; OAH Case No. N2005090626; OAH Case No. N2007070013; LASC Case No. CK 14016; OAH Case No. N2007070980; OAH Case No. N2007070980; OAH Case No. N2007070285; Employee Nos. 4901065; 4900547; 4900714; 4800005; 4800513; 4901288
 - 2) VC07-5476; BC 368843; TC19128; BC362696; TC018829; TC01932; BC355746; TS008862; BC376304; BC374540; TC020906; TC021281; 07C01470; TC020599; BC306593; BC308127; TC019377
 - In the Matter of the Personnel Commission Appeal - Employee/Client Number 007665.1085
 - 3) Legal Matters Update - Michael Declues - Declues, Burkett & Thompson
 - 4) Superior Court Case No. 0753134JW
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Anticipated Litigation)**
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
 - 4 Potential Cases
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c))
 - 4 Potential Cases
 - 6 Potential Defendants
- **STUDENT EXPULSION**
 - None Scheduled

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(Time: 5:15 p.m.), specifically:

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• **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: *Mr. Barrett K. Green*
 John Tennant

Employee Organizations: *California School Employees Association*
 American Federation of Teachers
 Police Officers' Association
 Service Employees International Union
 Compton Education Association

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 John Tennant

Unrepresented Employee(s): *Certificated/Classified Management*
 Nonrepresented Classified
 Deputy Superintendent
 Associate Superintendents
 Superintendent
 Chief Facilities Officer

• **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

- Superintendent
- Deputy Superintendent
- Associate Superintendents

• **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS**

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION CARRIED

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B. OPEN SESSION

• **Report Out of Closed Session**

MOTION by *MRS. SHIPP*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHARIF* to reconvene into Open Session – Time: 6:30 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION CARRIED

There was no report out of Closed Session.

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C. COMMUNICATIONS

C.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- None Scheduled

C.2 RECOGNITION

- None Scheduled

C.3 INFORMATION ITEMS

- None Scheduled

D. SPECIAL SESSION

D.1 Public Hearing

- None Scheduled

Board President Thomas adjusted the agenda to receive a presentation regarding a Docu-Reality Show, "School Pride."

At Superintendent Burnside's request, Dr. Donald Evans, Associate Superintendent of Middle Schools, and Dr. Jacqueline Sanderlin, principal, Foster Elementary School, announced that the District had an opportunity to partner with Sheryl Hines, and the NBC Network in the production of a school make over show. Dr. Sanderlin introduced Denise Cramsey, former Executive Producer, Extreme Makeover-Home Edition, and the producer of School Pride. Ms. Cramsey provided additional information regarding the show; announced that it would be televised in September; would feature one school from the District using community resources, local businesses, parents, students and members of the community; stated that the show was designed to lift morale and increase school pride; explained that there would be no cost of the District and addressed questions and concerns raised by members of the Board.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS

- **BASIL KIMBREW**, *No address provided.*
Expressed concern about the impending lay-offs; and asked that the Board try to save jobs on behalf of the employees and the Compton community.
- **JULIE MARTINEZ**, *5536 Pimenta Avenue, Lakewood CA 90712*
Expressed concern about the 3% reduction in salary; inquired about options other than furlough days; and employee lay-offs.

AMBER HOLLOWAY, *4067 Hardwick Street, Lakewood, CA 90712*
Expressed concern about the budget; inquired as to why teachers' input was not considered; commented about and invited everyone to attend the Swun Math Workshop; and shared information about English Language Development (ELD) rotation.

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- **STEPHANIE TYSON**, 2021 N. Riddle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059
Expressed concern about Centennial High School; reported that her son was disrespected by his teacher who use profane language towards him; that he has moved to another classroom; that the teacher continues to harass him; and requested that the Board assist her concerning this matter.

Dr. Burnside requested that Dr. Hansen obtain more details and contact Human Resources.
- **GUILLARMINA ARMAS**, No address provided
Deferred her three minutes to Yolanda Lopez.
- **YOLANDA LOPEZ**, 2809 ½ N. Wilmington, Compton, CA 90222
Expressed displeasure about individuals/employees who complained of budget cuts and that payroll checks were delivered late; but that the individuals did not offer any solutions; cited instances of inappropriate conduct exhibited by employees; reported that parents have information and proof of many things that have been happening at the school sites; and suggested that cuts should include personnel who were not doing their job.
- **MARIA VILLAREAL**, 609 W. Fifth Street, Compton, CA 90222
Addressed the Board on behalf of the parents who were advocates for students; suggested that the Board pay attention to what is going on in the schools; thanked Mrs. Bunch and everyone who assisted with a situation at Davis Middle School; acknowledged everyone who assisted with solving the problem at Washington Elementary School; commented that there was no Latino representation on the Board; and that, if the District was cutting Latino positions, the Latino community was asking to fill those positions with the same people.”
- **MARIA LAMAS**, Parent Volunteer, 1705 West 154th Street, Compton, CA 90220
Expressed concern about the injustices in the School District; that her rights have been violated; reported that her grandson sustained an injury; that the school would not accept a note from his doctor to validate his absence; and suggested that there be more teamwork at the school sites.

Board President Thomas referred Maria Lamas to the Superintendent or her designee.
- **LAMYAA SASSI**, 310 East El Segundo Blvd., Compton, CA 90222
Deferred her three minutes to Rose Tapp.
- **ADRIAN CLEVELAND**, 12501 S. Wilmington Avenue, Compton, CA 90222
Expressed thanks to Board Member Ali for informing the public of Budget issues (two years ago); thanked Board President Thomas for her fight on behalf of labor; acknowledged Margie Garrett and Board Member Zurita for their assistance; thanked Board Members Shipp, Easter and Sharif for their contributions to solving the budget crisis; advised Dr. Burnside and the Executive Cabinet that the current system that employees have been subject to must cease; stated that the Superintendent and Cabinet should also take salary cuts; and reported that the unions will be submitting their proposals soon.
- **FELISHA WHITNEY**, Representative, SEIU Local 99, 2724 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005
Expressed concern about the proposed budget cuts; inquired about the proposed elimination of the Lieutenant’s position (School Police Department); stated that the elimination process should be properly implemented; and that many of the employees (SEIU Members) were being targeted because of their age.

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- **ROCKY THOMPSON**, 1262 East 77th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90001
Deferred his three minutes to Carol Richie.
- **NORMAN SMITH**, 13809 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061
Deferred his three minutes to Damon Fields.
- **TIMOTHY JONES**, 121 North Long Beach Blvd., Compton, CA 90221
Deferred his three minutes to Carol Richie.
- **DERRICK FOUNTAIN**, 315 South Sloan Avenue, Compton, CA
Deferred his three minutes to Damon Fields.
- **GWEN HOLMES**, 121 North Long Beach Blvd., Compton, CA 90221
Deferred her three minutes to Carol Richie.
- **IRELAND MARCHAM**, 14917 South White Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Deferred his three minutes to Damon Fields.
- **CAROL RICHIE**, President, AFT Local 6119, 121 North Long Beach Blvd.,
Compton, CA 90221
Addressed the Board regarding a Budget Analysis and the Budget Transfers post First Interim Report; Ms. Richie conducted a page-by-page thorough walk-through of each document, identified several inconsistencies and requested clarification. Copies of the above-referenced documents were distributed to members of the Board and the Superintendent.
- **DAMON FILEDS**, President, SEIU Local 99, 2724 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005
Addressed the Board regarding budget cuts to the District; presented an AFT & SEIU Plant Staff reorganizational proposal and a proposed Operations Division Restructuring – Savings (positions to be eliminated / positions needed); and explained how the proposed staffing changes could provide a cost savings to the District. Copies of the above-referenced documents were distributed to members of the Board and the Superintendent.
- **KEVIN EVANS**, 1433 East 139th Street, Compton, CA
Reported the passing of Sean McKinley, the son of Diane McKinley, ITD Department; requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory; inquired as to whether the Board received information regarding a personnel matter; reported that each time there has been budget cuts, the ITD Department was significantly impacted; that over the years the ITD staff support has not increased along with the computer applications that have been implemented; that a reduction of 4 staff members would equate to one technician serving approximately 5-7 school sites; requested that the Board give consideration to this matter; and commented that applications were being purchased before inquiring of ITD as to the type of support that would be required.
- **SHEILA WINDHAM**, Representative for Direct Instruction Academy Charter School,
323 West 4th Street, #103, Long Beach, CA 90002
Provided informational packets for each Board Member; and was available to respond to questions regarding the charter school petition.
- **E. MARIE TRUBY** 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Deferred her three minutes to members of the Compton Education Association (CEA).
- **KIMBERLY ADAME**, 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Deferred her three minutes to Patrick Sullivan.

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- **ROGELIO SORIANO**, 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Deferred his three minutes to Rose Tapp.
- **EVELYN GARCIA**, 2202 East Forrest Street, Compton, CA 90221
Spoke on behalf of the teachers; shared opportunities, experiences and life skills that they (teachers) have been able to impart to their students; and that the loss of highly qualified teachers would be detrimental to the students.
- **EMMANUEL TATONE** 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Deferred his three minutes to Regina Tyler-Powell.
- **PARTICK SULLIVAN** 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Addressed the Board regarding the ramifications of Fiscal irresponsibility; stated that everyone must contribute in order to overcome the budget crisis; that the necessary cut were not evident; asked that the Board review District leadership; that consideration be given to re-evaluating its effectiveness and necessity; and requested that the District put the needs of the children first, support teacher retention and cuts at the administration level.
- **JEFF YOCK** 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Addressed the Board regarding class size reduction; clarified that reducing class size would actually create a loss of revenue; reported that the reduction would reduce valuable reading time for students, that discipline and management problems would be affected; and that a savings to the District could be realized by reducing the number consultants who currently providing service to the District.
- **REGINA TYLER-POWELL** 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Addressed the Board regarding furlough days; that furlough days would result in depriving students of their legal right to an education, interrupt teacher instructional time and that it would be more costly to the District than the expected savings.
- **RAUSHONDA McCRUTER**, 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Deferred her three minutes to Rose Tapp.
- **ROSE MARIE TAPP** 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Reviewed various aspects of the Fiscal Crisis Management Team (FCMAT) Report; inquired about the new organization chart; ask how cuts could be implemented without it; read a complaint letter from staff members of Willard Elementary School formal who expressed concern about the new principal and the hostile working environment at the school site; commented on: The collapse of the District's Infrastructure, that priorities should be given to the facilities with the greatest needs; inadequate budget development; the failure to recognized year-to-year trends, flawed Average Daily Attendance (ADA) projections; multi-year projections; inaccurate revenue and expenditure estimations; limited budget monitoring; poor cash flow analysis and reconciliation; commented on the correspondence from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) regarding the First Interim Financial Report; inquired about the status of the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources position; suggested that the Board review the audit findings; asked: 1) What was the current ending fund balance; 2) Inquired about the Stimulus Funds; and 3) Asked about the formula used to compute the \$40 Million budget cut.
- **RON BENNETT**, AFT Labor Representative, No address provided.
Addressed the Board regarding the mismanagement of funds; stated that an internal audit conducted by AFT's National organizations indicated that there were millions of dollars that were unaccounted for; and that someone would be held accountable.

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- **KRISTIAN WILKENS**, *No address provided.*
Deferred her three minutes to Ellery Street.
- **WANETTE DARENSBOURG**, *No address provided.*
Deferred her three minutes to Ellery Street.
- **ELLERY HOUSE STREET**, *425 South May Avenue, Compton, CA*
Expressed concern about problems that exist at Davis Middle School; reported that the morale at Davis was very low; that absenteeism was very high; that teachers were being harassed, intimidated and lied on; stated that there was unfair and excessive observation practices and evaluations; that good teachers were being placed on improvement plans; requested that the Board and Superintendent evaluate these individuals who have currently been placed on an improvement plan; and stated that personal vendettas must stop.

Board Member Sharif requested that the matter be researched and that a report be shared with the Board as soon as possible.

Superintendent Burnside reported that she met with the faculty at Davis Middle School to resolve some of the issues; that she and Dr. Donald Evans were putting measures in place; and that the matter would be addressed.

Board Member Ali reported on his meetings with staff regarding their concerns; requested that teachers work through their union and follow with the appropriate process.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation **Docu-Reality Show "School Pride"**
(Middle Schools)

Comment: NBC is sponsoring a new docu-reality show called "School Pride" which highlights how school pride can make a positive difference at any school. Enterprise Middle School might be one of the schools chosen from around the country that will be presented on the reality show. The reality show is based on Extreme Home Makeover and NBC will select schools from around the country to remodel areas of their campus that is in need of repairing.

Recommendation: Information only

Fiscal Impact: *No Cost to the District.*

NO ACTION TAKEN

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MOTION by *MR. ALI*, SECOND by *MRS. SHARIF* to approve Item No. 09/10-072.

G. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

09/10-072 DISCUSSION/ACTION - Direct Instruction Achievement Academy Charter School Proposal (Accountability & Compliance)

Comment: Staff analysis and recommendation of the proposed charter school proposal of the Direct Instruction Achievement Academy Charter School was submitted to the Compton Unified School District on December 14, 2009. The public hearing on this proposal was held at the District's Board of Trustees' meeting on January 12, 2010.

Recommendation: Approve staff's recommendation to deny the Petition to operate a charter school within the Compton Unified School District boundaries.

Fiscal Impact: *No appropriations required.*

No Discussion

VOTE ON MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE PROPOSAL FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE STAFF ANALYSIS - Item No. 09/10-072.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by *MR. ALI*, SECOND by *MR. EASTER* to approve Item No. 09/10-073 (As amended -- with addendums).

09/10-073 Application to Attend Professional Conference/School Business Meeting

Discussion

Board Member Ali asked if the budgeted amount included substitute teachers.

Superintendent Burnside responded in the affirmative.

Board Member Zurita commented, in light of the current budget crisis, that it was imperative that everyone be cognizant of the District's financial situation when requesting to travel.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE Item No. 09/10-073 (As amended with addendums).

Board Member Thomas - NO

MOTION CARRIED

(*) AMENDED

MOTION by *MR. ALI*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHARIF* to approve Item No. 09/10-5033.

G. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

09/10-5033 Proposed Budget Reductions FY 2010/2011
(Fiscal Services)

Comment: In order to meet LACOE's request to make necessary Board approved adjustments to the budget and the multi-year projections, the reductions presented dealt with salary savings through attritions and bringing staffing ratios in alignment with the site needs. In addition, staff also considered the governor's offer to increase K-3 class size for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 school years. All of these reductions can be fully implemented without negotiations; however, required employee notifications must be adhered.

Recommendation: Approve the budget reductions for fiscal year 2010/2011 for the purpose of balancing the budget and maintaining fiscal solvency.

Fiscal Impact: *A savings to the District, in the amount of*
\$16,381,439
16,174,700.

(*)

Discussion - 09/10-5033

Board Member Ali commented that the unions have provided options to save the District additional monies by cutting more at the top; stated that he was not prepared to vote on the item because he had not received the requested information; asked that consideration be given to allow the Board the opportunity to review the Budget Analysis provided by the unions; and inquired whether there was a proposal to move the asset inventory personnel to ROP.

Deborah Willard, Associate Superintendent, Business and Administrative Services responded in the negative.

Board Member Ali asked about 12-month warehouse employees who would become 10- month employees.

Deborah Willard stated that there have been requests for reductions in some areas; reported that there was no need for a 12-month position in Student Nutrition Services; stated that David Azcárraga, Chief Facilities Officer, proposed that there be specific times assigned for work that would be completed by the warehouse staff; explained that the reductions to the Student Nutrition Services would involve reducing the Unrestricted Budget only (inclusive of the encroachment for Special Education, Transportation and Transfer for routine Maintenance); stated that time was of the essence as February 9, 2010, was the targeted date for the Board to render a decision and take action on the Budget; and requested that the Board hold a Special Board Meeting on February 16, 2010, to address additional budget information; reported that there was \$16 Million of non-negotiable items that would impact staffing.

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G. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

Discussion - 09/10-5033 - (Continued)

Board Member Ali asked that consideration be given to inserting the proposed language submitted by the employees because the language was logical and it would save the District more money; that the recommendations eliminate unnecessary and surplus positions within the specified department; and that if there was a need to increase any position(s), that the increase should be to the plant staff.

Board Member Garrett requested clarification about the Fiscal Stabilization Plan.

Deborah Willard explained that the District engaged in deficit spending; that with the reduction in revenue and declining enrollment, the District no longer had savings as previously reported; stated that the budget must be brought in alignment per the request of the Los Angeles County Office of Education; and recommended that the Board give consideration to taking action on the items that have been presented, analyze and bring back the additional adjustments/savings for consideration on the February 16th or February 23rd meeting.

Superintendent requested that Item No. 09/10-5033 be pulled for further discussion/clarification with the union members; and that the item be agendaized for further discussion/action on February 16, 2010.

ITEM TABLED

MOTION by *MRS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. GARRETT* to approve the Consent Agenda Items (Section H).

H. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS

09/10-070

Resolution No. 09/10-19 Proclaiming February 11, 2010 as Education is a Civil Right Participation Day in the Compton Unified school District (Superintendent's Office)

Comment: Resolution joining with other school districts and organizations to recognize that it is the fundamental right of all citizens to receive a free and appropriate public education, but more specifically to support the advancement and promotion of educational excellence for all African American Students.

Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution.

Fiscal Impact: None

The resolution was read by Board Member Micah Ali.

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H. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS
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09/10-071 **Consultant Agreement - Jones & Associates Consulting, Inc.**
(*Superintendent's Office*)

Comment: Consultant will provide the following services for CUSD: Facilitate performance review and evaluation of the Superintendent, other leadership personnel and systems and protocols to assist the District to improve its leadership performance.

Recommendation: Approve consultant agreement

Fiscal Impact: *Program Improvement Budget, at the fixed price of \$10,000 (from unexpended funds - Contract w/Carl Cohn - Item No. 08/09-056 - Approved 11/18/09).*

09/10-1161 **District's Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs -Part II**
(*Special Projects*)

Comment: The item is to request permission to submit, for approval, the District's Consolidated Application - Part II to the California Department of Education to continue to receive categorical funds for Supplemental Programs through the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

Recommendation: Approval the District's Consolidated Application - Part II for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact: *All expenditures are to be budgeted through individualized school budgets and the centralized services budget.*

09/10-1162 **2009/2010 Single Plans for Student Achievement and Preliminary Budgets**
(*Special Projects*)

Comment: This item is to request permission to submit, for approval, the 2009/2010 Single Plans for Student Achievement and each school's preliminary categorical budget.

Recommendation: Approve the 2009/2010 Single Plans for Student Achievement for each school.

Fiscal Impact: *No appropriations required.*

No Discussion

THE INDICATED ITEMS IN SECTION H.

MOTION CARRIED

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I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT

- **SUPERINTENDENT BURNSIDE**

Assured the Board and community that there was no mishandling of District funds; that the audit revealed areas to be addressed; that during the past two years, under the leadership of Deborah Willard in Fiscal Services, there has been no mismanagement and/or misappropriation of District funds; and reported that there would be a meeting with the unions to provide clarity to issues raised by the unions and the Board.

- **OSEAS CHAVAQUE, Student Board Member**

Comments on Education is a Civil Right; expressed concern that teachers and students were being harassed and asked, whether we needed this going on in our schools; and shared his opinions as to why student test scores were low.

- **BOARD MEMBER SHIPP**

Thanked Valerie Ervin and the Ray Charles Foundation for providing students with an opportunity to participate in the Education Civil Rights event in Washington, D.C., thanked staff for the District Informational booklet; encouraged the community to visit the "Little" Putting Golf Course, reported that Golf lessons would be offered as part of an after school program; announced the Grand Opening of the Foster Elementary School Library at 10:00 a.m., on February 18, 2010; requested that the Superintendent conduct a follow-up regarding the complaints reported by the Dominguez and Centennial High School parents and concerns raised by the teachers.

- **BOARD MEMBER GARRETT**

Expressed her concern about an increase in class size; that such decision would not be beneficial to students; thanked the unions for the budget information and proposed budget suggestions; and requested that the meeting closed in memory Roberta Carter, former teacher (30 years) from Caldwell Elementary School and the mother of Lolita Carter, Band Instructor at Dominguez High School.

- **BOARD MEMBER EASTER**

No Comments.

- **BOARD MEMBER SHARIF**

Congratulated principal, staff and students of Rosecrans Elementary School for moving into the second round of becoming a California Distinguished School.

At Superintendent Burnside's request **Dr. Abimbola Ajala, Associate Superintendent, Elementary School**, reported that the second round of visits have been scheduled for March 8, 2010.

BOARD MEMBER SHARIF – (Continued)

Commented that the funding for DAIT would not be forthcoming; but that the District was still responsible for implementing the DAIT recommendations; expressed concern about the videotaping of Special Meetings and requested clarification.

At Superintendent Burnside's request, **Karen Frison, Deputy Superintendent**, explained that by airing special meetings the air time, allocated for the meeting held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, would be decreased; clarified that all meetings were currently being taped as requested by the Board; announced a book signing "Smart on Crime," by Kamala Harris, District Attorney of San Francisco, at 7:00 p.m., February 26, 2010, at Eso Won Book Store in Los Angeles; and that there would be a fundraising event, an "Evening of Jazz" at the Juanita Millender- McDonald Community Center, Carson, California, on January 26, 2010, sponsored by the Compton Conservatory of Music; and stated that tickets were still available.

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I. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT

(Continued)

• **BOARD MEMBER ZURITA**

Reported that she has received conflicting information regarding the District Budget; that she would be analyzing the information for accuracy; requested that consideration be given to not waiving the Facility fees in light of the impending layoffs; stated that she has received numerous complaints from teachers at Davis Middle School; and that she would not interfere until the employees have exhausted every effort with their respective union representative(s).

• **BOARD MEMBER ALI**

Requested that the Board adjourn the meeting in memory of Eva Behn, long-time resident of Compton, reported that the funeral services were held on February 8, 2010; requested that the District give consideration to recruiting teachers from California State University, Los Angeles and Dominguez Hills; reported that he would be enlisting the assistance of former Board Member, Joel Estrada to move on Civil Rights issues; that there was a need to embrace the Latino cultures as well as all cultures; and requested that the District consider strategies to ensure that the Board's objective was to provide quality education for all students.

• **BOARD PRESIDENT THOMAS**

Encouraged the union representatives to meet regarding the Budget; to stand their ground and fight; asked, how could new jobs be created and then lay off employees; stated that when cuts are done, you cut by positions, not by departments; and reported that the meeting would close in memory of Sean McKinley, Roberta Carter and Eva Behn.

J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Education Service Center Board Room - February 23, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

09/10-9015 **MOTION** by *MR. ALI*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP* to adjourn the Board Study Session of the Board of Trustees - the time being 10:55 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Sean McKinley, Roberta Carter and Eva Behn.

Respectfully submitted:

Kaye E. Burnside, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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