



Minutes

Board Study Session

September 14, 2010

Order of Business

A. OPENING

A.1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mae Thomas, Board President, at 5:20 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
Fred Easter
Margie Garrett
Emma Sharif
Marjorie Shipp
Mae Thomas
Satra Zurita
Karen E. Frison
Arturo Teran

Alternate Student Board Member

Board President Thomas acknowledged Dr. Bernice Woods, former Member of the Board of Trustees.

A.3 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Washington, Deacon of a local church, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A.4 **INVOCATION**

Dr. Bernice Woods rendered the invocation.

A.5 PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were none.

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B.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by *MRS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP*, to recess to Closed Session to consider matters within the purview of the Brown Act. (Time: 5:26 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
- Assistant Superintendents
- Executive Directors
- 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
- Director of Accounting & Budgeting

● **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))

- 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
- Case No. 2010-030317
- 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

B. CLOSED SESSION

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

(Time: 5:36 p.m.), specifically:

(CONTINUED)

- **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**

- **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

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

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS**

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION CARRIED

- 09/10-016a **B. OPEN SESSION**
MOTION by *MRS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. GARRETT*, to recess to Closed Session to consider matters within the purview of the Brown Act.
(Time: 6:41 p.m.)

MR. EASTER DID NOT RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION.

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

Board Member Garrett read the following report out of Closed Session.:

“In accordance with the Government Code Section 54957.1, this is to report that in closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to:

1. *Approve the appointment of one Middle School Assistant Principal,
The Vote was 7-YES; 0-NO.*

C. COMMUNICATIONS

C.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- None Scheduled

C.2 RECOGNITION
- None Scheduled

C.3 INFORMATION ITEMS
- *Amendment to the Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Fourth Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints*

Acting Superintendent Frison reported that the Quarterly Report was amended to update the Board. (*A copy is a part of the Board Agenda packet.*)

Board President Thomas granted special privilege to Dr. Bernice Woods who made brief comments to the Board and audience.

C. COMMUNICATIONS
(CONTINUED)

C.4 *VIDEO*
- The Opening of Schools video - Communications Department

Acting Superintendent Frison stated that this video was produced by Communications staff, and that it highlighted some of the activities that took place the first week of school at various sites. She thanked Roger Alcocer for his work on the video.

Board President Thomas requested that the Superintendent's Back-To-School videotape be shown.

Acting Superintendent Frison commented that she videotaped a message to all employees welcoming them back to the new school year and highlighting accomplishments made by schools last school. She continued that copies of the videotape were distributed district wide with a request that it be shown to all staff in each division/department and at each school site; this was done in lieu of holding a District wide orientation program similar to the one held last year in Long Beach. (*The videotape was shown later in the meeting.*)

D. SPECIAL SESSION
- None Scheduled

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- **Maria Bazan** - 2033 East 128th Street, Compton 90222
Expressed concern that since Special Education staff moved to the site there are not enough restrooms for use; by students; and that individuals are being permitted on campus unidentified/without badges.
Mr. David Azcarraga, was directed to confer with the principal on a plan that ensures students' needs are met.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

The following individuals addressed the Board:
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- **Kevin Moses**, 1310 South Exmoor, Compton 90220
Announced that the Boy Scouts are now organized in Compton. He requested (*and was granted*) permission to disseminate information to school sites about the organization.
Board Member Zurita stated that she works with Mr. Moore, and thanked him for establishing a Boy Scout troop (#7001) in Compton.
- **Phoebe H. Manso**, Teacher at R. F. Kennedy, 108 South 6th Street, Alhambra 91801
Voiced support of SWUN math, and commented about the strategies used in SWUN math.
- **Nydja Quarles**, 717 South Holly Avenue, Compton
Formally presented a citizens complaint, per the Uniform Complaint process, regarding the following:
 - 1) Closure of the Adult School - should not be closed
 - 2) Ebonics training workshop for elementary teachers - not helpful
 - 3) Removing counselors -
 - 4) Elementary school schedule - children going from room to room
 - 5) Top administrators lacking expertise in their area of responsibility
- **Kimberly McKenzie**, Parent - Bunche Elementary Student
Introduced herself as the Director of CareerLink, a new parent to the District, and friend of Ms. Zurita; suggested program wherein veteran students adopting new students until they are acclimated to the new school. She thanked the District for working with the City's youth program, which resulted in 400 students being provided work experience the past summer.
- **Maria Villarreal**, 609 West Peach Street, Compton 90222
Thanked the Board for the work done at Davis MS and Washington Elementary Schools. Stated that she looks forward to working with the schools this year.
- **Yolanda Lopez** (*speaking through an interpreter*)
Shared good news: McNair's increase in API scores, after being the lowest; suggested that the new principal, Jacquelyn Arion, receives some recognition; thanked Ms. Arion for her work with students and parents; and thanked the administration for providing the Gifted & Talented booklet in Spanish.
- **Tony Hicks**, 21104 East Hatchway Street, Compton 90222
Shared information about Swun Math and the professional development attached to the program, and stated that it's his belief that parents (*especially those with elementary children*) should be able to attend those professional development sessions offered to teachers and other staff, and suggested that the staff/professional development policy be reviewed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

- **Veronica Hayes**, *Bursch Elementary Teacher (representing herself, CEA & other*

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Swun Math Program at Bursch Elementary School:

- **Veronica Hayes** - She also clarified that Ebonics training is designed for teachers so that they better understand the language students tend to use.
- **Leticia Camarena,**
- **Alejandro Patino & her son, a Bursch ES student**
- **Allison Montgomery**

Public Comments continued, as follows:

- **Regina Powell** (*Yielded her time to Elsie Truby*)
- **Elsie Truby**, *333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton*
Corrected statements made about her last Board meeting re rotation, and restated the questions she raised at the June 22, 2010 Board meeting; asked what dates were the DAIT team in the District as trainers and what dates as coaches; reported that the Teacher of the Year was pictured in a recent edition of the California Educator magazine; and suggested that the Board revisit their position on compliance, which she says can be found on page 4 of the agenda.
- **Rose Tap**, *CEA Executive Director, 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton*
Distributed packets of information (“*Programs & Ideas For Consideration*”) developed by CEA regarding budget development, and briefly walked the Board through the information; commented about Swun Math - that it is a “consultant” and, therefore, should “consult” - not perform District work; suggested that the administration look into developing teachers as trainers; suggested that a task force be established to address bullying of teachers by administrators, and suggested that there needs to be discussions regarding this issue with a view towards developing a policy to address bullying (*by adults*); voiced support of the Breakfast First Program, which is “backed” by Jack O’Connell, targets healthy eating, brings breakfast into the classroom, and is good for children; commented and shared information about the Eddie Tech Bond, and indicated that this item will be discussed at a meeting with Cabinet on September 21st; *and* distributed press release regarding the Jobs Bill with Compton’s allocation (*\$4.3 million*) highlighted, and suggested that there needs to be discussion about how that money is going to be used.

Board Member Sharif commented about the bullying of and by adults, including Board Members, adding that bullying is a problem in the District, and everyone needs to put themselves in check to ensure that employees address each other respectfully.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

Board President Thomas commented that everybody needs to do things to better situations at schools, but that a workload is a workload; that Board Members exist to listen, see and hear and do what they have to do; as it relates to Swun Math, she stated that programs do not teach children - teachers teach children.

She announced that there won't be a Swun Math presentation at this meeting - unless one of the four Board Members who opposed it makes a motion to bring it back; otherwise anyone wanting to address Swun Math must address the Board as a party of public/audience comments.

Board Member Sharif agreed that bullying needs to be addressed; that administrators have expressed that they want to their job but do not want to feel intimidated.

Board Member Garrett thanked Rose Tapp for bringing information to the Board; reminded the Board that Rose Tapp has been bringing information about what's happening in schools since school opened; stated that there have been bullying problems over the years and that it's good to know that bullying is going to be addressed.

Board Vice President Ali thanked Rose Tapp for being proactive; and inquired about the possibility of bullying being dealt with via the grievance process.

Rose Tapp responded that the bullying problem in the District cannot be resolved through the grievance process.

Board Vice President then suggested that consideration be given to utilizing professional development funds for sensitivity training for administrators; added that if Board Members were aware of bullying, some action should have been taken by the Board by way of policy; commented that the Eddie Tech Bond program is definitely an insightful program, a collaborative effort, clearly endorsed and support by the American Association of Administrators, the National Educational Association, National School Board Associations, and that it is a phenomenal opportunity that will allow the District to move forward with tax free bonds/financing - whatever the incentive.

Board President Thomas stated that it is a member's right to file a grievance; if he/she cannot, something is wrong. *Rose Tapp* interjected that it's not about filing a grievance; it's about not wanting to put one's name on a grievance. *Board Member Thomas* added that the membership then needs to be educated.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

Board Member Zurita stated that she is not aware (of any bullying), but that during her conversation with Ms. Tapp, she was informed that there had been instances where teachers' wall boards/displays have been "snatched" down or the teacher was told to take them down; that the Board's concern is that the individuals to whom children are entrusted on a daily basis (teachers) to be "crushed" or made to feel inferior; that she does not condone retribution; that she will advocate for anyone who is being bullied; and that she supports the establishment of a task force on bullying.

F. COMMENTS OF THE STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Arturo Teran, *Alternate Student Board Member*, reported that this year, first time ever, there is a student mentor program at Centennial HS, designed to facilitate matters for incoming freshmen, which, hopefully, will make the transition from middle to high school easier; the bleachers at Centennial have been installed; mural/painting with the inscription "Centennial HS - It's a good place to learn" has been hung; believes whatever the issues are with reference to the breakfast program, whatever they are, can be resolved, and suggested that students who arrive late can get the breakfast at the gate.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Acting Superintendent Frison commented about how well things went the first day of school. She introduced the video that was shown of her speech/remarks to all employees, copies of which were distributed district wide with a request that it be shown to employees in the various departments/divisions and at the school sites.

Acting Superintendent Frison then introduced the speakers *who* reported on opening of schools, specifically as it related to their departments/divisions. (**Dr. Abimbola Ajala** regarding elementary schools; **Dr. Donald Evans** regarding secondary schools; **Dr. Ramon Zavala** regarding Williams's visitations and instructional materials; **and Mr. David Azcarraga** regarding facilities via videotape)

Presentation

Opening School Report
(Acting Superintendent)

Comment:

Each school year Board Members are provided a comprehensive summary on the "Opening of School". This Open Schools Report will focus on enrollment data, facilities project completion and readiness, Williams' Instructional Materials, visitation of schools report, and employee placement and status. Board Members will have the opportunity to ask questions about specific areas associated with school opening.

Recommendation: Information only

Fiscal Impact:

No Cost to the District.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

With reference to the Laurel Template, Dr. Ajala explained that it is a teacher created (*writing*) program implemented throughout the summer - at QAIDA identified schools. There was discussion regarding copyright infringement, specifically as it relates to the Laurel Template.

Board Vide President Ali suggested that staff seek a legal opinion regarding copyright infringement and direction regarding the Laurel Template. He further suggested that staff move forward gingerly in this area to avoid a litigious situation.

Board Member Thomas asked by the teachers' organization knows nothing about the Laurel Template - to which **Dr. Ajala** responded that information was sent to them, along with outcomes of the professional development.

Board Member Garrett stated that she received a number of concerns regarding the rotation of first grade students, **Dr. Ajala** responded that she was not knowledgeable of any concerns about the rotation of first graders. **Ms. Garrett** suggested that staff take a look at such rotation to ensure that students are not being adversely affected.

Board Member Garrett requested a listing of schools utilizing the Laurel Template.

Board Member Zurita requested that the Board be provided a brief narrative on the Laurel Template, and voiced agreement that staff should seek legal advice regarding copyright infringement - before there is a problem..

Board Member Sharif voiced agreement with Mr. Ali & Ms. Zurita relative to copyright infringement, and suggested that staff look at how Long Beach handled a similar situation.

Board President Thomas commended Acting Superintendent Frison on visiting schools

Acting Superintendent Frison commented briefly about student enrollment, which is still tentative; that she will provide a report in a Friday once the figures are firm. **Ms. Frison** reported that there are approximately 25,000 students enrolled currently; enrollment at the elementary level is down 200 students; at the middle school level enrollment is up by 10 students; and at the high school level enrollment is up about 300 students.

**10:55 p.m. - Five Minute Recess
(Technician changing tape)**

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

**Presentation Class Specification for Catering Manager of Student Nutrition Services
(Jeanne Batey, Director - Classified Personnel)**

Personnel Commissioner Dorothy Bradshaw (*in Jeanne Batey's absence*) reviewed with the Board the booklet distributed to them regarding the Class Specification for Catering Manager of Student Nutrition Services, including background on classification methodology, an unapproved classification specification, annotated classification with updates and corrections, proposed specification, and comparison study of 13 other school districts.

Board President Thomas voiced concern about the Personnel Commission establishing this position. **Personnel Commissioner Dorothy Bradshaw** responded that the Personnel Commission does not create positions; that it only classifies the positions and determine the salary.

Board Member Thomas continued that this should have been put on hold because of the budget situation and reduction in staff. She asked, rhetorically, if administrators ever think of doing some work themselves - instead of directing others to do every little thing for them.

Board Member Shipp commented that establishing this position will generate revenue for the District, and that many times you have to spend money in order to make money.

Deborah Willard, *Associate Superintendent, Business & Administrative Services*, responded that establishing the position will generate approximately \$350,000 for the Cafeteria Fund, which will more than pay for the position as well as fund other positions that possibly need to be restored.

In response to a question raised by **Board Member Zurita**, **Ms. Willard** stated that no one is slated to fill the position; it's an "open" position. **Board Member Zurita** commented that (*when the position is filled*) the product staff provides has to be quality.

Board Vice President Ali commented that results of filling this position needs to be explained - because filling this position does not mean that the District is opening up a catering business. He continued that the Cafeteria Fund is a separate fund from the General Fund and the funds generated is merely and ostensibly an internal transfer from one fund to the other. He continued that it needs to be articulated as to whether this is a General or Cafeteria Fund position; that it is not appropriate to have the public thinking we will have a wholesale catering business.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS
(CONTINUED)

Presentation Class Specification for Catering Manager of Student Nutrition Services
(Jeanne Batey, Director - Classified Personnel)

Ms. Willard agreed that this position will be self supporting from a separate fund, and the District will be able to manage and provide the needs for such meetings as Board meetings - looking at generating additional revenue by charging off meals (at reduced costs) for administrators' meetings from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund; thus, supporting both the General and Cafeteria Funds.

Board Member Garrett asked for a report (*from Ms. Willard*) as to what has already transpired in Student Nutrition Services, specifically how last year's income was generated.

Board Member Sharif asked if it is a possibility that other school district will be able to use the catering service. **Ms. Willard** responded affirmatively, adding that the primary focus is for all District administrators to utilize the service

Board Vice President Ali interjected that a similar program was in place some years ago at the Tamarind site, and that it serviced ;people from various local businesses that purchased their lunch from the District Cafeteria. It was clarified for **Mr. Ali** (by **Ms. Willard**) that the position will be funded from the Cafeteria Fund, and the revenue will be deposited into the Cafeteria Fund, adding that the General Fund will only benefit by utilizing those services. He suggested that a policy be drafted on catering services, specifically directing that all internal catering service needs be provided in house; that outside services can only be requested when the Catering Department, for one reason or another, cannot provide the service. Mr. Ali emphasized the importance of this program being articulated, as the department needs to be self-sufficient; that he is not inclined to support any more loans to the department. He continued that staff should continue looking for ways to increase revenue, and if there are practices

H. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

MOTION by *MS. GARRETT*, **SECOND** by *MR. ALI*, to approve Item No. 10/11-017, as follows:

10/11-017 Applications to Attend Professional Conferences/School Business Meetings

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE Item No. 10/11-017

MOTION CARRIED

I. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Calendar Items designated by "CI" 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.

- None Scheduled

J. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT

Board President Thomas commented that she was very pleased with the Acting Superintendent's back-to-school message; apologized if she appeared to be disrespectful (*as it relates to Board Members serving on the Consolidation/Realignment Committee*), adding that she made a mistake when she said there could be three representatives - only to learn later that there should not be any representative from the Board on the Committee; and requested the prayers of everyone that her body would be healed.

**11:35 p.m. - MRS. THOMAS LEFT THE MEETING
(Board Vice President Ali assumed the Chair.)**

Board Member Zurita extended *Happy Birthday* wishes to **Board Member Fred Easter**; welcomed students, parents & staff back to a new school year; stated that there Maintenance & Facilities Departments worked hard to get facilities ready for school opening and that there will be continued improvements to school campuses; expressed how pleased she was with the work done at Davis Middle School; stated that she looks forward to receiving the schedule for maintaining facilities and grounds; stated that it would be nice to develop parenting classes; announced that football games are being videotaped and aired on the District's Cable Channel; reminded parents and students (*especially high school students*) of the importance of completing and turning in lunch applications, as they are considered in the District's allocation for categorical funds and special programs; commented that the September 12, 2010 issue of The Daily Breeze contains a noteworthy article about Compton Community College's progress;, and stated that she looks forward to the day when an early high school middle college can be established in the District - where high school students are able to take college classes concurrently and receive two years of college credit at no cost;

J. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT
(CONTINUED)

Board Member Sharif voiced her support of students being able to build a relationship with surrounding colleges to receive college credit for courses taken while in high school; suggested that consideration be given to involving parents (in some way) in professional development with a view towards sharing information about instructional strategies, especially in the area of math, and thus enable them to better assist their children at home; stated that she would like to see student mentor/adopt a student programs implemented district wide - o facilitate matters for students new to the District or a particular school campus, and thanked Ms. McKenzie for bringing this idea forth; thanked Facilities & Maintenance Departments, and plant workers for doing a magnificent job at Washington Elementary School, and shared a parent's suggestion that staff videotape Washington Elementary School campus and classrooms and air it on the District's Cable Channel; and extended *Happy Birthday* wishes to **Mr. Fred Easter** and **Mae Thomas** (on her upcoming birthday).

Board Member Shipp expressed concern that the Swun Math presentation was not made. **Board Member Sharif** explained that per Board President Thomas there was not going to be a presentation, but that persons interesting in addressing the Board about Swun could do so during public comments. Acting Superintendent Frison explained how (according to Board President Thomas) the matter could be re-agendized for Board action. **Board Member Shipp** asked, then, what the status is of Swun Math in the District, adding that she supports it and that it would be detrimental to the District's elementary schools if it is not implemented. **Board Member Sharif** voiced her support of the Program and explained why.

Board Member Shipp thanked all presenters for their reports regarding school opening; commented about the horticulture project she initiated three years ago and for which she does all of the work to maintain the project; suggested that there needs to be an interest by more community members in their neighborhood schools - especially now, given the state of the budget; stated that she plans to help the principal at Caldwell Elementary get such a project started, adding that she will be calling on individuals to help out when Caldwell schedules a beautification day.

11:53 p.m. - MS. SATRA ZURITA LEFT THE MEETING

J. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT
(CONTINUED)

Board Member Garrett thanked Elsie Truby for bringing to the Board's attention an article on Britney Richardson, a teacher at Kelly Elementary School and the District's Teacher of the Year, in an issue of the California Educators magazine; commended Facilities Division for working to improve school facilities; at her request, David Azcarraga, Chief Facilities Officer, provided an update on the removal of e-waste items (old computers, vehicles, etc.) at the Tamarind Site; and thanked the parents for

continuing to entrust their children to the District; stated that it's evident staff is doing a better job with instruction and student achievement, and that more work needs to be done on facilities.

Board Vice President Ali bestowed gratitude and appreciation of all Facilities Division workers for their extraordinary work at Washington Elementary and other schools; congratulated Brittany Richardson, Teacher at Kelly Elementary School, for being featured in the California Educator for her comparable aptitude and ability to drive the change desired in students; thanked the **Acting Superintendent** and Executive Cabinet for a phenomenal first two weeks of school; thanked partners in labor for bringing forth strategic ideas for partnering with the District to save money, save jobs and provide a better education for students; apologized to citizens & taxpayers (*who have complained to him*), employees and other individuals present for holding a public meeting with very little on the Agenda for 7-1/2 hours, which he termed a social travesty and a waste of taxpayers dollars, especially for a meeting in which the Board did not deal with any significant business that truly affects student change; and asked Members of the Board to comport themselves and look at policy or self govern as it relates to ending meetings earlier.

K. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD STUDY SESSION
Education Service Center Board Room - October 12, 2010

MINUTES
Study Session of the
Board of Trustees
COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 14, 2010

10/11-9005 ADJOURNMENT

In silent memory of the following individuals:

- *Lynette Grimes Family - Services on Friday, 9/19/10 - Inglewood Park Cemetery;*
- *Matthew Taylor Family on the loss of Squire Matthews Jr., the brother of Chief Taylor;*
- *Flowers Family on the loss of Cynthia Jean Murray-Allen, mother of Andre Flowers, a Campus Security Officer, and mother-in-law of Ruthenia Flowers, Dispatcher in School Police Dept.*
- Esther Cleaver, a former District Administrator - Director of the Music Department;
- Rita Fuggins, a retired paraprofessional at Anderson Elementary School

MOTION by *MRS. GARRETT*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP*, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees - the time being 12:02 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

*Karen E. Frison
Acting Superintendent*

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