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SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP **Board of Trustees** April 8, 2011

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting/Workshop was called to order by **Ms. Satra Zurita, Board of Trustees President**, at 6:02 p.m., in the Board Room of the District Education Service Center, 501 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221.

1.02 ROLL CALL

The following Members were present:

Micah Ali [ARRIVED AT 6:10 p.m.]
Fred Easter
Margie Garrett
Emma Sharif
Marjorie Shipp
Mae Thomas
Satra Zurita
Karen E. Frison

The following Member was absent:

Donnie King, Student Board Member

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Shipp led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag..

1.04 INVOCATION

Board Member Easter asked that his colleagues and persons in the audience offered silent, individual prayers.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

- **Edwardo Arrerando**, representing Victory Outreach Ministries, petitioned the Board for approval to use Compton High School on April 15th, and requested that the Facilities Use Fee be waived.

Board President Zurita explained that this was a special meeting and that the audience may address the Board on agenda items only. Further, that his request could be agendized for action at the regular Board Meeting on April 12th. He was referred to Mr. Otha Johnson to work out the details of his request.

10/11-102a 4. 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, specifically:
(Time: 6:00 p.m.)

- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation**
 - Murphy v. CUSD - Case #BC454226
 - Claim #10-87887

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION CARRIED

10/11-102b OPEN SESSION

MOTION by *MRS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. GARRETT*, to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Time: 7:07 p.m.).

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

Board President Zurita stated that there was no “Report Out of Closed Session”.

With reference to the gentleman who spoke earlier, requesting permission to use a facility, **Board President Zurita** reported that the Board could not take action at this meeting because "Use of Facilities" was not on the agenda. She stated that there is a process involved with reference to such requests, and she urged the community to be cognizant of the time it takes for such requests to be processed, and that there are some fees that are "fixed" and, therefore, cannot be waived.

Board Member Easter stated that it should be emphasized to requesting parties that a principal's or department head's sign-off on *Requests for Use of Facilities* only means that the facility is available on the desired date; not that the use of the facility is approved. He suggested that such a notation be included on the form or attached in a memorandum.

Acting Superintendent Frison stated that she will distribute a memorandum to all principals and department heads reminding them that their sign-offs on Requests for Facilities only means that the facility is available for use on the desired date - not that the request *to use the facility* is approved. Further, that department heads/site administrators should so indicate such to the requesting parties/organizations when they sign the request.

Board President Zurita suggested that consideration be given to the processing of Requests for Use of Facilities by the Facilities Department ONLY: Facilities would then receive requests, verify availability of facilities, set the fees, and present the item for Board approval.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *Presentation on Categorical Funds*

Assistant Superintendent Deborah Willard introduced **Mrs. Ann Cooper**, *Senior Director of Special Projects*, who provided the Board with a presentation on the use of categorical funds. **Mrs. Cooper** distributed copies of information regarding her presentation and explained in detail the purpose of the consolidated application program funding, the functions of school site councils, and how the various funds may be utilized. She reported that the following categorical programs are handled in Special Projects: Title I, EIA/LEP & State Compensatory Education, and QEIA. There was some discussion regarding utilizing Title I funds to lower of class size and the construction, operation and monitoring of School Site Councils. **Mrs. Cooper** clarified that School Site Councils are not advisory, and that they are required to update/amend the school plan annually for substantive reasons. She continued that the District has never had a carryover of categorical funds above the required percentage; that the only time a large carryover occurred was when Title I ARRA funds were received late, with the understanding that over a two-year period the funds would be expended. She added that it is expected that there will not be a carryover of ARRA funds by the cut-off date of September 30, 2011, and no more than the \$1.6 million (10% of the 15% allowed) carry-over, which is in professional development, and that the funds will be used for staff development in the summer. **Mrs. Cooper** also responded to questions raised by Board Members. *(Copies of documents distributed by Mrs. Cooper are appended as part of the official Minutes of this meeting.)*

Board Member Thomas requested information to verify that public hearings were held on Tier III funding.

Board Member Ali strongly suggested that staff move on hiring PAR teachers.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- ***Presentation on Categorical Funds.***
(CONTINUED)

Board Member Easter reminded staff to keep in mind, when reducing staff, that employees on special assignment paid out of categorical funds have a right to a general fund position. **Board Member Ali** questioned whether or not (certificated) employees on special assignment have been evaluated and whether or not they should to go back into the classroom. Dr. Ajala, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Division, reported on the job duties/functions of teachers on special assignment.

In response to **Board Member Ali's** question, and given the report on categorical funds, **Mr. Aejandro Flores, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources**, reported that the following categorically funded positions (approximately) will be eliminated from the last layoff approved by the Board on March 22, 2011: *58 specialists, 9 counselors, 81 instructional assistants, 22 clerks and central office classified positions yet to be determined.*

Acting Superintendent Frison reported professional development funds will be utilized to provide opportunities for teachers who are not working this summer, teachers who are teaching credit recovery for secondary students, and special education teachers.

Mrs. Cooper's response to a question raised by **Board Member Shipp**, was that it is expected QEIA funds will last through 2013/14, but that there is a possibility of those funds being exhausted by the end of the 2012/13 school year. **Board Member Ali** suggested that, given the impact the lack of QEIA funds will have on the 14 schools in the program, staff should begin now to dialogue with the community via community forums about the exhaustion of those funds.

Mr. Aubrey Craig, Senior Director of Fiscal Services, presented the report on ***Tier III Flexibility Programs and Title III***, and responded to questions raised by Board Members. *(A copy of the PowerPoint is appended as part of the official Minutes of this meeting.)*

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10/11-9022 5. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by *MS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. GARRETT*, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees - time being 9:18 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

*Karen E. Frison
Acting Superintendent*

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