



Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP **Board of Trustees** March 5, 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 9:17 a.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
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 Vice President Garrett led the Pledge..

1.04 INVOCATION

Board Members, Staff and members of the audience offered silent, individual prayers.

2. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Yolanda Lopez**, 2809-1/2 North Wilmington Avenue, Compton 90222
Indicated that she was speaking on behalf of the Parent Union for Compton; emphasized parents' concerns about school consolidation/realignment; and urged the Board to make good decisions regarding school closures, and that they keep the students in mind. She stated that parents do not bring problems to the schools; that parents will not allow the administration to violate their and their children's civil rights; and that they (the parents) will continue to be involved in and supportive of programs in the schools.

3. **WORKSHOP - OPEN SESSION**

- **Board & Superintendent Training - Charter Schools**
Ms. Stephanie Medrano Farland, Senior Policy Consultant - California School Boards Association, thoroughly reviewed with Board Members the PowerPoint presentation, "*Authorizing Charter Schools: The Board Role*", highlighting items that warrant the Board's attention when a petition is received, once a charter is approved, and how renewals of charter petitions are handled. She also responded to questions raised by Board Members. (*The PowerPoint document above referenced is appended as part of the official Minutes of this meeting.*)

The importance of the Board establishing policies regarding charter schools was emphasized.

Ms. Farland stated that she would provide information as to whether or not charter schools have access to QEIA funds. (Mr. Ali's request)

Board President Zurita stated that Board Members may direct any specific questions or concerns to Michelle Holmes, Attorney, from the law offices of Littler Mendelson,

4. **PRESENTATION**

- **School Consolidation/Realignment - DecisionInsite**

Ms. Deborah Willard, Associate Superintendent, Business & Administrative Services, introduced Mr. Tony Ferruzzo, Senior Consultant with DecisionInsite, who provided an overview of a previous presentation on "*School Consolidation and Realignment, dated March 5, 2011*", specifically as it related to recommendations for school consolidation/

4. **PRESENTATION**

- ***School Consolidation/Realignment - Decision Insite***
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realignment set forth in the District Fiscal Stabilization Plan. Mr. Ferruzzo also responded to questions and concerns raised by Board Members.
(The PowerPoint document for Mr. Ferruzzo's presentation is appended as part of the official Minutes of this meeting.)

Board Member Easter emphasized the importance of staff planning appropriately and timely. He also emphasized the importance of staff convening the 7/11 Committee so that the Board will know exactly how the savings will be realized.

Ms. Willard responded affirmatively to a question as to whether or not the District had met its legal requirements.

There was much discussion regarding the closure of McKinley Elementary School, with some Board Members voicing opposition to such a recommendation: Reported, nostalgia is associated with McKinley, as it is the oldest school in the District. Also Board Members expressed concern that small children will be placed on a campus with middle school-age students..

Board President Zurita stress the importance of parents believing that their participation and input in the school consolidation/realignment process is being considered and not that they're being invited to participate just to appease them.,

Board Member Ali requested that staff provide him with all scenarios related to school closures/consolidations/realignments.

Board Member Easter suggested that staff look into the housing development project near the 710 freeway with a view to determining how Clinton Elementary will be impacted, given the number of students who might be housed there.

Board Member Ali expressed concern that a letter went out on Friday to parents, announcing a parent meeting the following Monday.

Board Member Shipp interjected that what's happening (regarding budget reductions is not unique to Compton, and that the Board is going to have to take a stand.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION by *MR. EASTER*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP*, to Approve Item 10/11-5059, as follows:

10/11-5059

**School Consolidation/Realignment
(Business and Administrative Services)**

Comment: On August 31, 2010, the Board approved a Fiscal Stabilization Plan to ensure that it can meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and through 2012/2013. The plan included the realignment/consolidation of a minimum of 2 schools. After soliciting and considering community input, staff is now submitting a recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Recommendation: Approve closure of two schools in fiscal year 2011/2012 and closure of one school in fiscal year 2012/2013.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated savings to the District as follows:

- 2011/2012 - \$760,000 (staffing only)
- 2012/2013 \$380,000

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE 10/11-5059

*THOMAS - No
SHARIF - Yes
SHIPP - Yes
GARRETT - No
EASTER - Yes
ALI - No
ZURITA - No*

MOTION FAILED

10/11-5059a

MOTION by *ALI* to approve 10/11-5059 with an amendment to exclude closure of one school (*McKinley*) in fiscal year 2012/13.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND

6. CLOSED SESSION

DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR, ***IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD*** THAT THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS BE HELD OVER FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:***
 - Assistant Superintendent
 - Senior Director
 - Director
 - Administrator

- ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/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))
 - LASC Case No. BC454226
 - Claim For Out Of Class Pay

- ***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation***
[Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)]
 - 2 potential cases

10/11-9018 7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by *MR. EASTER*, **SECOND** by *MS. SHARIF*, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees - time being 12:10 a.m.

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted:

***Karen E. Frison
Acting Superintendent***

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