



Minutes

SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Trustees

January 5, 2010

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING

1.01 CALL TO ORDER - Mrs. Mae Thomas President - Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mae Thomas, Board President, at 6:07 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
Fred Easter
Margie Garrett
Emma Sharif
Marjorie Shipp
Mae Thomas
Satra Zurita
Kaye E. Burnside**

The following Member was absent:

Oseas Chavaque
Student Board Member

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Superintendent, **Karen Frison**, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.04 INVOCATION

Rev. Herles Holmes rendered the invocation.

2. OPEN SESSION

Audience Comments – Agenda and Non Agenda Items

There were no audience comments.

2. **OPEN SESSION**
(CONTINUED)

Presentation of Race To The Top (RTTT) Grant

Mrs. Ann Cooper, Senior Director of Special Projects made a in depth, detailed presentation on the RTTT Grant.

She stated that the District's letter of intent, due by December 31, 2009, had been submitted. She continued that Board authorization was needed to submit a fully executed Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) by January 8, 2010 - in order for the state to meet its January 19th deadline for submitting an application to the federal government; thus the necessity for this special meeting. She added that state legislation is pending.

She stated that awards will be announced in April, after which school districts will have 90 days to formulate and submit their plans.

Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were distributed to Board Members and those present in the audience - and a copy will be appended as part of the official Minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. Cooper responded to questions and comments raised by Board Members. She stressed that there is a hold harmless provision for districts who decide to opt out of participating in this grant. Further, that if the District agrees to receive the funding but is unable to come to agreement on a particular issue, funds received remain in the District. She continued that the funds can be used to overhaul and upgrade systems and provide some of the things parents and Board Members want to see in the District, as well as fund the various required reports to the state. She emphasized that RTTT funds are for school reform; that RTTT specifics are under discussion; and that Board consensus was needed at this point in order to proceed with submitting the Memorandum of Understanding needed by the State as part of its application to the federal government for these funds.

09/10-9010a **MOTION** by *MR. Ali*, **SECOND** by *MS. SHARIF*, authorizing staff to proceed with submitting a Memorandum of Understanding to the State Department of Education, the deadline for which is January 8, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

09/10-9010b 3. **ADJOURNMENT**
MOTION by Mr. Ali, **SECOND** by Ms. Sharif, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. – the time being 7:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted:

Kaye E. Burnside, Ed.D.
Superintendent