



Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 6, 2012

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING

1.01 The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margie Garrett, Board President, at 6:13 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
Karen E. Frison
Denzel Pe4rry
*Alternate Student Board Member***

**The following Member was not present:
Satra Zurita**

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1.04 INVOCATION

Rev. Herles Holmes rendered the invocation.

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2. CLOSED SESSION

No one signed up to speak on the Closed Session item.

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11/12-089 2. CLOSED SESSION
(CONTINUED)

MOTION, SECOND (MS. SHARIF/MR. ALI), to recess to Closed Session to consider matters within the purview of the Brown Act. (Time: 6:15 p.m.), specifically:

- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Anticipated Litigation)**
(Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c))
- 2 Potential Cases

MOTION CARRIED

3. OPEN SESSION

MOTION, SECOND (MR. ALI/MRS. SHIP), to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. (Time: 7:28 p.m.)

MOTION CARRIED

There was no report out of Closed Session.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – Agenda Item Only

The following individuals signed up to and did address the Board of Trustees:

- 1) Mary Sitter – 333 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA
Ms. Sitter brought to the Board’s concern that material was ~~on~~ the back table that depicted offensive and inappropriate cartoons.
- 2) Diana Padilla, 15124 South Fraley Avenue, Compton, CA
Ms. Padilla commented about the Title 3 funding and the administrator.
- 3) Yolanda Lopez – 2809-1/2 North Wilmington Avenue, Compton, CA
Ms. Lopez commented regarding the budget and indicated that parents need to what the administration’s plans are for expending the funding.
- 4) Maria Villareal – 609 West Peach Street, Compton, CA
Ms. Villareal commented regarding the budget and indicated what the needs are in the schools.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a) *Second Interim Budget Report*
- b) *Overview - Governor's Budget*
- c) *Tier III Funding*
- d) *Proposed Stabilization Plan*

Mrs. Deborah Willard, Associate Superintendent - Business & Administrative Services, made a brief statement regarding the above referenced items, and introduced Mr. Aubrey Craig, Sr. Director of Fiscal Services. Mr. Craig formally presented:

- the Second Interim Report, covering the financial transactions of the District from July 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 – reflecting a shortfall of \$52.3 million three years out - and which must be presented to the County Office of Education by March 15, 2012;
- an overview/update of the Governor's budget;
- information regarding Tier III programs; and
- the proposed Stabilization Plan.

(A copy of the referenced copies are appended as part of the official Minutes of this meeting.)

Considerable discussion ensued. Ms. Willard & Mr. Craig responded to questions and concerns raised by Board Members.

Board Member Ali asked for a report on the return on investment for all of the budgeted line items - for students, capital improvement, etc. 2) how can more be done with less people in the central office, as there seems to be a surplus of employees in the central office before reductions are made at school sites and in other areas. Let's look at all of our staffing and bring it into alignment... At one time management of school sites was decentralizing; now the Administration is decentralizing school management – because “the principal needs to decide if, in fact, they're going to get rid of a person.” He emphasized the importance of vetting reductions with the various groups (unions, DAC, DELAC, School Site Councils, etc. before a

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~~If the recommendation is made and to avoid lengthy discussion when the item is presented to the Board. on what the Board thinks (in a vacuum), we will probably have a long Board meeting that evening. I would hope that the Administration sits down with we would franchise the various collective bargaining groups ivw bargaining groups and sit dxtown with ns on.) or~~

Mrs. Willard emphasized the importance of a decision being made relative to the \$20+ million budget shortfall, in order to have a balanced budget for the 2012/13 school year, adding that district-wide staffing alignment is key.

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Board Member Ali stated, for the record, *“I'm not going to sit here and let the District go under to save a few jobs/ that's not going to be the case. Further, I'm not going to sit here and let students leave the District at an alarming rate (700 per year) because we (the Board) failed to act (listen to the customers, who happen to be students) tell us what they want, and right*

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now, they want to eat a quality meal, and they want quality/sound instruction, and a clean environment.”

Board Member Fisher requested that staff reductions start with Central Office sites – not the schools.

4. PRESENTATIONS
(CONTINUED)

- e) *Strategic Counsel – District’s Lobbyist*

There was no report from Strategic Counsel.

5. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

MOTION by Ms. Sharif, **SECOND** by ~~Mrs~~Mrs., Shipp to approve Item 11/12--5052, as follows:

11/12-5052 **Resolution No. 11/12-23 – Potential \$370 Per ADA Reduction And Additional Budget Reductions to Bridge the Total CUSD Budget Shortfall (Business and Administrative Services)**

COMMENT: The purpose of this resolution is to develop a plan to deal with the potential loss of \$370 per average daily attendance (ADA) at mid-year in the event that the Governor’s tax initiative is not approved and in order to keep the school district solvent. In addition, the district must have a plan to further reduce the budget to cover \$21.8 million budget shortfall (FY 2012/13) on/or before July 1, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

DATES: Fiscal Years 2012/13 and 2013/14

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

Board Member Ali read the Resolution.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, with an amendment to correct the indicated typographical error.

ALI – No

MOTION CARRIED

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Board Member Fisher made the following announcement:

1) Basketball Games (free) Tuesdays & Thursdays – 6 & 7 p.m., Wilson Park, 123 N. Rose Avenue or contact Brian Parker at 310-7631-3845

He wished the Honorable, Retired Compton Councilwoman Delores Zurita a happy 76th birthday, and reported on his attendance at a free Community Concert at Compton HS the past Friday, adding that those who missed it, missed a treat.

Board Member Shipp asked that staff report back to her to why (*inaudible*) are being charged \$25 for a trip; stressed the importance of GATE students being kept busy; and asked why PTA's are paying for school supplies – if that's happening.

Board President Garrett reminded her colleagues that the District Advisory Council is meeting the following evening (Wednesday, March 7th).

Board Member Fisher thanked Mrs. Willard for getting the Student Nutrition Task Force started; requested that Ms. Yolanda Lopez be added as a member of the Task Force.

11/12-9017 6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Sharif, **SECOND** by Mr. Ali, to adjourn the meeting – in silent memory of: **Congressman Donald Payne** – the first Black official elected to the House of Representatives Ofrom New Jersey - ~~ey~~

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Time being 9:32 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Frison
Interim Superintendent