



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Board of Trustees

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM
501 South Santa Fe Avenue - Compton, CA 90221
Monday, July 2, 2012

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margie Garrett, Board President, at 5:10 p.m., in the Board Room of the District Education Service Center, 501 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221.

1.02 ROLL CALL

Margie Garrett
Emma Sharif
Marjorie Shipp
Mae Thomas
Satra Zurita
Dr. Carmella S. Franco
Denzel Perry
Student Board Member

The following Members were not present:

Micah Ali
Sky D. Fisher

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Denzell Perry, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.04 INVOCATION

At the request of **Board President Margie N. Garrett** the Invocation was conducted silently.

At the request of **Board Member Zurita**, Natalia-Cerilyn Su'a, Student Board Member for 2012/2013 school year, was acknowledged. Miss Su'a will be formally introduced at the July 10, 2012, Board Study Session.

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2. OPEN SESSION

Board President, Margie Garrett, introduced Dr. Carmella S. Franco, as the new Interim Superintendent. President Garrett shared highlights of Dr. Franco's career as an educator and administrator and reported that the Interim Superintendent would be serving in the District for approximately two months.

Dr. Carmella Franco commented that during her tenure she would be assisting the Board and the District as the process for selecting a permanent superintendent moved forward; stated that her goal was to see that all operations ran smoothly, that issues were addressed and to ensure that preparations for the start of the new school year were in order.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following individuals welcomed Dr. Carmella S. Franco to the Compton Unified School District.

- **PARENTS OF WILLOWBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**, 2601 N. Wilmington, Compton, CA 90221
- **MARIE MORRIS**, et. al., Washington Elementary School
- **RODNEY ANDREWS**, 909 West Spruce Street, Compton, CA
- **JAIME PEREZ**, Special Needs Teacher, Centennial High School
- **ERNESTO VILLASENOR**, Former Student Board Member, 1014 S. Acacia Avenue, Compton, CA

- **YOLANDA LOPEZ**, President, Power Organization, Willowbrook, No Address provided. Welcomed Dr. Franco and stated if the students of Compton could receive a quality education they would be able to become good doctors, scientist and other great professionals; but, in order to do so, parents, teachers and Board members must work together.

- **LUCIO RITARDO**, 2566 124th Street, Compton, CA 90222
Welcomed Dr. Franco to the District and requested that consideration be given to placing Public Comments earlier on the agenda; request an increase in Campus Security at the school sites; and commented on the dress code for teachers and students.

- **DIANNA PADILLA**, 15124 South Frailey Avenue, Compton, CA 90221
Expressed concern about the reduction in staff (80 teachers); and commented on the salary for the Interim Superintendent.

- **SEGUNDO CALDERON**, District Employee, 711 Alondra Boulevard, Paramount, CA
Welcomed Dr. Franco to the District; expressed hope that she would stay and that Hispanic pride would be renewed in the City of Compton. Mr. Calderon commented on the recent incidents that he has been involved with, requested that his issues be addressed and provided Dr. Franco with information.

- **ULYSSES MARTINEZ**, 537 West Cherry Street, Compton, Ca
Welcomed the new Interim Superintendent and commented about the District's ranking in the California School Report regarding API Scores.

At the request of **Board President Garrett, William Hawkins, The Hawkins Company**, provided the following update regarding the superintendent search process: Reported that the company was heavily involved in the recruitment phase of the search; that five candidates (from the initial pool of candidates) have been evaluated, three of which were currently available; reported that eight additional applications were received; and that the recruitment process was scheduled to close July 20, 2012. Mr. Hawkins also reported that during the week of July 23, 2012, he was hopeful that the Board would be able to review/discuss the prospective candidates; during the first part of August, preliminary interviews and site visits would be conducted; and, by the end of August, the Board may be able to make an appointment.

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4. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **Board Member Zurita**
Recognized her mother, Retired Councilwoman, Delores Zurita; and thanked Dr. Franco for accepting the invitation to serve as Interim Superintendent; reported that Dr. Franco was well respected and an experienced Educational Leader; that she brought 40 years of experience to the District and has worked as a superintendent and interim superintendent.
- **Board Member Thomas**
Thanked Dr. Franco for coming to serve in the District; stated that Compton USD had some of the best teachers but explained that working in the classroom with students was not an easy job; commented that she believed in fighting for what was right; that she planned to follow authority, as long as it was going in the right direction; stated that the District also had good classified employees as well; and encouraged Dr. Franco to visit as many school sites as possible.
- **Board Member Shipp**
Thanked the community and employees for attending the Special Meeting to welcome Dr. Carmello Franco to the District; extended her personal thanks to the Interim Superintendent for consenting to serve; and wished her well in accomplishing her goals during the next few months.
- **Board Member Fisher**
Thanked Dr. Franco for accepting the opportunity to come to Compton Unified; thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Governing Board; stated that the Board had two important duties: 1) Adopting the yearly budget, and 2) To appoint the District's Superintendent who was in charge of carrying out the vision through day-to-day operations; thanked community members and District staff for their attendance; and stated, although Dr. Franco's time with Compton Unified was short, he was confident that she would do her best to assure that the days of students receiving sub-standard education would end, very soon.

Board Member Fisher also extended special congratulatory wishes to Elijah DeVaughn, (*student*), for receiving straight A's on his last report card.
- **Board Member Ali**
Acknowledged the presence of Retired Councilwoman, Delores Zurita; expressed his thanks to Dr. Franco for consented to serve the District for the next 60 days; commented that she was bringing a wealth of experience, having served as a Superintendent for over ten years in one school district; stated that she possessed knowledge about Special Education, Business and Facilities; reported that during her prior administration she implemented a plan to increase student Average Daily Attendance (ADA); and stated that he was looking forward to working with Dr. Franco to stabilize the District.
- **Board Member Sharif**
Expressed thanks to the community and District staff members for taking time from their schedule to welcome Dr. Franco to the District; thanked Dr. Franco for deciding to assist CUSD; and that she was looking forward to working with her during the next few months.
- **Denzell Perry, Student Board Member**
Welcomed Interim Superintendent, Dr. Carmella Franco on behalf of the students.
- **Board President Garrett**
Reported that she had the privilege of meeting Dr. Franco last Thursday; that it was a pleasure to speak with her about the District, her position and her plans; stated that Dr. Franco was focused and had the expertise that was needed to fulfill the Interim Superintendent's position (during the search for a permanent superintendent); and expressed confidence that she was a good fit for the District.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

11/13-9001 **MOTION** by *MS. ZURITA*, **SECOND** by *MR. ALI* to adjourn the **Special Meeting** of the Board of Trustees - the time being 6:01 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Carmella S. Franco
Interim Superintendent

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