



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP
Board of Trustees

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM
501 South Santa Fe Avenue - Compton, CA 90221
Thursday, March 29, 2012

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margie Garrett, Board President, at 5:42 p.m., in the Board Room of the District Education Service Center, 501 South Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, CA 90221.

1.02 ROLL CALL

Skyy D. Fisher
Margie Garrett
Emma Sharif
Marjorie Shipp
Mae Thomas
Karen E. Frison

The following Members were not present:

Micah Ali
Satra Zurita
Denzel Perry
Student Board Member

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Skyy Fisher, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.04 INVOCATION

Board President Margie N. Garrett requested that the invocation be conducted silently.

2. OPEN SESSION

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**
None.

3. CLOSED SESSION

11/12-102a

MOTION by *MRS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP* to recess to Closed Session for Conference with Real Property Negotiators. (Time: 5:44 p.m.), specifically:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

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| 1) | Property | <i>Caldwell Street Elementary School
2300 West Caldwell Street, Compton, CA</i> |
| | Agency Negotiator: | <i>David M. Huff, Esq.</i> |
| | Negotiating Party: | <i>New Millennium Secondary School</i> |
| | Under Negotiation: | <i>Price and terms of payment</i> |
| 2) | Property | <i>Willard Elementary School
310 East El Segundo Boulevard, Compton, CA</i> |
| | Agency Negotiator: | <i>David M. Huff, Esq.</i> |
| | Negotiating Party: | <i>Celerity Sirius Charter School</i> |
| | Under Negotiation: | <i>Price and terms of payment</i> |

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION CARRIED

B. OPEN SESSION

11/12-102b

MOTION by *MRS. SHIPP*, **SECOND** by *MR. FISHER* to reconvene into Open Session – Time: 7:07 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION CARRIED

There was no report out of Closed Session.

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4. OPEN SESSION

Audience Comments – Agenda Items Only

- **YOLANDA LOPEZ**, 2809 ½ Wilmington Avenue, Compton, CA 90222
Asked if space would be offered to other charter schools; inquired about funds that the District would have saved from the closure of two schools; and stated that some of the schools have been used as businesses.
- **NINKA AYALA**, Cesar Chavez Rep., 912 S. Tamarind, Compton, CA
Requested that the Board consider providing assistance to the schools currently functioning in the District rather than assisting newly established schools; and commented about the furniture at Cesar Chavez.
- **MARIA VILLAREAL**, 609 West Peach Street, Compton, CA
Commented that the sign-in sheet should have reflected that each speaker must address agenda items only; commented that during a Community Forum the public was informed that school closures would cut cost and not eliminate staff; and requested information about funds that the District saved by closing schools and the number of employees retained.
- **MARTHA LAMAS**, 1705 West 156th Street, Compton, CA 90220
Inquired about procedures for school closures; commented that the teaching methods were different at charter schools; reported that they (charter schools) do not provide physical education; and suggested that the District provide better academic courses in addition to alternative ways of educating students.

At the request of Board President Garrett, Deborah Willard, Associated Superintendent, Business Services Administration, provided information about the process for closing schools; stated that the estimated savings dealt with the reduction in administrative cost of approximately \$350,000 - \$380,000; explained that the savings were used to help bridge the budget shortfall; and reported that there was still a significant budget shortfall that remained.

Mrs. Willard also reported that there would possibly be school closures during the 2013/2014 school year.

At the request of Board President Garrett, David Huff, Legal Counsel, addressed concerns raised by the public regarding Charter Schools.

11/12-4046

5. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

Alternative facilities agreements with Celerity Sirius Charter School at Willard Elementary School and New Millennium Secondary School at Caldwell Street Elementary School
(Pursuant to Title 2 CCR 11969.1.)

COMMENT: Pursuant to Proposition 39, the District is obligated to share space fairly with charter school students. These alternative facilities agreements benefit both the charter schools and the District – they result in providing requested space to charter school students and also generate usage fee revenue for the District.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: No New Appropriation Required. The District is currently maintaining these sites.

NO ACTION TAKEN

It was the consensus of the Board to handle Celerity Sirius Charter School and the New Millennium Secondary School as separate items.

MOTION by *MR. FISHER*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHARIF* to approve the facilities agreements with Celerity Sirius Charter School at Willard Elementary, Item No. 11/12-4046a.

5. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

(Continued)

11/12-4046a

Alternative facilities agreements with Celerity Sirius Charter School at Willard Elementary School and New Millennium Secondary School at Caldwell Street Elementary School

(Pursuant to Title 2 CCR 11969.1.)

COMMENT: Pursuant to Proposition 39, the District is obligated to share space fairly with charter school students. These alternative facilities agreements benefit both the charter schools and the District – they result in providing requested space to charter school students and also generate usage fee revenue for the District.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: No New Appropriation Required. The District is currently maintaining these sites.

Discussion Item No. 11/12-4046a

Board Member Fisher stated that the Los Angeles County Office of Education would be vacating the site at Willard Elementary; and that six classrooms would be available for use by Celerity Sirius Charter School.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE Item No. 11/12-4046a.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by *MRS. SHARIF*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHIPP* to approve the facilities agreements with New Millennium Secondary School at Caldwell Street Elementary School.

11/12-4046b

Alternative facilities agreements with Celerity Sirius Charter School at Willard Elementary School and New Millennium Secondary School at Caldwell Street Elementary School

(Pursuant to Title 2 CCR 11969.1.)

COMMENT: Pursuant to Proposition 39, the District is obligated to share space fairly with charter school students. These alternative facilities agreements benefit both the charter schools and the District – they result in providing requested space to charter school students and also generate usage fee revenue for the District.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: No New Appropriation Required. The District is currently maintaining these sites.

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5. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

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Discussion Item No. 11/12-4046b

Board Member Fisher commented that the New Millennium Secondary School, a non-Compton School currently housed in Carson, CA, would be in competition with the existing secondary schools in our District; and stated that the charter school would create competition that the District could not afford at this time.

Board Member Shipp stated per Legal Counsel, that the District would be in a better position to negotiate with New Millennium Secondary School next year based on the current law; explained, if the charter school requested space in the District next year and the District elected not to approve the agenda item this year, CUSD would not have any legal grounds to deny their request for the 2012/2013 school year; therefore, the District was in a better position to approve the item at this time versus next year.

Board Member Fisher stated that New Millennium Secondary School had other options for which to select space; inquired as to why CUSD's facility was being considered; and suggested that the District take the chance of them coming to the District. He also commented that public transportation was not as accessible in the Compton area versus other areas.

Board President Garrett responded that CUSD may have been the charter school's choice due to its close proximity to the Carson community.

Board Member Shipp stated if negotiations were deferred until next year, the charter school would be able to request space at any of the three high schools in the District which would present a greater sense of competition.

Interim Superintendent Frison requested that this matter be tabled until the next Board Meeting.

Deborah Willard requested that the Board give consideration to tabling the item to allow further negotiations; and that such negotiation could possibly yield additional revenue for the District.

Board Member Sharif expressed concern about approving the item without the opportunity to conduct additional research.

After considerable discussion it was the consensus of the Board to Table the Item; and, the initial motion was withdrawn.

ITEM TABLED

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MOTION by *MRS. SHIPP*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHARIF* to approve the Final Notification of Space to Today's Fresh Start Item No. 11/12-4047.

5. ACTION ITEMS (Non-Consent)

(Continued)

11/12-4047

Final Notification of Space to Today's Fresh Start
(Pursuant to Title 2 CCR 11969.9(h)).

COMMENT: Pursuant to Proposition 39, the District is obligated to share space fairly with charter school students. Today's Fresh Start has requested facilities from the District in compliance with the Proposition 39 Implementing Regulations and the District is obligated to offer space for eligible students attending Today's Fresh Start.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: A nominal appropriation may be required in the future related to placing the charter school on a District campus; however, this appropriation should be more than off-set by payments of the pro-rata share of costs by the charter school.

Discussion Item No. 11/12-4047

David Huff, District Legal Counsel, clarified that Today's Fresh Start was a lawfully operating charter school chartered by the County of Los Angeles, and not by the School District; reported that the charter school has drawn students from Compton Unified School District; that this year, the projection for Today's Fresh Start's student enrollment from the District was 58 students; and as a result, the District was obligated to provide classrooms sufficient to accommodate 58 students at the same loading ratio that the District loads its students in the same grades, K-3; therefore, the District was required to offer Today's Fresh Start three (3) classrooms at one of its elementary schools.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE Item No. 11/12-4047.

*Board Member Fisher – NO
Board Member Ali – Absent
Board Member Thomas – Absent
Board Member Zurita – Absent*

MOTION FAILED

6. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT

- **Board Member Shipp**
No Comments.
- **Board Member Sharif**
No Comments.
- **Board Member Fisher**
Stated that during his comments at a previous Board Meeting (March 27, 2012), he commented about reforming secondary education; that at the meeting Special Education would possibly be moving from the second floor; reported that the Purchasing Department would be moving; and asked why the

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**6. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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- **Board Member Fisher** - *(Continued)*
Purchasing Department was growing.

Deborah Willard explained that the move was in the works for over 1 ½ years; clarified that the Purchasing Department was not growing but that the Business Division was in need of space; and that there were boxes stacked/stored inappropriately.

Alex Flores, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, explained that the Human Resources Department relinquished a cubicle so that the Secondary Education staff would be housed together.

Board Member Fisher inquired as to the number of staff members working with elementary and secondary education.

Deborah Willard responded that there were 6 staff members with elementary and 4 staff members for secondary education.

Board Member Fisher thanked the students of Dominguez, Centennial and Compton High Schools who showed solidarity to Trayvon Martin by wearing hoodies.

- **Board Member Thomas**
Left the Dias and did not return prior to the close of the meeting.
(Time: Not recorded.)
- **Interim Superintendent, Frison**
No Comments.
- **Board President Garrett**
No Comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

11/12-4047 **MOTION** by *MRS. SHIPP*, **SECOND** by *MRS. SHARIF* to adjourn the **Special Meeting/Workshop** of the Board of Trustees - the time being 8:03 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Frison
Interim Superintendent

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