

MINUTES

Board Room, Education Center
11321 Bullis Road
Lynwood, California 90262

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 22, 2011, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. to conduct closed session from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm by Vice President, Mr. Solache in the absence of President Espinoza, who was on his way. Four board members were present to form a quorum as well as the superintendent, with Mr. Espinoza arriving during closed session.

ROLL CALL:

Oscar Espinoza, President
José Luis Solache, Vice President
Rachel Chavez, Clerk
Maria G. Lopez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Esq., Member
Mr. Edward Velasquez, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

Administrators Present:

Paul Gothold, Chief Academic Officer
Peter Wong, Interim Business Manager/CFO

Bill Trejo, Sandra Garcia, Attorneys, Leal & Trejo

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS - None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Lopez, to adjourn the meeting into closed session at 5:02 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

4. GOVERNING BOARD

- 4.2 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (GC 54956.9(b)(3)(A))
- 4.3 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC54956.9)
Case: Crowder v. Lynwood Unified School District

9. HUMAN RESOURCES/CERTIFICATED

- 9.5 Request Approval for Resolution No. 10-11/24, Non Re-Election of Probationary Certificated Employees and Release of Temporary Certificated Employees
- 9.6 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/28, Education Code 44951 "March Notice"

10. HUMAN RESOURCES/CLASSIFIED

- 10.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Suspension of Classified Employees

12. ADMINISTRATION

- 12.1 Public Employee Appointment/Employment
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RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION : 6:00 PM

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on February 22, 2011, was called to order at 6:10 p.m. to conduct the regular business meeting by the President, Mr. Espinoza. All board members were present, including the superintendent.

ROLL CALL:

Oscar Espinoza, President
José Luis Solache, Vice President
Rachel Chavez, Clerk
Maria G. Lopez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Esq., Member

Mr. Edward Velasquez, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

3. Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag Alfonso Morales

4. GOVERNING BOARD

- 4.1 Request Approval of Agenda, Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session Agenda, February 22, 2011
 Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mrs. Lopez, to approve the agenda for the regular board meeting February 22, 2011 as being duly posted.
 Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes Request Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting February 8 and Special Board Meeting February 15, 2011
 Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2011 and the special meeting held on February 15, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

- 4.4 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/27, Women's History Month – March 2011
 Motion by Mr. Solache, second by Mr. Morales, to approve
 Resolution No. 10-11/27. Motion carried 5-0.

- 4.5 Request Approval for the Board to Vote for Candidates for the
 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
 Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Lopez, to approve the slate of candidates for the CSBA Delegate Assembly election. Motion carried 5-0.

5. REPORTS

Student Representative Reports

Firebaugh High School - Ismael Delgado
Lynwood High School - Vanessa Serrano
Lynwood Community Adult School – Susana Linares
Vista Continuation High School – Wendy Manajo

The student reports are attached as part of the minutes

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5. REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Velasquez reported he visited Lynwood MS with a focus on facilities and spoke with the Principal and Mr. Lett, MOT, regarding things he wants corrected at LMS.

Mr. Velasquez reported he attended an event at the Huasteca on February 16 honoring Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas and met with him and reported the district will be working in collaboration with his staff to provide additional support for our students in area of mental health/ tutorial services

He also met with Lt. Chavez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. and will continue to work and network with the Sheriff's Dept. to ensure our kids are safe on campus and on the way to and from school and will be presenting a districtwide safety plan to ensure our school sites are safe for our students and employees. Part of the plan will include the three areas that need to be focused on to ensure safety - prevention, intervention, and suppression.

In the area of prevention he has met with members who are responsible for the "WeTip" program and will be presenting a board initiative to participate in the "We Tip" program with a letter going out to the community. This is a program where community members can make phone calls anonymously and report when they see a crime occurring. We are experiencing a lot of vandalism in our schools and we need the community's help. A reward up to \$1,000 is provided through our liability insurance.

Board Member Reports

Alfonso Morales

No report

Maria Lopez

No report

Rachel Chavez

Mrs. Chavez reported she attended the district Oratorical Contest held on Wednesday for 3-6th grade and students represented every elementary school. They heard about 60-70 poems with the children reciting original poems and giving speeches on the Gettysburg Address, Cesar Chavez, and a student at Mark Twain recited a special Susan B. Anthony speech on women's rights to vote. It was well attended and very interesting. On Thursday grades 7-12 participated; however, there were not many participants. She thanked Mrs. Coffey, Coordinator, for being in charge and restoring the oratorical contest as it is a wonderful opportunity for our students and was amazed at the talent our children have.

José Luis Solache

Mr. Solache reported on the news regarding the many layoffs in Los Angeles USD and Long Beach USD and stated this board is proud of the PARS retirement incentive that will help reduce layoffs for our district. He again stated he is happy that some people are retiring – it is a win-win situation but he feels badly that some amazing teachers are retiring – such as his former sixth grade teacher who is retiring this year.

He announced the City has named the last Sunday of February as Special Needs Day to acknowledge students with special needs. The event is being put together by parents and donations to help fund this event are being accepted and if you wish to make a donation he will forward it to them.

He also announced the city is putting together a parking permit program – it is a city issue. The Mayor will be conducting a community meeting open forum to address this issue and it will be held at Lynwood MS tomorrow.

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Board Reports

Oscar Espinoza

Mr. Espinoza reported he attended the MESA event at UC Irvine held on Saturday and Lynwood was successful in some of the events such as a biomedical arm made of syringes and a mouse trap which LHS won in 3 seconds. Firebaugh swept the impromptu speech competition with speeches on environment and science.

He also attended the African Community event at Plaza Mexico honoring Mr. Mark Ridley Thomas for being the first male African American to serve on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He stated he sees the need to work together – the city, churches, business leaders and community members, because if we work together a lot more can be accomplished.

He asked for a utility usage reduction resolution which includes electricity, water, turning off computers, as every little bit helps, so we need to do this in the near future.

He also would like to see publicizing and advertising our school achievements as we have great things happening in our schools and we need to show off on the website or a publication at no cost, so that students know they are making a difference and are appreciated.

Mrs. Chavez commented she would like to see some of the projects mentioned from the MESA program possibly displayed at the district and on our website and possibly use our technology to preserve some of our history.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

No action or discussion is permitted on any item not included on the posted agenda per GC § 54954.2 (a). No action may be taken and no discussion held on items raised by the public except as provided in GC § 54954.2 (b).

Val Zolfaghari, Carolyn Cunningham

Mr. Z expressed concerns regarding three issues – charter schools which he is against but understands the parents concerns; not hiring teachers without the CLAD credential, and RIF for teachers with no CLAD. He asked that the district research this as CLAD is state requirement not federal. He said the district should not RIF teachers with no CLAD. Your local rules cannot overrule state rules and the state is giving emergency permits.

Ms. Carolyn Cunningham provided a copy of letter to each board member with concerns dealing with the CLAD certification. She stated she is a highly qualified teacher and the first time she became aware of this was in December when she was told she needed the CLAD credential and was notified the laws have changed. She has enrolled in the CTC program with Stanford University and will finish in September, but has received several letters from HR that she has no certification.

CONSENT AGENDA

All Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved with one motion, which is not debatable and which requires a unanimous vote for passage, and if any member of the Board, the Superintendent, or the public, so requests, an item shall be removed from this section and placed in the regular order of business following the approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Lopez to approve the consent agenda with corrections as noted. Motion carried 5-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA

7. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 7.1 Request Approval to Accept the Nursing Student Affiliation Agreement Between St. Francis Medical Center, DBA St. Francis Career College and Lynwood Community Adult School
- 7.2 Request Approval to Enter Into an Agreement with Los Angeles County Office of Education Parent Academy to Conduct Parent Leadership Classes as well as Computer Classes for DAC/DELAC Members Between March 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011
- 7.3 Request Approval for Nancy Stapp to Attend the National Association for Alternative Certification Conference from March 10-11, 2011
- 7.4 Request Approval of Additional Names of Staff and Parents to Attend the California Association of Bilingual Educators from March 23-26, 2011
- 7.5 Request Approval to Implement a School Based Dental program With *Big Smiles* for Lindbergh Elementary School Students in Grades K to Six
- 7.6 Request Approval for Special Education Staff to Attend the *Assistive Technology Application Certificate Program* Training From March 14-15, 2011

9. PERSONNEL ITEMS/CERTIFICATED

- 9.1 Certificated Personnel Schedule, No. 10-11-10 (Approval of Resignations, Special Assignments, Changes in Status and Appointments)
- 9.2 Request Approval Of 2010-2011 Seniority List
- 9.3 Request Approval for Payment of 2009-2010 Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Leadership Incentives

10. PERSONNEL ITEMS/CLASSIFIED

- 10.1 Classified Personnel Schedule No. 10/11-11 (Approval of Leaves, Resignations, Special Assignments, Changes in Status and Appointments)

11. BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

- 11.1 Request Approval of Purchase Order Schedule
- 11.2 Request Approval of Warrant Schedule
- 11.3 Request Approval of Report of Revolving Cash Fund #5
- 11.4 Request Approval of Record of Collections #5

DISCUSSION/ACTION

7. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 7.7 Request Approval to Amend the Contract for School Loop, Approved on October 12, 2010 Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Morales, to amend contract for School Loop to include directory services (one time fee) for approximately \$2500 from Technology fund. Motion carried 5-0.

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7. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 7.8 Request Approval to Enter Into an Agreement With Cambridge Strategic Services From February 23 to June 30, 2011

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mr. Solache, to approve agreement with Cambridge Strategic Services to develop and implement a results-based long term strategic plan. The approximate cost for these services is \$55,000 from Title II fund.

Mrs. Chavez commented she is excited about this for our district and feels this is the best group as they wrote the book and they worked with district years ago on the district strategic plan.

Mr. Espinoza stated this is long term issue and is good for the district and will help our plan for long term ideas.

Mrs. Lopez stated she wants to see the strategic plan online so it is available for everybody to see it. Motion carried 4-0. (Mr. Morales stepped away)

9. PERSONNEL ITEMS/CERTIFICATED

- 9.4 Request Approval for Resolution No. 10-11/25, Intent to Reduce Certificated Employees Due to Reduction or Discontinuation of Particular Kinds of Service and Establish Skipping Criteria and Tie Breaking Criteria Effective July 1, 2011

Mrs. Chavez commented this is difficult but it is something we have to do to stay solvent and if the propositions don't pass in June we will have more cuts to our budget.

Mr. Espinoza stated that the state budget reduced money that education gets and the governor wants to put a proposition on the ballot for voters to vote for higher taxes to help with the budget or more money will be cut from education and we need to put pressure on the state government.

Mr. Solache stated he is tired of layoff resolutions and has heard that other districts are laying off a large number of employees but it is people we have to notice and then call them back, and knows it is part of the process but is tired of these resolutions. He asked for staff to explain regarding the adult school situation.

Mr. Velasquez explained that in the past the district has hired adult education teachers using the general fund and the general fund is the funding source that we are in jeopardy of going bankrupt in so we need to reorganize, restructure adult education with categorical funding adult education money and that keeps the district fiscally solvent and gives maximum flexibility if the state budget goes lower. He stated it is his responsibility and priority to ensure fiscal solvency along with academic achievement and this is a way to restructure and reorganize. The board has made it clear that adult education is a very important program to the community and students and this year as we move to the A-G curriculum program, adult education is a critical intervention to our students to make sure they meet state requirements A-G and you have that commitment.

Mr. Solache thanked the superintendent for explaining and stated that this is one of good things that we have in our community and we want to continue these services to our community.

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(Continued)

Mr. Espinoza commented that we are including in this all certificated management positions as well so we are including everyone, we are trying to be equal.

Mr. Morales stated he wants to add that nobody wants to do this and vote for this as it sends a bad message but it is this board's failure to act in the past that had us have an overseer for a year and had us in a fiscal financial situation because we failed to prepare and I refuse to do that again and if we don't change as a board and start to learn from previous mistakes we will always be in the same rut that is why he will vote for this item.

Motion carried 4-1. Roll call:

Mr. Morales	Yes
Mrs. Lopez	Yes
Mrs. Chavez	Yes
Mr. Solache	No
Mr. Espinoza	Yes

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

- 11.5 Request Approval For Disposal of Obsolete Equipment
Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Morales, to approve disposal of obsolete equipment to be disposed in accordance with Ed Code Sections 17540-17555. Motion carried 5-0.
- 11.6 Request Approval of Service Agreement With ADM Architect Inc. for Installation of Pre-Manufactured Marquee Structures at Mark Twain ES and Thurgood Marshall ES
Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Lopez, to approve agreement with ADM Architects to install marquees at Marshall and Mark Twain for a total cost of \$17,160 from capital facilities fund. Motion carried 5-0.
- 11.7 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/26 Approving Assignment of Delinquent Tax Receivables to the California Statewide Delinquent Tax Finance Authority for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30 in Each of the Years 2011 Through 2013, And Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Related Documents and Actions
Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez to approve Resolution No. 10-11/26.
Motion carried 5-0.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4. GOVERNING BOARD

- 4.2 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (GC 54956.9(b)(3)(A))
No Report
- 4.3 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC54956.9)
Case: Crowder v. Lynwood Unified School District-
It was reported the board gave settlement agreement to counsel on a 4-1 vote.
Also, Information was received on another case

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9. HUMAN RESOURCES/CERTIFICATED

- 9.5 Request Approval for Resolution No. 10-11/24, Non Re-Election of Probationary Certificated Employees and Release of Temporary Certificated Employees

The board voted 5-0 to release through the non-reelection process six probationary Employees with the stipulation that the board will accept resignation in lieu of Non-reelection if the resignation is received prior to March 14, 2011.
Ten temporary teachers were not reelected

- 9.6 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/28, Education Code 44951 "March Notice"

On a 5-0 vote the board took action to release/reassign/alter working conditions of 54 certificated managers and gave the superintendent authority to issue notices to all certificated managers and this action was taken to preserve the board's ability to reduce management costs and to restructure services should it become necessary to do so after adoption of the budget.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES/CLASSIFIED

- 10.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Suspension of Classified Employees

The board accepted staff recommendation to release employees on a 4-1 vote

12. ADMINISTRATION

- 12.1 Public Employee Appointment/Employment – no action
12.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – no action
12.3 Public Employee Complaint – no action
12.4 Conference With Labor Negotiator – no action
Agency Designated Representatives
Employee Organizations: LTA, CSEA #116, SEIU Local 99

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- 1- Plan for attendance – establish SARB process, Implement attendance law
2-Reward some schools on attendance
3-Contracting at a minimal level with Sheriff's Department

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Lopez, second by Mrs. Chavez, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Velasquez
Superintendent

Attest:
Rachel Chavez, Clerk