

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**LACCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES/LAUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES – SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

Thursday, January 24, 2008 • 1:00 p.m.  
Los Angeles Valley College • Monarch Hall  
5800 Fulton Avenue • Valley Glen, California 91401

The special joint meeting of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 1:09 p.m. with LAUSD Board of Education President Monica Garcia and LACCD Board of Trustees President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members of the LAUSD Board of Education were present: Ms. Tamar Galatzan, Ms. Marguerite LaMotte, Dr. Richard Vladovic, and Ms. Monica Garcia. Absent: Ms. Marlene Canter, Ms. Yolie Flores Aguilar, and Ms. Julie Korenstein.

LAUSD Superintendent David Brewer III was present.

On roll call the following members of the LACCD Board of Trustees were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Georgia L. Mercer, Nancy Pearlman, Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Warren T. Furutani, Angela J. Reddock (arrived at 1:30 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

LACCD Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

LAUSD Board Member Vladovic led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ADOPT RULES OF THE DAY**

LAUSD Board President Garcia indicated that if there are no objections, the Rules of the Day would be adopted.

There being no objections, the Rules of the Day were adopted.

**WELCOME BY BOARD PRESIDENTS GARCIA AND SCOTT-HAYES**

LAUSD Board President Garcia and LACCD Board President Scott-Hayes welcomed everyone to the special joint Board meeting and emphasized the importance of collaboration amongst the two Boards in an effort to serve the needs of students in their respective Districts and assist them to meet their educational and career goals.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students at LAVC, Dr. Tyree Wieder, President, LAVC, welcomed the members of both Boards to the college. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Jim Morris, Local District 2 Superintendent, for his partnership efforts with LAVC. She also expressed her appreciation to the LAUSD and LAVC staff that assisted with the preparations for today's meeting.

LACCD Board President Scott-Hayes expressed her hope that joint meetings would be held on an annual basis in order to determine how the partnerships are progressing and what issues need to be addressed.

**PRESENTATIONS BY LAUSD/LACCD STUDENTS**

LAUSD Board President Garcia introduced Ms. Mari Kiridjian, ASU President, LAVC, and former student, Grant High School, and Mr. Alex Joya, former student, Monroe High School and LAVC. She acknowledged LACCD Board Member Mona Field's daughter, Miss Nadine Levyfield, student, Eagle Rock High School, who will be reporting on today's meeting to her campus through the school newspaper.

Ms. Kiridjian expressed her appreciation for the education she received during her years at Grant High School and LAVC which has led to the opportunity to transfer to UCLA in Fall 2008. She encouraged the two Boards to continue to work together for the success of the students.

Mr. Joya discussed his educational background at Monroe High School, LAVC, and California State University, Northridge. He indicated that he is currently the Manager of Business Operations for a large aviation company in Burbank, California. He expressed his appreciation to both Boards for their support of his educational endeavors.

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There being no objection, Joint Resolution – Increase Student Achievement through Partnership between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District was taken out of order.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LAUSD/LACCD BOARDS**

The following action was taken by the LAUSD Board of Education.

Joint Resolution – Increase Student Achievement through Partnership between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District

Motion by LAUSD Board Member Vladovic, seconded by LAUSD Board Member LaMotte, to adopt the Joint Resolution by the LAUSD Board.

The following action was taken by the LACCD Board of Trustees.

Com. No. BT1. Joint Resolution – Increase Student Achievement through Partnership between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District

Motion by Trustee Pearlman, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as amended as follows:

The following resolution is sponsored by Trustees Scott-Hayes, Candaele, and Field:

- WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the second largest public school district in the nation and has a clear mission of ensuring that every child graduates from high school college-prepared and career-ready; and
- WHEREAS, The nine colleges of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) make the LACCD the largest provider of higher educational opportunity in Southern California, offering access to college to well over 120,000 students in more than 36 cities and communities; and
- WHEREAS, The majority of students enrolled in LACCD colleges are either dually enrolled at, or are graduates of, LAUSD schools; and
- WHEREAS, The two Districts share a deep commitment to ensuring that all of our students are well-prepared for success in college, in their careers, and in their lives; and
- WHEREAS, That promise can best be realized through collaborations that maximize our shared resources for the benefit of all our students; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District enter into a formal district-to-district partnership to enhance student preparation, increase college participation, and encourage all area middle and high school students to aspire to and achieve college success; and be it further

RESOLVED, That by working collaboratively and leveraging educational and student support resources, the LAUSD and LACCD will together strive to:

- Ensure that all LAUSD students establish clear postsecondary goals and develop action plans
- Provide students and their families with timely and accurate information about community college career pathways and transfer opportunities
- Inform LAUSD students and their families about the availability of financial aid and to help them assess the costs and benefits of college education
- Raise the awareness of LAUSD students about college expectations and factors, such as early college attendance, that may impact their chances for future academic and economic success
- Offer every LAUSD student the opportunity to take at least one college transfer or career/technical course before leaving high school
- Offer all LAUSD seniors the opportunity for admission to their local community college by the time of graduation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the LAUSD directs its Superintendent and the Board of Trustees of the LACCD directs its Chancellor to take the steps necessary to develop a memorandum of understanding outlining the inter-institutional agreements and policies necessary to accomplish these goals by no later than June 30, 2008.

With respect to the paragraph that states "Offer every LAUSD student the opportunity to take at least one college transfer or career/technical course before leaving high school," LAUSD Board Member LaMotte inquired if anyone from LAUSD instructional staff has researched the impact of this action and whether this can be done for schools that are not located near a community college.

Ms. Michelle King, Director of Instruction, LAUSD, responded that the LAUSD has worked closely with LACCD staff and there is an infrastructure in place to ensure that every LAUSD student is offered this opportunity. LAUSD is working with each of its high schools on a case-by-case basis to ensure that student transportation to the community colleges is facilitated.

(LACCD Board Member Reddock arrived at 1:30 p.m.)

*ADOPTED BY LAUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION: 4 Ayes*

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY LACCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 6 Ayes*

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## **REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR**

### **District Outcomes and Issues**

#### **LAUSD Presentation – Superintendent Brewer**

LAUSD Superintendent David Brewer III acknowledged all of the Local District Superintendents in attendance today. He discussed the importance of partnerships between the LAUSD and the LACCD. He indicated that it is his goal to expose every child in the LAUSD to a college course.

Copies of a document regarding the Los Angeles Unified School District were distributed.

LAUSD Superintendent Brewer gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document as it relates to LAUSD enrollment and graduation statistics, partnership programs with the LACCD including concurrent enrollment, Career Technical Education programs, and LAUSD accomplishments including being a consistent winner of the Academic Decathlon.

#### LACCD Presentation – Chancellor Drummond

LACCD Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond expressed his appreciation to the support staff, students, and community members who are in attendance today. He introduced the following individuals:

Dr. Adriana Barrera, Deputy Chancellor; Dr. Tyree Wieder, President, LAVC; Mr. Ernest Moreno, Interim President, LAMC; Mr. Robert Garber, President, Pierce College; Dr. Jamillah Moore, Interim President, LACC; Mr. Robert Isomoto, Interim President, ELAC; Dr. Roland Chapdelaine, President, LATTC; Dr. Mark Rocha, President, WLAC; Dr. Jack E. Daniels III, Interim President, LASC; and Dr. Linda Spink, President, LAHC.

Copies of a document entitled “Joint LAUSD/LACCD Board Partnership Meeting” were distributed.

LACCD Chancellor Drummond gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document as it relates to the areas served by the LACCD, the number of students educated, the Career/Technical Degree and Certificate Programs that are offered, and student success initiatives.

#### Current LAUSD/LACCD Collaborations

##### District 1/Pierce College “College Fair Extraordinaire” Collaboration

Copies of a brochure and a newsletter regarding the “College Fair Extraordinaire” were distributed.

Mr. Marco de la Garza, Dean of Student Services, Pierce College, and Ms. Jean Brown, Local District 1 Superintendent, LAUSD, gave a presentation regarding the “College Fair Extraordinaire” event that was held at Pierce College on September 15, 2007. This event was attended by more than 6,000 students and their families. Workshops were offered in 24 different subjects including overviews of the UC and CSU systems, how to apply for financial aid, how to write the college admissions essay, and how to best prepare for the Scholastic Achievement Test and the American College Test.

##### Los Angeles Trade-Technical College “21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools” Program

Copies of a document entitled “Los Angeles Trade-Technical College 21<sup>st</sup> Century Middle School to College Program” were distributed.

Ms. Dorothy Smith, Associate Dean, Student Services, LATTC, had the students from the program introduce themselves and indicate what middle school grade they are currently in and in which grade they began the program at LATTC. The students are as follows:

Miss Natividad Rico, 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Mid-City Magnet; started at LATTC in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade; has completed 20 units with a 3.5 GPA

Miss Jamie Harrison, 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Foshay Learning Center; started at LATTC in 2006; has completed 16 units with a 4.0 GPA

Miss Rosa Lopez, 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Mid-City Magnet Middle School; started at LATTC in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade; has completed 16 units with a 3.5 GPA

Mr. Khaleel Green, 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Mid-City Magnet Middle School; started at LATTC in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade; has completed 12 units with a 3.0 GPA

Miss Ariel Boaden, 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Foshay Learning Center; started at LATTC in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade; has completed 16 units with a 3.2 GPA

Miss Shamir Branch, 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Joel John Scholastic Academy; started at LATTC after the 9<sup>th</sup> grade; has completed 16 units with a 4.0 GPA

Mr. Carlos Godoy, 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Foshay Learning Center and is also the Student Body President; started at LATTC in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade; has completed 12 units with a 3.0 GPA

Ms. Marcy Drummond, Vice President, Academic Affairs, LATTC, and Ms. Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the LATTC 21<sup>st</sup> Century Middle School to College Program. They discussed the program with respect to the educational and cultural values it provides to middle school students and the program outcomes in terms of improved academic performance.

Ms. Emily Hernandez, Diploma Project Advisor, Berendo Middle School, indicated that she represents the LAUSD Dropout Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Program. She indicated that the partnership with LATTC to offer college courses to middle school students is directly aligned with the goals of this program. There has been an increase in the success rate among the students who participate in the Dropout Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Program.

Ms. Veronique Wills, Principal, Foshay Learning Center, indicated that the LATTC 21<sup>st</sup> Century Middle School to College Program has provided its participants with a positive learning experience that has broadened their horizons and prepared them for the college environment.

#### Los Angeles Valley College "CAHSEE to College" Program

Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye, Vice President, Student Services, LAVC, and Ms. Debra Duardo, LAUSD Dropout Prevention Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Los Angeles Valley College "CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) to College" Program.

The program began at LAVC on February 27, 2007. This program, which is a partnership between the LACCD and the LAUSD, is funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The four primary goals of the program are to (1) increase the number of students from the class of 2006 and 2007 who successfully pass the exit exam; (2) help students complete their unit deficiencies; (3) provide students with support services so that they can develop both short-term and long-term educational goals; and (4) disseminate the best practices and materials that are developed for the program.

Dr. Delahoussaye introduced two of the students in the program—Ms. Christina Trujillo and Ms. Clarissa Barba—and indicated that they are now employees at LAVC.

The PowerPoint presentation included a testimonial by Ms. Barba as to how the program provided the support she needed to pass the mathematics section of the exit exam.

Dr. Delahoussaye indicated that this program is offered at all nine District colleges.

#### East Los Angeles College Escalante Math Program

Copies of a document entitled "East Los Angeles College Jaime Escalante Math Program 2006-2007" were distributed.

Dr. Richard Moyer, Vice President, Academic Affairs, ELAC, indicated that the program was started by Jaime Escalante in 1980. He introduced Mr. Fernando Fernandez, Program Director, Escalante Math Program, ELAC.

Mr. Fernandez discussed the background of the program. He indicated that approximately 2,400 LAUSD students participated in the program in 2006-07. ELAC professors are being sent to high schools and middle schools to teach mathematics courses. He introduced Ms. Natali Torres, a former Escalante student from Garfield High School.

Ms. Torres indicated that she attended the Escalante Program at ELAC. It is her goal to transfer to a four-year college and earn her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Ms. Anna Eleftheriou, Project Director for all Project Higher Learning Grants, Marshall High School, indicated that the Jaime Escalante Math Program is currently being offered to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at Marshall, Eagle Rock, Franklin, and Lincoln High Schools.

#### LAUSD/Los Angeles Harbor College Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy

Copies of a document entitled "Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy Middle College High School" were distributed.

Dr. Linda Spink, President, LAHC, indicated that the idea for this partnership was created approximately seven years ago during a meeting with Dr. Richard Vladovic who at that time was an LAUSD Regional Superintendent. She introduced Ms. Linda Del Cueto, Local District 8 Superintendent, LAUSD.

Ms. Del Cueto indicated that the students in this program have the opportunity to take teacher preparation classes on the LAHC campus. She announced that this program is the very first early college/middle college for grades 9 through 12 to open in the United States. She introduced Ms. Kristi Blackburn, Dean, Academic Affairs/Outreach, LAHC.

Ms. Blackburn indicated that more than 50 percent of the students in the first two graduating classes (2005-06 and 2006-07) earned their Associate Degree at the same time they received their high school diploma. She reported that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is one of the funding sources. She discussed the success of the program with respect to assisting students to transfer to four-year colleges. She introduced Ms. Mattie Adams, Principal, Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy (HTPA).

Ms. Adams discussed the ethnic diversity of the students enrolled in HTPA. She indicated that students are provided with multiple opportunities to complete the required assignments in order to earn a passing grade. She introduced Miss Tolu Daramola, Student Body President, HTPA, and indicated that Miss Daramola has completed 63 units and earned her Associate of Arts Degree.

Miss Daramola discussed the positive learning environment that she has experienced during her years at HTPA.

Ms. Adams indicated that more than 330 students are currently enrolled in HTPA. She announced that one of the HTPA teachers, Ms. Sakhalin Finnie, recently received the \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award for her outstanding teaching efforts.

LAUSD Board Member LaMotte commended Dr. Daniels for his efforts with the Middle College High School (MCHS) Program at LASC. She indicated that the LAUSD and LACCD are involved in a joint venture to have a permanent building constructed on the LASC campus for the MCHS, which is currently housed in bungalows. She further stated that one of the goals of this joint venture is to have a Middle College High School on every college campus.

LACCD President Scott-Hayes expressed her appreciation to everyone who gave presentations.

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR

LACCD Chancellor Drummond and LAUSD Superintendent Brewer gave their comments regarding the various partnership programs that were presented and the importance of continuing them for future generations of students.

#### ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS

LACCD President Scott-Hayes expressed her appreciation to Mr. Gary Colombo, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness, for his efforts in preparing today's program.

The LACCD and LAUSD Board members discussed the positive aspects of the partnership programs and the resulting student success stories that were presented. They indicated that they are looking forward to the future progress of these programs and the possibility of creating additional partnership programs. There will be an effort to hold joint Board meetings on an annual basis.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Mr. Patrick Owens, Mr. Duke Russell, and Ms. Jane Scott.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS**

LAUSD Board President Garcia announced that 500 adult education students have returned to the LAUSD to complete their education. They will be receiving their diplomas at a graduation ceremony tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

*APPROVED: 6 Ayes*

The special meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

MARSHALL E. DRUMMOND  
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Green  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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Sylvia Scott-Hayes  
President of the Board

Date \_\_\_\_\_ February 13, 2008