

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

REGULAR MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Board President's Reports

Labor Partners

Committee Chair Reports

- Curriculum and Instructions Committee
- Safety and School Climate Committee
- Committee of the Whole
- Facilities and Procurement Committee

Consent Items

Items for action are assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of the consent calendar for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

Superintendent's Reports

General Public Comment (Approximately 4:00 P.M.)

Providing Public Comment

The Board of Education encourages public comment on the items for action on this Regular Board Meeting agenda and all other items related to the District. Any individual wishing to address the Board must register to speak using the Speaker Sign Up website: <https://boardmeeting.lausd.net/speakers>, and indicate whether comments will be provided over the phone or in person. Registration will open 24 hours before the meeting. Each action item will allow for ten (10) speakers, except those items for which a Public Hearing will be held will allow for 15 speakers, and 20 speakers may sign up for general Public Comment.

Each speaker will be allowed a single opportunity to provide comments to the Board, with the exception of public hearings, and shall be given two minutes for their remarks. **Speakers signed up to speak on an agenda item must constrain their remarks specifically to the item or items on the agenda or may be ruled out of order.**

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- Mail comments via US Mail to 333 S. Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90017; and
- Leave a voicemail message at 213-443-4472, or fax 213-241-8953. Communications received by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting will be distributed to all Board Members.

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2. Press #, and then # again when prompted for the Participant ID.
3. Remain on hold until it is your turn to speak.
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New Business for Action

1. Board of Education Report No. 150 – 23/24
Procurement Services Division
(Approval of Procurement Actions) Recommends ratification of the contract actions taken by the Procurement Services Division within delegated authority as listed in Attachment “A” including the approval of award of Professional Service Contracts not exceeding \$250,000: New Contracts; Contract Amendments; Purchase Orders; and Goods and General Services Contracts: Purchase Orders; District Card Transactions; Rental of Facilities; Travel/Conference Attendance; General Stores Distribution Center; and Book/Instructional Material Purchase Orders; and approve Professional Service Contracts (exceeding \$250,000): New Contracts; and Goods and General Services Contracts (exceeding \$250,000): New Contracts; and Contract Amendments as listed in Attachment “B.”
2. Board of Education Report No. 156 – 23/24
Procurement Services Division – Facilities Contracts
(Approval of Facilities Contract Actions) Recommends ratification of the Procurement Services Division contract actions taken by Facilities Contracts under delegated authority as listed in Attachment “A” including: award of advertised construction contracts; award of job order contract amendments; approval of change orders; completion of contracts; award of informal contracts; award of architectural and engineering contract; extra services/amendments for architectural and engineering contracts and approve the proposed contracts listed in Attachment B including coiling doors and motorized gates repair services task order contracts, landscape irrigation repair services task order contracts and elevator maintenance and repair services task order contracts.
3. Board of Education Report No. 170 – 23/24
Facilities Services Division
(Define and Approve the Nevin Avenue Elementary School Library Renovation Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein) Recommends definition and approval of the Nevin Avenue Elementary School Library Renovation Project and amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to incorporate therein with a total budget of \$433,995.
4. Board of Education Report No. 179 – 23/24
Facilities Services Division
(Define and Approve Six Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein) Recommends definition and approval of six Board District Priority and Region Priority projects, as listed on Exhibit A, and amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to incorporate therein with a total budget for of \$1,006,978.

5. Board of Education Report No. 171 – 23/24
Accounting and Disbursement Division
(Report of Cash Disbursements Report of Corporate Credit Card Charges) Recommends ratification of cash disbursements totaling \$885,421,564.33 which were made against funds of the District from December 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Recommends approval of Corporate Card Charges: In order to allow flexibility for timely payments of expenses related to official District business, charges have been made from the Superintendent’s and Executive Office of the Board’s American Express Corporate Card in accordance with established District policies and procedures. It is recommended that the Board approve charges made against funds of the District totaling \$10,044.26 for the quarter ended December 31, 2023.

6. Board of Education Report No. 172 – 23/24
Accounting and Disbursements Division
(Donations of Money to the District) Recommends approval of donations of money and materials to the District totaling \$ \$231,096.50.

7. Board of Education Report No. 175 – 23/24
Human Resources Division
(Approval of Routine Personnel Actions) Recommends approval of 5,166 routine personnel actions (including, but not limited to, elections, promotions, transfers, leaves, terminations, separations, permits, and approval of senior management contracts).

8. Board of Education Report No. 176 – 23/24 **NOT ON CONSENT**
Human Resources Division
(Provisional Internship Permits) Recommends approval of the continuing employment of 24 teachers who are employed under the Provisional Internship Permit requirements, allowing the District to continue to staff subject field shortage classrooms.

9. Board of Education Report No. 177 – 23/24
Human Resources Division
(March 15 Notices to Administrators) Recommends authorization of the Office of the General Counsel and Human Resources Division to send March 15 notices to all certificated contract level management and senior management employees of the classified service with expiring contracts, as provided in Section 35031 of the Education Code. This notice will advise them at least 45 days in advance of their expiring contract or as specified in their contract, that they will be released from their contract positions no later than June 30, 2024.

10. Board of Education Report No. 080 – 23/24
Division of Instruction
(Approval of the GATES Foundation R&D Partnership for Math Equity Grant Award)
Recommends ratification of the Gates Foundation Partnership for Math Equity Grant for a total grant award of \$4,500,000 over a three-year period. The grant award begins on January 1, 2024, and continues through December 31, 2026.

11. Board of Education Report No. 200 – 23/24 **3:00 P.M. TIME CERTAIN**
Office of the Chief Strategy Officer
Charter Schools Division
(Approval of the Proposition 39 Charter Schools Co-Location Policy) Recommends adoption of the recommended Proposition 39 Charter Schools Co-Location Policy (Attachment A).

Board Member Resolution for Action

12. Dr. McKenna – Celebration of Black History Month 2024 (Res-019-23/24) (Noticed January 23, 2024)

Whereas, Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in United States history;

Whereas, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard trained historian, like W.E.B. DuBois before him, believed that truth would not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice, and as a result announced “Negro History Week” in 1925 to raise awareness of the contributions of African Americans;

Whereas, It is commonly stated that Dr. Carter G. Woodson selected February as the month to host “Negro History Week” because it encompasses the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are February 12th and 14th respectively;

Whereas, Dr. Carter G. Woodson envisioned the study and celebration of Black people as a race, and emphasized the contributions of countless Black men and women to the advancement of human civilization;

Whereas, Since 1976, the commemoration was extended from a week-long event to the entire month of February;

Whereas, Every United States President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month and other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history;

Whereas, Established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1915, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) strives to promote, research, preserve, interpret, and disseminate information about Black life, history, and culture to the global community;

Whereas, The 2024 theme for Black History Month established by the ASALH is “African Americans and the Arts”;

Whereas, For centuries Western intellectuals denied and minimized the contributions of people of African descent to the arts, even as their artistry in many genres was mimicked and stolen. In truth, the African American experience is woven throughout visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary arts and various other forms of cultural expression;

Whereas, African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world;

Whereas, There is an unbroken chain of Black art production from antiquity to the present, from Egypt across Africa, from Europe to the New World. From the African traditions of woven sweetgrass baskets to the birth of Negro spirituals. From the creation of the blues, the foundation for gospel and soul music, to the recently celebrated 50-year anniversary of hip hop. From the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 1930s to the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s;

Whereas, African American artists have historically served as change agents, using their crafts to uplift the race, speak truth to power and inspire a nation. Spirituals, gospel, folk music, hip-hop, and rap have been used to express struggle, hope, and for solidarity in the face of racial oppression. Black artists have used poetry, fiction, short stories, essays, paintings, sculpture, plays, films, and television to counter stereotypes and to imagine a present and future with Black people in it;

Whereas, Black History Month aims to mitigate the persistent and ongoing failure to acknowledge the contributions of Black Culture, Black Inventors, Black Artists, Black Artisans, Black Advocacy Black Leaders, and Black Civic Engagement to American history and society;

Whereas, Black people continually remain optimistic and confident about the path ahead while leading the courageous, yet hard fought fights for the rights, liberties, and freedoms that many marginalized communities are now beneficiaries; and

Whereas, Our democracy's founding ideals were exclusionary when they were written, but Black Americans have continuously fought to make them true; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District recognizes February as National Black History Month;

Resolved further, That the Board acknowledges that all people of the United States are beneficiaries of the wealth of history given to all by Black Culture, Black Inventors, Black Artists, Black Artisans, Black Advocacy Black Leaders, and Black Civic Engagement;

Resolved, further, That the Board embeds the study of Black History and Black Arts into the core curriculum of its Ethnic Studies, African American History courses, and African American Literature so that this critical learning lives in the minds of our students beyond the month of February;

Resolved, further, That the Board direct the Superintendent to expand upon the District's existing efforts, such as the Black Student Achievement Plan, to continue to identify strategies and tactics to align resources targeted toward promoting anti-racist educational practices and closing the gap of academic achievement outcomes for Black Students, and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent will work with educators, librarians, all the schools of the District, and our wider community to recognize and celebrate this month with culturally relevant and appropriate curriculum, programs, ceremonies, and activities that generate in-depth discussion of the complex factual history of the United States and the legacy of Black Americans, including the arts.

13. Mr. Schmerelson, Dr. Rivas - Read Across America Week (Res 021-23/24) (Noticed January 23, 2024)

Whereas, Reading is a fundamental skill for all people that incorporates into nearly every aspect of their academic, professional, and personal lives;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to literacy excellence through its strategic pillar to provide high-quality instruction, college readiness, and the elimination of opportunity gaps for all students;

Whereas, The National Center for Education Statistics stated that, based on the NAEP, only 31% of California students were proficient or above in reading in the year 2022;

Whereas, The District saw a 9-point increase in reading scores for the 2021-2022 school year;

Whereas, According to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress system, 41.17% of district students met or exceeded the English Language Arts standard, below the state average of 46.66%;

Whereas, The District has taken the initiative to hire and retain interventionists, who assist students with reading and comprehension from elementary to high school;

Whereas, The District has hired literacy coaches to help train educators and staff in literacy strategies;

Whereas, The District acknowledges the difficulties some students face in their academics due to historical and systemic lack of resources to aid in their educational pursuits;

Whereas, The District recently adopted literacy strategies and models that align with the science of reading, training 3,213 teachers, including 350 special educators in LETRS and 6,783 teachers, including 634 special educators, in Orton-Gillingham;

Whereas, Read Across America Week was started by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to celebrate and acknowledge the importance of reading to students;

Whereas, The Start of Read Across America Week is on March 2, to commemorate the beloved children's author, Theodor Seuss Geisel, more commonly known as Dr. Seuss; and

Whereas, Read Across America Week is celebrated throughout the country, commemorated through public readings and events that celebrate literature; now, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District Commemorates Read Across America Week during the week starting March 2 to March 6, 2023;

Resolved further, That the Los Angeles Unified School District encourages teachers, staff, students, and parents, to establish or reestablish their connections to their favorite pieces of literature;

Resolved further, That the District encourages the entire Los Angeles Unified community, including parents, to also be involved in reading, and suggests parent centers to also talk to parents about the importance of reading to their children starting at young ages;

Resolved further, That the District encourages schools to host appropriate events at their sites during Read Across America Week, with displays, readings from teachers and parents, or other creative ways to enhance students' love for reading;

Resolved further, That the District reaffirms its commitment to the current timeline that by 2026, 3rd-grade students will be 30 points closer to proficiency in English Language Arts while helping students in grades 3-8 and 11th closer to proficiency; and, be it finally;

Resolved, That the District wishes every member of the Los Angeles Unified Community happy reading during our celebration.

Board Member Resolution for Initial Announcement

14. Mr. Schmerelson, Dr. McKenna, Dr. Rivas - LAUSD Art Appreciation and Celebration Week (Res 020-23/24) (For Action March 12, 2024)

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District has expanded opportunities for students to showcase their artistic talents through dance, music, theater, media, and the visual arts through the Arts Education Branch;

Whereas, In September 2013, The District passed, "Arts at the Core: Implementing the Arts Education and Creative Network Plan," which called for increased funding, high-quality professional development, policy guidelines, and others in the educational arts field;

Whereas, The District acknowledges the importance of creativity and individuality in the students, realizing art is part of their lives, cultures, identities, etc;

Whereas, The District identifies 33 magnet schools that have a dedication to the performing or visual arts;

Whereas, The District recognizes 40 Arts Community Partnerships throughout the Los Angeles Region, connecting students from marginalized communities to dance, theater, music, and paint instruction, among others;

Whereas, The District has designated Art Weeks for students to showcase their artistic talents during the months of April and May;

Whereas, Since 1976, The State of California has had a dedicated arts council that has distributed millions of dollars, to local arts organizations, including schools, to ensure students harness the power of their creativity;

Whereas, The California Arts Council recently allocated more than \$32 million, with Los Angeles receiving \$8,576,779 for organizations, some of whom are partners with the District, such as 24th Street Theatre, Enrichment Works, and Versa-Style Dance Co.;

Whereas, In 2022, voters of The State of California overwhelmingly passed Proposition 28, resulting in ongoing 1% of K-12 funding from Prop 98 to be allocated to arts education programs, most recently allocating over \$900 million for arts education in the state;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Region is home to many different media companies, world-famous actors, artists, and writers, and is seen as a major media hub around the world;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation has identified that a combination of the film, television, music, the visual and performing arts, generates over \$173,100,000,000 in economic impact while generating hundreds of thousands of jobs;

Whereas, Research shows that children exposed to the arts are more likely to contribute to civic engagement and social tolerance when they reach adulthood;

Whereas, Arts Education has been shown to have a positive impact on students with increased attendance, better communication skills, an increase in self-confidence, and a better interest in their overall education; and

Whereas, The District's Strategic Plan sets a standard to provide students with high-quality instruction, Pillar 1A, enriching experiences, 1B, and eliminating opportunity gaps, 1C; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Unified School District will designate March 18 through March 22 as District Art Appreciation and Celebration Week;

Resolved further, That the District Art Week will expand from the visual and performing arts to also include photography, short stories, poetry, and verbal storytelling;

Resolved further, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District will recommend the superintendent or a designee to seek appropriate spaces around the district or through external partners to showcase our students' artistic talents;

Resolved further, That the District shall extend invitations for all District schools, at all grade levels, to participate in this showcase, either as performers or spectators, it being at the discretion of school leadership; and, be it finally

Resolved, That Board of The Los Angeles Unified School District will recommend that the District seek ways of incorporating the arts into social-emotional learning strategies as a means to provide students with diverse outlets of support in addition to current strategies.

15. Mr. Schmerelson- Observing March 21 as Down Syndrome Awareness Day (Res-023-23/24)
(For Action March 12, 2024)

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to academic excellence, joy, and wellness for all students regardless of disability through strategic pillars 1 and 2;

Whereas, The District advocates heavily for the destigmatization of students who have faced either physical or mental challenges;

Whereas, Down Syndrome is a genetic occurrence caused by extra material in chromosome 21 that results in intellectual disability. It is not yet known why this occurs;

Whereas, The estimated incidence of Down Syndrome is between 1 in 1,000 to 1 in 1,100 live births worldwide;

Whereas, Each year approximately 3,000 to 5,000 children are born with this chromosome disorder and it is believed there are about 250,000 families in the United States of America who are affected by Down Syndrome;

Whereas, The quality of life of people with Down Syndrome can be improved by meeting their health care needs, including regular check-ups with health professionals to monitor mental and physical condition and providing timely intervention, be it physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling or special education;

Whereas, Individuals with Down Syndrome can achieve optimal quality of life through guardian care and support, medical guidance, and community-based support systems like inclusive education at all levels. This facilitates their participation in society and the fulfillment of their personal potential;

Whereas, The reality today is that society, at times, can demonstrate negative attitudes, low expectations, discrimination, and exclusion, which can ensure that people with Down syndrome are left behind. This can also occur within the disability and the Down Syndrome communities;

Whereas, There is a need to build the capacity of people with Down Syndrome to meet the challenges faced across their lifetimes and to support them with the opportunities and tools needed to live fulfilling lives;

Whereas, World Down Syndrome Day was first observed in 2006 in many countries around the world;

Whereas, In December 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day. This resolution was co-sponsored by 78 United Nations Member States;

Whereas, Down Syndrome International (DSi) encourages people all over the world to choose their own activities and events on March 21st to help raise awareness of what Down Syndrome is, what it means to have Down Syndrome, and how people with Down Syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities; and

Whereas, The 2024 DSi World Down Syndrome Day is encouraging participation with the theme being “End the Stereotypes” and using the hashtags #EndtheStereotypes and #WorldDownSyndromeDay on social media pages; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District hereby proclaims March 21st as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day;

Resolved further, That the District will enhance resources regarding Down Syndrome to all LAUSD parents through school Parent Centers and school coordinators; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District encourages all qualified staff to observe March 21st, World Down Syndrome Awareness Day, by holding

productive conversations with students to continue with the destigmatization of Down Syndrome.

Resolutions Requested by the Superintendent

16. Reappointment of Member to School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (Sup-Res-004-23/24)

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District ratifies the reappointment of Mr. Chad Boggio, representing the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, as a member to the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee for a two-year term commencing immediately. Mr. Boggio is not an employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District.

Correspondence and Petitions

17. Report of Correspondence including Williams Settlement Quarterly Report Summary (ROC-007-23/24) **PUBLIC HEARING**

Miscellaneous Business

18. For Discussion - Mid-Year Annual Update to the 2023-24 LAUSD Local Control and Accountability Plan (008-23/24)
19. For Discussion - Mid-Year Annual Update to the 2023-24 Affiliated Charter School Local Control and Accountability Plans (009-23/24)

Minutes for Approval (Min-005-23/24)

20. December 12, 2023 Annual Board Meeting, 9 a.m.

Public Notice of Bargaining Union Initial Proposals

21. SEIU Local 99 (Units B, C, F, G) Initial Bargaining Proposals for 2024 Successor (UIP-002-23/24) Initial proposals from collective bargaining representatives are made public before negotiations begin.

Adjournment

Please note that the Board of Education may consider at this meeting any item referred from a Board Meeting 5 calendar days prior to this meeting (Education Code 54954.2(b)(3)). The Board of Education may also refer any item on this Order of Business for the consideration of a committee or meeting of the Board of Education.

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