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RESOLUTION 2015-12

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 052-14/15

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUIREMENT FOR INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY OVERSIGHT SERVICES FOR MAJOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATIONS

WHEREAS, Board Members García and Galatzan have introduced Board of Education Resolution-052-14/15, “Embracing Best Practices: Requirement for Independent Third Party Oversight Services for Major Project Implementations,” currently in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (Version 1) and incorporated herein by reference, for consideration now scheduled at the March 10, 2015 Board of Education meeting,

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District desires to improve its process for the planning, design, implementation, and modification for major information technology and other types of projects, and

WHEREAS, the LAUSD School Construction Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (“BOC”) supports all District efforts to improve its processes that will promote the wise and efficient use of bond funds and acknowledges that independent third-party oversight can be a significant component of this improvement process, and

WHEREAS, the BOC concurs that independent third-party oversight would be beneficial in the context of the planning, design, implementation, and modification for major information technology projects, but does not see a need for adding such oversight to other types of bond-funded projects at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BOC supports Board of Education Resolution-052-14/15, “Embracing Best Practices: Requirement for Independent Third Party Oversight Services for Major Project Implementations,” with modifications.

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2. The BOC requests that the BOC Chair communicate the BOC's concerns regarding the current form of the proposed Board Resolution to the Board of Education, by letter and/or in person at the March 10, 2015 Board Meeting, and at any subsequent Board Meeting at which the proposed Board Resolution may be considered.
3. This resolution shall be posted on the BOC's website.

ADOPTED on February 26, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: 10

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

Stephen English

Stephen English
Chair

Pamela Schmidt

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Vice-Chair



Board of Education Report

File #: Res-052-14/15, Version: 1

Ms. García, Ms. Galatzan - Embracing Best Practices: Requirement for Independent Third Party Oversight Services for Major Project Implementations (Res-052-14/15) (Noticed February 10, 2015)

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is charged to do everything in its power to reach 100% graduation and implements a large volume of projects each year that require substantial District resources and impact our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff;

Whereas, Oversight by an independent third party provides services to evaluate and monitor the progress of the projects and to verify and validate compliance with the intended business outcome, the project schedule, risk, budget and readiness;

Whereas, Major unsuccessful projects cause great harm to our system and major projects have not consistently utilized independent third party oversight;

Whereas, The Legacy Replacement Project (LRP) to replace the District's legacy financial and procurement system was successfully implemented as scheduled and within budget with independent third party oversight;

Whereas, Despite the increase in the project budget to include independent third party oversight, the value of the services will be cost effective and prevent massive disruption from absence of successful implementation; and

Whereas, Third party oversight will support risk identification and management, as well as increase transparency and accountability in project implementation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports efforts to ensure the successful implementation of projects across the District; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to institute a policy to include independent third party oversight for all major projects to increase the likelihood of successful implementation, in order to efficiently manage District resources and to provide the best product to our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff.