

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2024

The Los Angeles Board of Education acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District met in special session on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at the Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Michael A. McLean, Executive Officer of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:05 a.m.

The following Board Members were present: Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Kelly Gonez, Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin, and Board President Jackie Goldberg.

Dr. Rocío Rivas arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Mr. George McKenna, III, arrived at 12:17 p.m.

Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho was also present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

School Safety

Ms. Goldberg began the meeting by outlining its purpose to revisit and elaborate on the topic of school safety. She also noted her collaboration with the Independent Analysis Unit (IAU) to develop categories of questions and issues for consideration. These key issues identified include the School Police Policy, the District's plans for monitoring and evaluating safety initiatives, stakeholder and community engagement, and efforts to address root causes.

Mr. Andres Chait, Chief of School Operations, gave a presentation on School Safety. He emphasized the District's commitment and focus on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) and Community Based Safety (CBS). He noted that the District has formalized its policy on short-term school police on-campus deployments and highlighted the active community engagement efforts involving students, parents, and staff. Mr. Chait discussed the PBIS framework, including the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI), which is used to assess how effectively a school is implementing PBIS, as well as the ongoing professional development for staff on PBIS. He also outlined goals for the upcoming year, provided an update on the Safe Schools Task Force, and addressed questions raised during the May 7th Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Chait further highlighted the following:

- Over 100 community-based safety pilot programs have been established at more than 80 Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP) schools, primarily Groups 1 and 2.
- The pool of providers for these programs has been expanded to include over 60 providers.
- Vendors receive ongoing support from the District to streamline the procurement and contractual processes.
- A road map has been created for expanding beyond Group 1 and Group 2.

- There is a renewed commitment to PBIS and restorative practices.
- The number of safety collaboratives has increased, with over 30 established within all Regions.
- The goal is to enhance community involvement in safety collaboratives, expanding participation beyond law enforcement and school leaders.
- The community has been reengaged around safety topics through Every School Safe Blueprint.

Board Members expressed questions and concerns addressed by Mr. Pedro Salcido, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Operations and Mr. Andres Chait.

Dr. Rivas requested that the District seek experts in PBIS and restorative justice to strengthen our systems of safety and provide increased support for schools.

Mr. Schmerelson expressed remarks.

Ms. Goldberg expressed remarks and requested that we consolidate all the safety groups and committees to facilitate communication and ensure that all safety needs are met. She stressed that individuals with diverse opinions and perspectives should come together for constructive discussion. Additionally, she requested that the District identify areas where students commonly engage in fights, using school police, so that we can deploy resources in anticipation of these incidents.

Mr. Salcido and Mr. Chait responded to questions and concerns from Board Members

Board Members expressed remarks.

Melvoin expressed remarks and requested data on fights, disaggregated.

Ms. Goldberg summarized the discussion on safety, noting that the Board would like to see a more detailed plan for increasing the implementation of restorative justice as well as how we can enhance mental health support for students, both on and off campus, and whether that support is available online or in person. Additionally, there is interest in establishing peer-to-peer counseling options at schools. Board Members also requested regular quarterly reports on incidents of violence on campus, differentiating between minor disputes and more serious events. Furthermore, Ms. Goldberg emphasized the need for clarity on whether we are receiving sufficient support from the city council for crossing guards and street modifications, including the addition of speed bumps. Lastly, she requested a comprehensive plan that outlines the roles of the police and community partners, as well as the steps we will take to ensure the initiatives we endorse are effectively implemented.

Ms. Gonez emphasized the need for a holistic approach to budget investments, ensuring that schools receive the necessary staffing they require for adequate supervision.

Ms. Golberg added that the District should assess current staffing levels and determine what additional resources are needed to incorporate a holistic approach into the safety plan.

Dr. McKenna read into the record data from the Strategic Initiative Division of the Los Angeles School Police Department for the period of July 2023 to February 2024.

The following information was also requested:

Provide the 2023-2024 school experience survey data.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board:

Tre'Niece Thomas, Student	Support for Community Based Safety Programs
Maria Luisa Palma, Parent	Prioritize Strengthening Academics
Sachi Hiromura, Student	Support for Community Based Safety Programs
Monica Arazola, Parent	Support for School Police
Channing Martinez, The Strategy Center	Ineffective Implementation of Community-Based Safety
Irene, Parent	Expressed Concern for School Safety
Leo Ceron, Student	Support of Community Based Safety Programs
Isabel González, Parent	Inspector General Audit Regarding School Safety
Kei'Shawn Henderson, Student	Support for Community Based Safety Programs
Maria Daisy Ortiz, Community Member	Support for School Police
Brenda Ortega, Innercity Struggle	Support Community Based Safety Programs
Diana Guillen, Parent	Support for School Police
David Turner, Professor, UCLA	Support for Community Based Safety and Restorative Justice
Juan Magandi, Community Member	Oppose Community Based Safety Organizations
David, Former Student	Defund School Police & Implement Community Based Safety Programs
Irma Cervantes, Parent	Support Restorative Justice
Melanie Juan Cruz, Former Student	Defund School Police & Implement Community Based Safety Programs
Norma Gonzalez, Parent	Expressed Concern for School Safety
Kaelin Banks, Student	Defund School Police and Fund Schools
Verenice Miron, Parent	Address Safety Needs of all Stakeholders

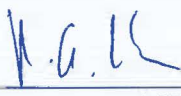
Board President Goldberg noted that this would not be the final meeting on safety and that we can expect a report from Andres Chait in August or September covering the topics discussed in this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Goldberg and approved by general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: February 11, 2025


MS. JACKIE GOLDBERG
PRESIDENT


MR. MICHAEL MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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