AGENDA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
(COUNTY COMMITTEE)

Regular Meeting

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Board Room
May 7, 2014
9:30 a.m.

I Information
D Discussion
A Action
* Sent to Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Mr. Ben Allen

II. FLAG SALUTE – Mr. Allen

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES I, D, A*

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Committee, held on January 8, 2014, will be submitted for approval.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – Secretary Mr. Keith D. Crafton I, D*

Newspaper Articles

- A March 27, 2014, article from the Orange County Register- “Artesia residents concerned about ABC Unified trustee districts plan.” (Attachment 1)

- A March 27, 2014, article from the Orange County Register- “Voting case legal bill for Anaheim: $2.47 million.” (Attachment 2)

- An April 4, 2014, article from the Record Gazette- “School district wins approval for voting district change.” (Attachment 3)
• An April 7, 2014, article from The Tribune—“Dan Walters: New bill seeks to expand state’s voting rights act.” (Attachment 4)

• An April 16, 2014, article from Glendale News-Press—“Glendale school board weighs Sagebrush transfer.” (Attachment 5)

• An April 16, 2014, article from the Indian Country, Today Media Network—“Redistricting in California Finally Puts Tribal Reps on School Board.” (Attachment 6)

• An April 18, 2014, article from the Simi Valley Acorn—“Election format may change for SVUSD.” (Attachment 7)

• An April 18, 2014, article from the Daily Democrat—“BREAKING NEWS: Discontent lingers among Woodland City Council regarding map approved for district voting.” (Attachment 8)

• An April 21, 2014, article from the Santa Clarita Valley Signal—“Assembly bill seeks to require district elections.” (Attachment 9)

• An April 21, 2014, article from the Modesto Bee—“Turlock weighs hiring consultant to propose district boundaries.” (Attachment 10)

• A February 19, 2014, article from the Daily Breeze—“SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, Exclusive: Construction firm TELACU bankrolling Centinela Valley school board campaigns, receiving millions in contracts.” (Attachment 11)

• A February 27, 2014, article from the Daily Bulletin—“EDUCATION, District Attorney’s Office receives complaints about compensation for Centinela Valley chief Jose Fernandez.” (Attachment 12)

• A March 7, 2014, article from the Daily Breeze—“Centinela Valley schools lag in academic performance despite paying superintendent $663K.” (Attachment 13)

• A March 14, 2014, article from the Press Telegram—“Centinela Valley school district spends more than double the state average on administration.” (Attachment 14)
A March 31, 2014, article from the LATIMES.COM—“Superintendent’s pay in South Bay district called “excessive” The superintendent of the small Centinela Valley Union High School District, Jose Fernandez, made $674,559 last year, far more than the New York and Los Angeles school district heads.” (Attachment 15)

An April 4, 2014, article from the Daily Breeze—“Centinela Valley ordered to cease excessive school board pay by Los Angeles County.” (Attachment 16)

An April 17, 2014, article from the Long Beach Press Telegram—“High-paid Centinela Valley school chief can cash in lucrative whole-life insurance policies.” (Attachment 17)

V. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any persons present desiring to address the County Committee on any proper matter may do so at this time. (Form must be completed and submitted to the Secretary.)

VI. UPDATE ON THE WISEBURN UNIFICATION

The Secretary will update the County Committee on the formation of the Wiseburn Unified School District, including information regarding districts impacted by the unification.

VII. UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (CVRA) AND TRUSTEE AREA ISSUES

The Secretary will discuss recent developments related to the CVRA and trustee area issues in Los Angeles County.

VIII. UPDATE ON COUNTY COMMITTEE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary will give an update on the LACOE-hosted website for the County Committee.

IX. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF COUNTY COMMITTEE POLICIES

At the Regular Meeting of the County Committee on November 6, 2013, a policy review subcommittee was appointed by former Chair AJ Willmer, consisting of Mr. Joel Peterson, Mr. Frank Bostrom, and Mr. Willmer. The subcommittee may provide an update on their
preliminary review of the policies.

X. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION  

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an overview of proposed legislation related to school district organization. The County Committee may take action to support or oppose the legislation or provide comments to the authors. (Attachment 18)

XI. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY USD I, D*, A REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting the Los Angeles USD. (Attachment: "Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals") (Attachment 19)

XII. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY REORGANIZATION I, D*, A PROPOSALS EXCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE LOS ANGELES USD

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting Los Angeles County school districts other than the Los Angeles USD. (Attachment: “Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals [excluding those affecting the Los Angeles USD]”) (Attachment 20)

XIII. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONCERNS, OR ITEMS I, D, A FOR NEXT AGENDA

XIV. ADJOURNMENT I, D, A