The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chairperson Mr. AJ Willmer.

**Members Present**

Ben Allen
Frank Bostrom
Maria Calix
Ted Edmiston
John Nunez
Frank Ogaz
Joel Peterson
Suzan T. Solomon
AJ Willmer

**Members Absent**

Owen Griffith
Joan Jakubowski

**Staff Present**

Keith D. Crafton, Secretary
Allison Deegan, Staff
Eric Hass, Staff
Diane Tayag, Staff
Anna Heredia, Recording Secretary

Mr. Ron Green led the flag salute.

Mr. AJ Willmer administered the oath of office to the newly re-elected County Committee Members for vacancies in the Second Supervisorial District, Ms. Maria Calix.

The Nominating Committee submitted their recommendation as follows:

Mr. Ben Allen, Chairperson and Mr. Joel Peterson, Vice-Chairperson.
Ms. Suzan Solomon made a motion and Ms. Maria Calix seconded.
Motion carried. The votes were as follows:

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It was **MOVED** by Mr. Willmer and **SECONDED** by Mr. John Nunez that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2014 be approved. Motion carried with two abstentions.

Votes are as follows:
- Ben Allen: Y
- Frank Bostrom: Y
- Maria Calix: Abstained
- Ted Edmiston: Y
- John Nunez: Y
- Frank Ogaz: Abstained
- Joel Peterson: Y
- Suzan T. Solomon: Y
- AJ Willmer: Y

Mr. Crafton reviewed and discussed correspondence contained in the County Committee agenda packets and member folders.

Mr. Crafton stated that most articles that were mentioned were regarding California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and Trustee Area Issues.

Discussion also occurred regarding a conflict of interest policy. At this time we do not have a policy in place and it was requested by the Committee to bring County Counsel forward to give direction on such a policy.

There were no members of the public to address the County Committee.

Mr. Crafton reported that the Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization approval was achieved for the Wiseburn unification. We had communication from Assessors office regarding maps and other documents that are required. Staff is still working on the checklist with the assistance of the California Department of Education (CDE). The new board met December 12, 2013.

Dr. Deegan stated that we received a supplemental Environmental Inspection Report (EIR). Staff will email the report to the members.

Mr. Crafton reported that the only update at this time is with regards to the possible legislation that is moving forward in Sacramento involving the Anaheim City trustee issue. No specifics were given at this point.

Dr. Deegan stated that the activity we are seeing involves cities, many cities will have even year elections, so we will expect to see some of the dynamics coming into play.

Dr. Deegan stated that she has been invited to be on a panel at the California Superintendents Educational Services Association in February.
Mr. Frank Bostrom suggested the Committee be proactive and warn the districts of what is to come.

Dr. Deegan added that there is discussion ongoing with reference to a forum that may take place in order to better inform the districts.

Dr. Deegan stated that the bulletins are being sent to districts to assist in pushing the information out. She also stated that our website has been a good tool to push information out as well.

Mr. John Nunez stated that we should send an updated letter to districts.

Mr. Frank Ogaz stated that if the County Board gets involved in the forum, this would provide more of a push for districts to take notice of what is happening with CVRA.

Dr. Deegan stated that we will look at the letter that was previously sent and plan to update it and send it to the districts.

Mr. Eric Hass has been working on placing the most relevant articles on the website.

Mr. Ben Allen stated that the letter to be sent should bring about more traffic to the website.

Mr. AJ Willmer stated that we should time the sending of the letter to when CVRA relevant articles are posted on the website.

Dr. Deegan introduced Mr. Takim Khorrem who is the current County Counsel and Ms. Danielle Drossel who will be taking the place of Mr. Khorrem as the new County Counsel.

Mr. Allen stated that we are reviewing our policies and would welcome the assistance of the County Counsel with these issues.

Mr. Willmer added that our policies have not been reviewed in a very long time.

Mr. Willmer stated that the committee has questions regarding filing a Conflict of Interest form.

Mr. Willmer proposed that the subcommittee work with appropriate staff and to put some work in on their own and then request the input of the County Counsel.

Dr. Deegan added that we have access to LACOE Counsel when the issues intersect with the Superintendent’s duties. The goal will be for General Counsel and County Counsel to liaise.
Mr. Willmer stated that he and Mr. Crafton will begin to gather information to begin the process of reviewing policies.

Mr. Joel Peterson reminded the staff that there was the issue of the Bylaws that needs to be reviewed as well.

Each member was requested to complete a performance evaluation form concerning the secretary and staff to the County Committee. Mr. Willmer appointed Ms. Jakubowski as the Chairperson, others to serve on this committee are Mr. Allen and Mr. Edmiston.

The County Committee commended staff on a job well done.

Mr. Crafton stated that we have two bills that are being watched: AB450 and AB59.

Mr. Crafton stated that there is no activity on AB450.

Mr. Crafton stated that AB59 was referred to the Judiciary Committee with regards to its structure.

Dr. Deegan requested Mr. Hass to give additional information.

Mr. Hass stated that after the Revenues and Tax Committees reviewed the bill, they altered the language. The Judiciary Committee will be looking at AB59 and once we see their information, we will have a better idea if this will affect school parcels.

Dr. Deegan stated that this will not affect the Wiseburn unification process.

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Mr. Bostrom stated that he would like to see the letter state the economic impact on the timelines for the Wiseburn unification.

Adjourned to closed session at 11:55 a.m.
Reconvened at 12:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m.