WHEREAS: The Lincoln High School community has petitioned SFUSD four times (from 1998 until 2002) under two successive superintendents, seeking redress for overcrowding, and

WHEREAS: Such petitions and activities by the Lincoln school site community have contributed to generating a body of documentation on such conditions, and many of the negative impacts of overcrowding are also well-documented in the Facilities Master Plan [FMP]; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent’s Task Force on Enrollment (Lincoln/Washington), after meeting for a year and a half (Fall 2002 to January 2004), also generated information similar to the FMP but never reached or presented any definitive policy recommendations addressing progressive reduction in enrollment at the larger school sites; and

WHEREAS: the FMP has also noted:

1) The conditions of overcrowding on the one hand and under-utilization on the other hand have led to student enrollment capacity being inflated as much as by 40% through the use of bungalows (@ Lincoln High School); and

2) Further, the lack of necessity of the continued utilization of bungalows as classrooms-- if enrollment is spread more evenly throughout existing SFUSD facilities; and

3) The commitment of SFUSD to reductions in the use of bungalows through a more even-handed distribution of student population where possible; and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding all information and recommendations noted above, SFUSD is still in need of a “transition plan” to meet the goals noted in the FMP and consistent with the goals of the District’s Excellence for All Plan, and to meet the concerns raised by Lincoln High School site staff and community members; and

WHEREAS: At this time any attempt to rectify over-crowding by the shifting of student population among the school sites in accord with the actual physical enrollment capacity of sites (with or without bungalows) would negatively impact program and staffing at the west side high schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District assume the responsibility to generate an enrollment policy consistent with meeting the goals of the Facilities Master Plan and Excellence for All Plan and in accord with the wishes of concerned staff and residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board President shall create a policy process and body that shall:

1) Involve knowledgeable stakeholders and SFUSD staff (including but not limited to FMP and Educational Placement staff, UESF, etc.) in active consultation with SFUSD Commissioners in order to reach a realistic “transition plan;” and

2) Include stipulations regarding equitable funding for program and staff; and

3) Be convened as a task force or advisory group by no later than the end of September 2004; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board directs the staff to include in the Assignment Task Force (or a subcommittee of the Task Force), members who are knowledgeable stakeholders (including but not limited to former members of the Task Force on Enrollment (Lincoln, Washington), UESF, etc.) by no later than September 2004; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Task Force or subcommittee will be charged with suggesting realistic policy options on reducing overcrowding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the policy options generated in this process shall be presented for review and initial adoption to the Board of Education not later than May of 2005.

5/11/04
6/22/04

Please Note:
- Referred on 5/11/04 to Closed Session for discussion with Legal Counsel.
- Taken up by the Buildings, Grounds, & Services Committee on 6/17/04. Forwarded with a positive recommendation from Committee.
- Adopted, as amended, on 6/22/04.

Old language stricken out; new language in bold, italics, & underscored.