
BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., September 1, 2022

Board Notes is provided as a public information service from the Office of the Superintendent and is intended to provide an immediate summary of the Board of Education's action and discussion on significant projects and services from the most recent board meeting. Not all items that were listed on the board agenda are included in this report. Please contact the Superintendent's Office (310.450.8338 x70229) with questions about this summary.

Upcoming board meetings in September 2022:

- Sat., September 10, 2022, 9 a.m. (*special closed session at John Adams MS*)
- Wed., September 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m. (*regular meeting at the DO and via Zoom*)

The board took action on the following:

- The board adopted the annual resolution in honor of National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, which runs from September 15-October 15.
- The board approved the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) charges for 2022-23, which were presented at the previous board meeting.
- The board ratified the agreement between SMMUSD and SEIU.
- The board adopted a resolution separating district benefits from CalPERS, part of the process to address the variability of CalPER's monthly premiums from year to year.

The board discussed the following:

- The board heard an update on the Weekend Bag (WeB) Program, which provides a weekend bag of food for students experiencing food insecurity. The program started as a pilot at a couple SMMUSD schools and has since expanded districtwide.
- The board provided feedback on the proposed charges for 2022-23 for the District Advisor Committees (DACs). The charges will return for action at the next meeting.
- The board heard an update on the various mental health services available to SMMUSD students.

Special Note:

- The board honored Linda Greenberg, who is retiring as Executive Director of the Santa Monica Ed Foundation. The board presented her with a plaque, Senator Ben Allen's office presented her with a resolution, and Ed Foundation Board Chair John Baracy and SMMPTA President Erika Bell shared messages of congratulations and thanks for Ms. Greenberg.
- The board approved the appointment of Eran Zeevi as the Principal of Franklin Elementary School and Tedd Wakeman as the Principal of Webster Elementary School.
- Superintendent Drati began the meeting with a statement about the resignation of Board Member Coleman. During his Superintendent's Report, he reported on the opening of schools, the continuing bus driver shortage, and the HVAC systems.
- This meeting began the board's pilot to hear all public comments on items listed on agenda at the beginning of the meeting, while all public comments on topics not listed on the agenda at the end of the agenda. The purpose is to help make board meetings more efficient and effective and to allow the public to give public comments on agenda items earlier in the evening.
- The board adjourned its meeting in memory of Stephen Parker, a former SMMUSD skilled maintenance worker, who passed away last month.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Approve DAC Charges for 2022-23 – *action on 9/14/22*
- Quarter 1 Student Data Presentation – *study session on 9/14/22*
- Update on Teacher Induction Program – *study session on 10/6/22*