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**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**December 10, 2007**

A retreat of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on Monday, December 10, 2007, at the District Administrative Offices: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA. The Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the board conference room.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A.01 Approval of Minutes .....1  
*No Minutes to Approve*

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent agenda items are considered routine, as agreed by the President, Vice President and Superintendent, requiring no discussion, and are normally all approved at one time by the Board of Education. However, members of the Board of Education, staff, or the public may request an item be removed from the consent agenda for clarification and/or discussion. Consideration will occur during Section XI (Major Items).

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments is the time when members of the audience may address the Board of Education on items not scheduled on the meeting's agenda. All speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. When there are a large number of speakers, the Board may reduce the allotted time to two (2) minutes per speaker. The Brown Act (Government Code) states that Board members may not engage in discussion of issues raised during "VIII, Public Comments" except to ask clarifying questions, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his or her own activities, or to refer the matter to staff. This Public Comment section is limited to 20 minutes. If the number of persons wishing to address the Board of Education exceeds the time limit, additional time will be provided in Section XVI, **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**MAJOR and DISCUSSION Items**

*As a general rule, items under MAJOR and DISCUSSION will be listed in order of importance as determined by the President, Vice President and Superintendent. Individual Board members may move to request a change in the order prior to consideration of any Major item. The Board may also move any of these items out of order to be heard immediately following PUBLIC*

*COMMENTS if it appears that there is special interest by the public or as a courtesy to staff members making presentations to the Board.*

**VI. MAJOR ITEMS**

These items are considered to be of major interest and/or importance and are presented for **ACTION (A)** or **INFORMATION (I)** at this time. Many have been reviewed by the Board at a previous meeting under the Discussion Items section of the agenda.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

These items are submitted for information (FIRST READING) and discussion. Action will generally be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

D.01 Retreat 4 – High Performing Governance Teams .....2

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education will, if appropriate, adjourn to CLOSED SESSION to complete discussion on items listed for CLOSED SESSION following the regular business meeting.

- Public Employee, to consider appointment, employment, performance evaluation, or dismissal of employee pursuant to GC §54957 as cited in the Brown Act (2 cases).

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on **Thursday, December 13, 2007**, at **5:30 p.m.** at the District Administrative Offices: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA.

It was moved by Ms. Pye, seconded by Mr. Snell, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at **9:43 p.m.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 13, 2007**, at **5:30 p.m.** at the **District Administrative Offices**, 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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President

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Superintendent

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**Meetings held at the District Office and in Malibu are taped and rebroadcast in Santa Monica on CityTV2, Cable Channel 20 - Check TV listing.**

**Meetings are rebroadcast in Malibu on Government Access Ch. 3 every Saturday at 8pm**

**Board of Education Meeting Schedule – 2007/2008**  
**Public Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.**

July through December 2007					
Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Special Note:
July		7/12 DO	7/19* DO		*Special Meeting
August		8/9 DO		8/23 DO	8/29: Board Retreat
September	9/6 DO			9/27 DO	9/4: Board Retreat 9/29: Closed Session
October	10/4 M		10/18 SM	10/25* DO	10/1: Brd Retreat 10/2: Special Mtg *Special Meeting
November	11/1 M		11/15 SM	11/30 WHERE (5th Thurs)	Thanksgiving 11/22-23
December		12/13 DO		winter break	12/10: Board Retreat
<b>December 24 – 31: Winter Break</b>					
January through June 2008					
<b>January 1 – 4: Winter Break</b>					
January	winter break		1/17 DO	1/31 WHERE (5th Thurs)	
February	2/7 M		2/21 SM		
March		3/13 DO	spring break	spring break	Stairway 3/6 & 3/7
<b>March 17 – 28: Spring Break</b>					
April	4/3 DO		4/17 SM		
May	5/1 M		5/15 SM	5/29 WHERE (5th Thurs)	
June	6/5 DO			6/26 DO	Last day of school 6/20

District Office (DO): 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica.  
Malibu City Council Chambers (M): 23815 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA  
Santa Monica City Council Chambers (SM): 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica.

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District  
Board of Education  
December 10, 2007**

**I      CALL TO ORDER**

A      Roll Call

Kathy Wisnicki – President  
Oscar de la Torre – Vice President  
Jose Escarce  
Maria Leon-Vazquez  
Ralph Mechur  
Kelly Pye  
Barry Snell

Student Board Members

B      Pledge of Allegiance

**II      CLOSED SESSION**

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FROM: DIANNE TALARICO  
RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION  
12/10/07

RECOMMENDATION NO. A.01

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Minutes:

*There are no minutes for approval.*

MOTION MADE BY:  
SECONDED BY:  
STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE:  
AYES:  
NOES:

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISCUSSION

12/10/07

FROM: DIANNE TALARICO

RE: RETREAT 4 - HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNANCE TEAMS

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. D.01

The Board of Education and Superintendent have been and will continue to be participating in a series of retreats that will address High Performing Governance Teams, including:

- Best Practices of Governance Teams
- Agenda Planning
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Board and Superintendent
- 2007/2008 Board Agenda Planning Calendar
- Superintendent's Performance Targets

These topics will be spread out over the school year.

James R. Brown - an education consultant for SpringBoard Schools, an author, and a retired Superintendent - will facilitate the retreat.