

# BOARD NOTES

## Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., January 14, 2021

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### **Upcoming board meetings in January & February:**

- Thurs., January 21, 2021, 5 p.m. (special meeting via Zoom)
- Thurs., February 4, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)
- Thurs., February 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)

### **The board took action on the following:**

- In order to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education that resulted from former board member de la Torre winning a seat on the Santa Monica City Council in the middle of his school board term, the board held interviews at last night's meeting. Twenty-two applicants interviewed, after which the board deliberated, made nominations, and then voted on the nominees. Mr. Keith Coleman, who ran in the November 2020 election for the school board, received four votes and was appointed to fill the board vacancy. He will complete the remaining two years of Mr. de la Torre's term, at which point he will be able to run in the November 2022 election for a full four-year term.

### **The board discussed the following:**

- The board discussed adopting a new policy and regulation regarding historical resources. This will return for action at the next regular board meeting.

### **Special note:**

- In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the principal and a couple of teachers from Roosevelt ES shared the culturally-relevant pedagogy their school has focused on, including having the children read aloud a variety of inclusive and diverse books through the lens of knowing one's identity. To continue the celebration, Roosevelt ES children will present at the January 21, 2021, board meeting what they have learned about Dr. King.
- As part of his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Drati provided an updated on the COVID-19 situation in our state, county, and district. He outlined the LACDPH's strong recommendation to close all in-person on-campus activities until the end of January due to the spike in cases, the Governor's new proposed plan to bring TK-6 students back as soon as a county's COVID-19 rates get to 28 cases per 100K residents (our county's cases are currently 77 per 100K), what we know so far about rolling out vaccines to staff, and how our district office staff and principals are working to arrive at common agreements regarding the "plus" activities in the distance learning plus model. He mentioned that the county acknowledged receipt of our TK-2 waivers, but have put a hold on approving waivers during this spike in cases.

**Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):**

- Continuation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration – *commendations/recognitions on 1/21/21*
- Update on Samohi Personalized Project-Based Learning / Academies – *study session on 1/21/21*
- Update on Samohi Campus Plan – *discussion on 1/21/21*
- Celebrating Black History Month – *commendations/recognitions on 2/4/21*
- Resolution Honoring Black History Month – *action on 2/4/21*
- Resolution Honoring Career Technical Education Month – *action on 2/4/21*
- Comprehensive School Safety Plan – *action on 2/4/21*
- Hiring Data Report – *study session on 2/4/21*
- Q1 and Q2 Evidence of Student Learning – *study session on 2/4/21*