

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., February 18, 2021

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 February and March:

- Thurs., March 4, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)
- Thurs., March 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)
- Wed., March 24, 2021, time TBD (special meeting via Zoom)

The board discussed the following:

- Secondary school principals provided a report on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Moving from Hope to Change in SMMUSD. The report recommended: 1) Adoption of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Definitions; 2) Adoption of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Litmus Test; 3) Support for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Education Campaign; 4) Support to “examine” essential functions through a DEI Lens; 5) Support to reimagine and design a system that supports BIPOC Students; and 6) Stay the Course. Following the presentation, the board gave Ed Services staff direction to work with the committee on the next steps to be brought to the board.
- The Santa Monica Ed Foundation provided its quarterly report to the board with information on fundraising progress to-date, family and staff participation rates, and corporate, foundation, and community support. To support the Santa Monica Ed Foundation, visit: <http://www.smedfoundation.org>.
- The Special Education Department provided their annual report, which presented information on diagnostic and interim assessment performance, what programs are already in place and what new programs opened in the fall, the number of students in non-public schools and residential placements, which programs have been meeting in in-person, the Samohi Transition program, a legal update, and goals for next year.

The board took action on the following:

- The board approved the 2019-20 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for each school, which contain test score results, demographic information, descriptions of professional development, suspension and expulsion data, and information about elements of Williams' compliance. The Malibu MS plan will return for approval at the next board meeting.
- The board approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plans for 2020-21 for all of our schools. The JAMS and Olympic HS plans will return for approval at the next board meeting.

Special note:

- To celebrate Black History Month and Black Lives Matter Week at Schools Week of Action, Dr. Satinder Hawkins, Coordinator of American Cultures and Ethnic Studies, shared what the schools have been doing to align their curriculum to not only state requirements, but also to include a wide and diverse range of voices and narratives into the lessons.
- As part of his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Drati provided an update on the pandemic and the reopening of schools. He also had Richard Marchini, our Director of Food and Nutrition Services, explained what services his department has been providing families during the pandemic; he also updated the board on the campus kitchen upgrade project, which began prior to the pandemic.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Diversity in Hiring Report – *study session on 3/4/21*
- DAC Mid-year Written Reports – *information on 2/18/21 & 3/4/21*
- Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month – *action on 3/4/21*
- Resolution Recognizing Middle Level Education Month – *action on 3/4/21*
- Resolution Recognizing César Chávez Day – *action on 3/4/21*
- Second Interim Budget – *action on 3/4/21*
- Fundraising Update from Malibu PTAs – *discussion on 3/4/21*
- Update on PBL at Malibu HS – *study session on 3/4/21*
- Update on Malibu MS & Malibu HS Campus Plan – *discussion on 3/4/21*
- DELAC Mid-year Report – *committee report on 3/4/21*
- Brown Act Training & PRA Refresh for the Board of Education – *study session on 3/24/21*