
BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs, August 13, 2020

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Upcoming board meetings in August & September:

- Tues., August 25, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (special meeting via Zoom)
- Thurs., September 3, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)

The board discussed the following:

- The board held its annual joint meeting with the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC). For 2019-20, the FOC had been charged with 1) assist with analysis of budget issues; 2) research, follow, and review ERAF, RDA Fund calculations and assessed valuation reports from the Cities of Malibu and Santa Monica; 3) review financial projections for sales tax revenue in the City of Santa Monica to help understand the budget implications of sales taxes on Prop YY and Measure GS; 4) identify potential cost savings that could be obtained via implementation of sustainability measures; 5) Identify areas of cost efficiencies in special ed; and 6) assist with analysis of bond authorizations for Measures BB or ES or other contemplated district financing. The committee's proposed charges for 2020-21 will return for action in September.
- The Santa Monica Education Foundation gave part II of its Quarter 4 report to the board (part I was on June 25). The foundation presented the district with a check for \$2,068,155 to support centralized-funded programs in Santa Monica for 2020-21.
- The PTA Presidents from Malibu provided a centralized fundraising update to the board. They presented a check for \$337,543 to support centralized-funded programs in Malibu for 2020-21.

The board took action on the following:

- The board approved the appointment of Ms. Nazareth Riquelme as the Literacy and Language Coordinator (she had been serving as the Assistant Principal at Grant Elementary School), Ms. Hilda Salas as a Special Education Coordinator, and Mr. Joseph Garcia as a Special Education Coordinator.
- The board adopted a resolution endorsing [Proposition 15](#), the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020, which will be on the November 3 ballot.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our district has been procuring personal protective equipment, thermometers, and other necessary equipment. The board adopted a series of resolutions in March and May allowing these purchases to be made without the usual bidding process or pre-approval from the board. When this occurs, the board takes action to renew this emergency resolution, with the list of purchased materials attached to the agenda item.
- The board approved a new high school course: Learning through Interest.
- The board approved an MOU between our district and SMMCTA regarding the reopening of schools for 2020-21 in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Part of this MOU delayed the first day of school by two weekdays to allow for additional professional development, and thereby adjusting the last day of school, too. The board approved these changes to the [2020-21 district calendar](#).

Special note:

- The board adjourned the meeting by sending best wishes for recovery for Mr. Al Trundle, H House Advisor at Samohi.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Approve FOC Chargers for 2020-21 – *action on 9/3/20*
- Update on Project Based Learning – *study session on 9/3/20*
- Update on Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Instruction – *study session on 9/3/20*