

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs, October 15, 2020

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Upcoming board meetings in November:

- Thurs., November 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)
- Thurs., November 12, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (special meeting via Zoom)
- Thurs., November 19, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)

The board took action on the following:

- The board adopted an annual resolution in honor of Week of the School Administrator, which is October 11-17, 2020, this year. This recognition celebrates our district's administrators and their dedication to the academic success and personal well-being of our students.
- 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 the purchase of the office building located at 1717 4th Street in Santa Monica as the future site for our district central offices; the current location on 16th Street will be leased out as office space. The details of the purchase can be found under [Item No. H.4 in the agenda](#).

The board discussed the following:

- The board discussed proposed language changes to BP/AR 5141.6 – Student Health Services and BP/AR 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention.

Special note:

- The board commended the students and staff from John Adams Middle School & Santa Monica College for their participation in the Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister Mentoring Program, which has been going for over five years.
- During his report, Dr. Drati and Ms. Sarah Braff shared the results of the surveys about distance learning our district sent to parents, teachers, and secondary school students and the survey SMMCTA sent to its unit members.
- The board adjourned the meeting in memory of Elissa Sato, a retired classroom assistant, who passed away in late September, and Maria Tejeda, an involved member of the St. Monica's Catholic Church community and mother of one of our teachers.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Resolution: National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month – *action on 11/5/20*
- Presentation of the SMMUSD COVID-19 Safety Plan and Approval of the Model to Reopen Schools – *action on 11/12/20*
- Follow-up Discussion on PPBL – *discussion on 11/19/20*
- Resolution: National Inclusive Schools Week – *action on 11/19/20*