

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs, November 19, 2020

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 December:

- Thurs., December 10, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (*special meeting via Zoom*)
- Thurs., December 17, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (*regular meeting via Zoom*)

The board discussed the following:

- The superintendent updated the board on our state's and county's COVID-19 data, the meetings he has held in October and November with several stakeholder groups to discuss the possible reopening models, what services can reopen while our county is in Tier 1, and the next steps to continue to plan for whenever the county moves into Tier 2. Staff shared what services have begun and will begin for special education and English learners, what athletics activities have started, and the learning hubs that have opened. Ms. Braff shared data from a recent survey that was given to SMMCTA members. After hearing several public comments and sharing their initial responses to staff's presentation, the board agreed to continue this discussion at the December 10 special board meeting.

The board took action on the following:

- In honor of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, the board adopted a resolution honoring the contributions of Native Americans.
- The board adopted a resolution honoring National Inclusive Schools Week: December 7-11, 2020.
- 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.

Special note:

- The board heard several public comments on the Santa Monica High School Phase 3 facilities improvement plan.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Approval of School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) – *action on 12/10/20*
- Approval of Budget Overview for Parents & First Interim Budget Report – *action on 12/10/20*
- Honoring Outgoing Board President and Vice President – *commendations/recognitions on 12/17/20*
- Election of Board President and Vice President for 2021 – *action on 12/17/20*
- Adopt Board Meeting Schedule for 2021-22 – *action on 12/17/20*