



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING**

September 11, 2017

. OPEN SESSION

Minutes:

Ms. Lieberman and Mr. Walzer called open session to order at 5:34 p.m. They called for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

.I. CALL TO ORDER

.I.A. Roll Call

SMMUSD:

- Present Oscar de la Torre – *arrived at 6:15pm*
- Present Mr. Craig Foster
- Present Jon Kean
- Present Maria Leon-Vazquez
- Present Laurie Lieberman
- Present Ralph Mechur
- Present Dr. Richard Tahvildaran

SMC:

- Absent Dr. Susan Aminoff
- Present Dr. Nancy Greenstein
- Present Dr. Louise Jaffe
- Absent Dr. Margaret Quinones-Perez
- Present Mr. Rob Rader
- Present Mr. Barry Snell
- Present Dr. Andrew Walzer

.I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Dr. Jaffe from SMC led the pledge of allegiance.

.II. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS

.II.A. Adopt Resolution No. 17-05 - Adopting the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (30 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-05 - Adopting the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Leon-Vazquez and a second by Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

- Yes Mr. Oscar de la Torre
- Yes Mr. Craig Foster
- Yes Mr. Jon Kean
- Yes Ms. Maria Leon-Vazquez
- Yes Ms. Laurie Lieberman
- Yes Mr. Ralph Mechur
- Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 5:36pm Time end: 6:28pm

Staff answered board members' questions regarding: landslides/mudslides;

insurance; active shooter classification; strategies to improve communication and alerts between SMMUSD and SMC during an emergency; the roles of school campuses in the community, including disaster relief organizations, during an emergency; how the information in the detailed plan could be shared with staff and the community; and the threat of man-made emergencies, like cyber-attacks.

.III. STUDY SESSION

.III.A. Joint Meeting between SMMUSD Board of Education and SMC Board of Trustees (60 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 6:28pm Time end: 7:54pm

Public Comments:

- Nikki Kolhoff addressed both governing boards regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding: math readiness; the dual enrollment process, including priority enrollment for Santa Monica residents; wait lists for summer get-ahead classes; how to engage parents in higher education options for their children; CTE pathways at SMC; strategies to inform middle school students of higher education opportunities; and how SMMUSD students take SMC placement exams.

Dr. Jaffe requested data on completion rates for Young Collegians. Mr. Mechur requested information on which specific courses dual enrollment students are taking and enrollment numbers per class. Mr. de la Torre requested demographic data on SMC transfer students.

.III.B. John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center Update (45 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 7:54pm Time end: 8:32pm

Public Comments:

- Zina Josephs addressed both governing boards regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding: opportunities for SMC and SMMUSD to host joint events in the new performance space; parking; facilities staging during the different construction phases; access points in the proposed rehearsal building along Pearl St.; and the possibility of including a recording studio in the new space.

.IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Time start: 8:32pm Time end: 8:44pm

- Zina Josephs, Nikki Kolhoff, and Ann Bowman encouraged SMC to pull its item from the Coast Commission's agenda scheduled for this Thursday.

.V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Minutes:

Time start: 8:44pm Time end: 8:55pm

- Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein thanked Drs. Jeffery and Drati for supporting the 5th grade Ballroom Dance program, which is now a partnership effort between SMMUSD and SMC.
- Mr. de la Torre reported that he was invited by SMC students last week to participate in a protest against the federal government's reversal of DACA. He encouraged the community to combine resources to help address the concerns of students affected by this decision.

- Dr. Jaffe added to Mr. de la Torre’s remarks by encouraging everyone to donate to the SMC Foundation, which is raising money to help cover the costs of DACA students’ application fees.
- Dr. Walzer expressed his appreciation for all of the collaborative efforts between SMC and SMMUSD.
- Mr. Rader expressed his concern that he had not yet met with special education staff at Lincoln MS regarding his son.

.VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

.VII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

It was moved by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, seconded by Mr. Mechur, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The next regular SMMUSD Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA.

Approved: _____

President

Superintendent