



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES - MEETING FORMAT "B"

September 13, 2017

. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Ms. Lieberman called closed session to order at 4:40 p.m.

.I. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

.II. CLOSED SESSION

.II.A. Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (20 min)

- DN-1005-17/18 (Special Education) (postponed from 8/30/17)
Minutes:
Parent reimbursement: \$80,000
Legal fees: \$12,000
The total cost for this case is not to exceed \$92,000. It was moved by Mr. Mechur, seconded by Mr. Kean, and voted 7/0 to approve the settlement case.
Ayes: 7 (Lieberman, Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Leon-Vazquez, Mechur, Foster, de la Torre, Kean)
Noes: 0
- DN-1006-17/18 (Special Education)
Minutes:
Parent reimbursement: \$50,000
The total cost for this case is not to exceed \$50,000. It was moved by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein, and voted 7/0 to approve the settlement case.
Ayes: 7 (Lieberman, Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Leon-Vazquez, Mechur, Foster, de la Torre, Kean)
Noes: 0

.II.B. Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (5 min)

.II.C. Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT (5 min)

- Title: Assistant Superintendent

.II.D. Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (15 min)

- Agency Designated Representative: Dr. Ben Drati
Employee Organizations: SEIU

. OPEN SESSION

.I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Ms. Lieberman called open session to order at 5:44 p.m.

.I.A. Roll Call

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

.I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Mechur led the pledge of allegiance.

.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Schmelzer.

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

.III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

.III.A. Approve August 30, 2017, Minutes

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the August 30, 2017, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

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

.III.B. Approve September 6, 2017, Minutes

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the September 6, 2017, special meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Mechur.

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

.IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

.IV.A. National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month Celebration (10 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 5:47pm Time end: 6:04pm

Dr. Gonzalez-Castillo informed the board that the students' presentation would be demonstrate the 4th and 5th grade CA State Standards, literacy strategy depth and complexity, and the social justice standards. She introduced Grant ES teacher Tara Warren and literacy coach Rachel Mock. They explained that the students used depth and complexity close reading strategies to examine the biographies of various Hispanic/ Latino figures. The presentation began with a video featuring the students, and then the students shared what they had learned from their close reading.

.V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

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

Minutes:

The board approved Item Nos. A.1-A.4, B.1, C.2-C.8, and D.1-D.5 listed under the Consent Calendar. Item No. D.6 was pulled from consent and voted on separately.

Time start: 6:04pm Time end: 6:12pm

.V.A. Curriculum and Instruction

- .V.A.1. Approval of Independent Contractors**
- .V.A.2. Conference and Travel Approval/Ratification**
- .V.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2017-18**
- .V.A.4. Special Education Contracts - 2017-18**

.V.B. Business and Fiscal

- .V.B.1. Award of Purchase Orders - 2017-18**

.V.C. Facilities Improvement Projects

- .V.C.2. Award of Contract Santa Monica High School - Sealy Field Lighting Project Byrom-Davey, Inc. - Measure ES**
- .V.C.3. Change Order #01 Byrom-Davey, Inc Construction Contract Santa Monica High School Sealy Field Project and Basketball Court Improvements Project Measure ES**
- .V.C.4. Amendment #04 to Agreement Design Survey Services John Adams Middle School Field Replacement Psomas Measure ES**
- .V.C.5. Amendment #01 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School and Olympic Campus Modernization Project Move Management Services Kings Office Services - Measure BB and ES**
- .V.C.6. Amendment #06 to Agreement - Architectural Services - Santa Monica High School - Samohi Campus Plan Project Chan Young Architects Measure ES**
- .V.C.7. Amendment #54 to Agreement Architectural Construction Administration Services District Office Data Center Project DLR Group, Inc Measure BB**
- .V.C.8. Accept Work as Completed Multiple Purchase Orders Various Projects Measure BB & ES**

.V.D. Personnel

- .V.D.1. Certificated Personnel Elections, Separations**

- .V.D.2. Classified Personnel - Merit**
- .V.D.3. Classified Personnel - Non-Merit**
- .V.D.4. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Special Education**
- .V.D.5. Student Teaching/Fieldwork Agreements**
- .V.D.6. Administrative Appointment**

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following administrative appointment: CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT: Dr. Jacqueline Mora as Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services (effective 9/14/17). Passed with a motion by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein and a second by Ms. Leon-Vazquez.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 6:04pm Time end: 6:12pm

Dr. Mora thanked the board for this opportunity. She said she was excited to be joining the SMMSUD team. She looks forward to getting to know the students, staff, and community members, and said she will work to support the school sites and make the district's vision a reality.

.VI. STUDY SESSION

.VI.A. SMMUSD's Specialized Programs and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) (45 mins)

Minutes:

Time start: 6:15pm Time end: 7:00pm

Staff answered board members' questions regarding training available for teachers, how training can be individualized, why some districts have been reluctant to adopt ABA, what recommendations will be made to improve our district's strategies, and how parents are involved in ABA.

.VI.B. Student Achievement Lag Data Review (Quarter 1) (50 mins)

Minutes:

Time start: 7:02pm Time end: 8:10pm

Public Comment:

- Ann Thanawala addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the scale scores per level, what information parents will receive regarding student scores, what the dashboard in November will and will not show, the various types of assessments given throughout the year, and equity issues related to taking/preparing for the PSAT and SAT.

.VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

.VII.A. District Advisory Committees: Draft Charges for 2017-18 (15 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 8:10pm Time end: 8:39pm

Feedback on Health & Safety Draft Charges:

- The board agreed with Mr. de la Torre's suggestion to add "addiction" to "awareness."

Feedback on VAPA Draft Charges:

- The board agreed to the third bullet point to read, “Review and advise regarding...” and take out, “revise.” Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein suggested that the VAPA DAC participate in helping to plan the arts space in the JAMS performing arts center.

These charges will return for action at the next meeting.

.VII.B. Consider Revising BP & AR 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils (5 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 8:39pm Time end: 9:15pm

Public Comment:

- Berenice Onofre addressed the board regarding this item.

The board discussed Item Nos. VII.B-F together.

Before this item returns for action/information, staff will examine the difference in connotation between “group” and “committee,” and make the mention of either consistent in the BP and AR.

This item will return for action/information at the next meeting.

.VII.C. Consider Revising BP 0460 - Local Control Accountability Plan (5 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 8:39pm Time end: 9:15pm

The board discussed Item Nos. VII.B-F together.

Mr. de la Torre suggested adding to paragraph 8: “...achievement levels, outcomes geared toward closing the achievement gap, and information about...” The board agreed with this addition.

This item will return for action at the next meeting.

.VII.D. Consider Replacing BP and AR 0440 – District Technology Plan (10 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 8:39pm Time end: 9:15pm

The board discussed Item Nos. VII.B-F together.

In response to board member remarks regarding training for staff and students on appropriate use of technology, Ms. Roman explained that staff and students had already signed the agreement for 2017-18, but staff will update the training and forms prior to the start of 2018-19.

This item will return for action/information at the next meeting.

.VII.E. Consider Revising BP, Deleting AR, and Adopting E 4040 – Employee Use of Technology (10 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 8:39pm Time end: 9:15pm

The board discussed Item Nos. VII.B-F together.

Dr. Kelly suggested removing “primarily” from the BP and Exhibit. He also suggested removing the capitalization from “personally owned devices” in the Exhibit. The board agreed with these changes.

This item will return for action/information at the next meeting.

.VII.F. Consider Revising BP, Deleting AR, and Replace E 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology (10 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 8:39pm Time end: 9:15pm

The board discussed Item Nos. VII.B-F together.

This item will return for action/information at the next meeting.

.VII.G. Continuation of Discussion re: Samohi Campus Plan Phase 1 & 2 Update and Budget Discussion (40 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 9:15pm Time end: 10:35pm

Public Comments:

- Colleen Stoll addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the number of classrooms at Samohi, the minimum number of parking spaces per construction phase, the estimated soft costs. A majority of the board directed staff to move forward with the parking recommendation. The board also directed staff to revisit the Civic Center plans with the City of Santa Monica.

.VIII. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS

.VIII.A. Adopt Resolution No. 17-06 - National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month (5 mins)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-06 – National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month in recognition of the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our nation. Passed with a motion by Mr. de la Torre and a second by Mr. Mechur.

Yes Oscar de la Torre

Yes Mr. Craig Foster

Yes Jon Kean

Yes Maria Leon-Vazquez

Yes Laurie Lieberman

Yes Ralph Mechur

Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran

Minutes:

Time start: 10:35pm Time end: 10:39pm

Public Comment:

- Ann Thanawala addressed the board regarding this item.

.VIII.B. Adopt Resolution 17-07 Adoption of the Procedures for Evaluating Qualifications and Proposals of Lease-Leaseback Contractors for the Malibu Middle High School Campus Improvements Phase 3 Project (10 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 17-07 to adopt and publish required procedures and guidelines for evaluating the qualifications and proposals of prospective lease-leaseback contractors for the Malibu Middle High School Campus Improvements Phase 3 Project which ensure that the best value selection by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is conducted in a fair and impartial manner. Passed with a motion by Mr. de la Torre and a second by Mr. Mechur.

Yes Oscar de la Torre

Yes Mr. Craig Foster

Yes Jon Kean

Yes Maria Leon-Vazquez

Yes Laurie Lieberman
Yes Ralph Mechur
Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran

Minutes:

Time start: 10:39pm Time end: 10:40pm

.VIII.C. Adopt Resolution No. 17-08 - Ratifying the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property Located at 1515 Maple Street in the City of Santa Monica, California 90405 (Assessor's Parcel Number: 4284-038-020) and Delegating Authority to Accept the Deed (10 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education ("Board") adopt Resolution No. 17-08 ratifying the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the acquisition of real property located at 1515 Maple Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 with Assessor's Parcel Number 4284-038-020 ("Property") and delegating authority to accept the deed. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 10:40pm Time end: 10:41pm

.VIII.D. Adopt Resolution No. 17-09 - AB 621 The Classified Employee Summer Bridge Fund (10 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-09 - AB 621 – The Classified Employee Summer Bridge Fund. Passed with a motion by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein and a second by Ms. Leon-Vazquez.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 10:41pm Time end: 10:43pm

.IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

.X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Time start: 10:44pm Time end: 10:51pm

Public Comments:

- Berenice Onofre expressed her concern about not sufficient parent engagement.
- Ann Thanawala expressed her concern regarding the ways in which California missions were being taught in fourth grade.

.XI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

.XII. REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

.XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

.XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

.XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

.XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Mechur, seconded by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m. The next meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Malibu City Council Chambers: 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA.

Approved: _____

President

Superintendent

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