



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES - MEETING FORMAT "A"**

February 1, 2018

. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called closed session to order at 4:34 p.m.

.I. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

.II. CLOSED SESSION

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

**.II.B. Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (30
min)**

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

. OPEN SESSION

.I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 5:29 p.m.

.I.A. Roll Call

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

.I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Kean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

.III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

.III.A. Approve January 18, 2018, Minutes

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the January 18, 2018, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Ms. Lieberman.

Yes Oscar de la Torre

Yes Mr. Craig Foster

Yes Jon Kean

Yes Maria Leon-Vazquez

Yes Laurie Lieberman

Absent Ralph Mechur

Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

.III.B. Approve January 23, 2018, Minutes

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the January 23, 2018, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster 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-Jesswein

.IV. STUDY SESSION

.IV.A. Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Review Findings: English Learner Program (35 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 5:40 p.m. Time end: 6:22 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Berenice Onofre addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding: the timeline and process to ensure teachers get CLAD certified; which teachers require CLAD certification; the process for out-of-state teachers to apply for an emergency credential while they work toward completing certification here in CA; if there was an opportunity for student input; and who is a part of the ELACs and DELAC.

Mr. de la Torre requested an updated on this in the Friday Memo following today's deadline and the March 16 deadline. He would like a study session on the English Learner program. Ms. Leon-Vazquez suggested the district and schools reach out more directly to families.

.V. COMMUNICATIONS

.V.A. Student Board Member Reports (15 min)

.V.A.1. Santa Monica High School

Minutes:

Time start: 6:22 p.m. Time end: 6:27 p.m.

Mr. Schmelzer reported that Samohi just finished its WASC accreditation visit. He said the WASC team was nice and friendly, and everyone on the campus was happy to answer their questions. There is a basketball game on Friday at 7:00 p.m. against rival Beverly Hills. Cafe Samo will be at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Mora will include the WASC team's final report in a Friday Memo.

.V.A.2. Malibu High School

Minutes:
No report

.V.A.3. Olympic High School

Minutes:
No report

.V.B. SMMCTA Update (5 min)

Minutes:
Time start: 5:33 p.m. Time end: 5:37 p.m.

Ms. Murawski delivered the SMMCTA report on behalf of Mc. Braff. She reported that the union updated its mission statement and organization goal. She thanked the Ed Services team for bringing the teachers into the conversation regarding interim assessments. She said the union is pleased with the progress being made toward updating the policy associated with independent study. The union feels that while the district is doing well in getting students college ready, more work needs to be done in getting students ready for the workplace. The union and district continue to work together in the matrices of bias and social justice training, with the aim to increase each training from three to four days. On February 15, a group of teachers and administrators will meet to review the administrator reviews and hope to pilot the new report next year.

.V.C. SEIU Update (5 min)

Minutes:
No report

.V.D. PTA Council (5 min)

Minutes:
No report

.VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:
Time start: 5:37 p.m. Time end: 5:40 p.m.

Dr. Drati reported that he recently attended the annual ACSA conference in northern California, where superintendents from all over the state come together to discuss current educational issues. The most discussed topics this year were the state budget, rising costs associated with special education, healthcare costs and benefits, and the state funding formula for school districts. There were also conversations around how districts will need to examine and adjust their policies and process related to recreation cannabis. Dr. Drati reported that Dr. Mora and her team are scheduling trips to Santa Barbara and Fresno for staff and a handful of board members to see firsthand inquiry-based learning models and designs. Regarding state funding for school districts, Mr. Foster suggested that CSBA lead the way in advocating for reform, with school districts getting behind the organization as a unified force.

.VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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-Jesswein

Minutes:

The board approved Item Nos. A.1-A.4, B.1-B.4, C.1-C.21, and D.1-D.4 listed under the Consent Calendar.

Time start: 5:40 p.m. Time end: 5:40 p.m.

.VII.A. Curriculum and Instruction

- .VII.A.1. Approval of Independent Contractors**
- .VII.A.2. Conference & Travel - Approval/Ratification**
- .VII.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2017-18**
- .VII.A.4. Special Education Contracts (17/18)**

.VII.B. Business and Fiscal

- .VII.B.1. Award of Purchase Orders - 2017-18**
- .VII.B.2. Acceptance of Gifts - 2017/2018**
- .VII.B.3. Accept Work as Complete - District Warehouse, Walk-in Cooler/Freezer - Gary F. Lyons & Associates, Inc.**
- .VII.B.4. Amend Approval to Purchase Buses from A-Z Bus Sales Inc. Utilizing Waterford Bid #01/17 School Buses**

.VII.C. Facilities Improvement Projects

- .VII.C.1. Independent Contractors - Measure BB & ES Projects**
- .VII.C.2. Accept Work as Completed Malibu Middle & High School and Cabrillo Elementary School - LED Luminaires & System Controls Upgrade Walton Electric Corporation Measure ES**
- .VII.C.4. Contract Amendment #18 - Lincoln Middle School Track & Field Replacement Project Professional Geotechnical Observation and Lab of Record Services Leighton Consulting, Inc. - Measure ES**
- .VII.C.5. Change Order #03 Olympic High School - Campus Modernization Project - SimplexGrinnell - Measure BB**
- .VII.C.6. Change Order #07 Olympic High School - Campus Modernization Project - Construction Contract Bid #16.20.BB - Novus Construction - Measure BB**
- .VII.C.7. Award of Contract Santa Monica High School Interim Repairs & Upgrades Project EasyTurf Measure ES**
- .VII.C.8. Change Order #01 Santa Monica High School Sealy Field Project Construction Bid #17.12.ES Byrom-Davey, Inc. Measure ES**
- .VII.C.9. Change Order #02 Santa Monica High School Sealy Field Project Construction Bid #17.12.ES Byrom-Davey, Inc. Measure ES**
- .VII.C.10. Award of Agreement - Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project (Interim Housing) Inspector of Record Services All-American Inspection Inc. Measure ES**
- .VII.C.11. Award of Agreement Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project (Interim Housing) - SimplexGrinnell Measure ES**
- .VII.C.12. Amendment #03 to Agreement Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project Architectural Services Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) - Measure ES**
- .VII.C.13. Amendment #04 to Agreement Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project Architectural Services Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) - Measure ES**
- .VII.C.14. Amendment #05 to Agreement Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project Architectural Services Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) - Measure ES**

- .VII.C.15. Amendment #09 to Agreement Webster Elementary School - Window, Paint, Floors and Doors Project - Architectural Services - dsk Architects Measure ES
- .VII.C.16. Change Order #01 Malibu Middle & High School Window, Paint Floors & Doors Project Construction Bid #17.11.ES - Angeles Contractor, Inc. - Measure ES
- .VII.C.17. Change Order #03 Malibu Middle & High School Campus Improvements Project Construction Bid #17.07.BB - Angeles Contractor, Inc. - Measure BB
- .VII.C.18. Amendment #53 to Agreement Malibu Middle High School Campus Improvement Project - Architectural Services - HMC Architects Measure BB
- .VII.C.19. Accept Work as Completed Multiple Purchase Orders Various Projects Measure BB & ES
- .VII.C.20. Amendment #02 to Agreement District-Wide HVAC & Electrical Project Professional Services PlanNet Measure ES
- .VII.C.21. Award of Agreement Districtwide ADA Transition Plan Services Disability Access Consultants (DAC) Measure ES

.VII.D. Personnel

- .VII.D.1. Certificated Personnel - Elections, Separations
- .VII.D.2. Classified Personnel - Merit
- .VII.D.3. Classified Personnel - Non-Merit
- .VII.D.4. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Special Education

.VIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Time start: 6:28 p.m. Time end: 6:30 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Karen Farrer addressed the board regarding conflict of interest.

.IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

.IX.A. Establishing a Standard for Termite Treatment (30 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 6:30 p.m. Time end: 9:13 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Casey Zweig, Libby Gibbs, Jennifer deNicola, Jill Hawkins, Karen Farrer, Manel Sweetmore, Kevin Skenkman, Bessie Zhang, and Stacy Rouse addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff and the entomologist answered board members' questions regarding: IPM programs in other school districts; if heat treatment could be as effective as fumigation in treating an entire building; other non-pesticide options; how staff investigates evidence of termites and determines which level of treatment will be most effective; how accessible locations are for spot treatment; protocols prior to and following fumigation treatment; and the implications of not treating termites completely.

Some board members expressed their concern with using fumigation as treatment under any circumstance, while others expressed concern that not treating termites with the most effective methods would compromise existing and new facilities. There was also concern that postponing fumigation until only during summer breaks would negatively impact construction schedules.

Following extensive discussion, the board agreed to the following:

- There was no clear, unanimous direction from the board to staff regarding termite treatment options, as of right now.
- It was suggested that staff have a conversation with the City of Malibu to determine their strategies for addressing termites.
- Staff will conduct assessments of the sites listed in the presentation to determine the extent of any termite damage.
- When this item returns for board consideration, staff will present clear criteria options associated with termite treatment on which the board can take action. The board members remarked that there might not be unanimous support for the criteria.

.IX.B. Intradistrict Permits, Interdistrict Permits, and Residency Checks (25 min)

Minutes:

The board postponed this item to a future meeting.

.IX.C. Consider Replacing BP and Adopting E 5030 - Student Wellness (40 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 9:13 p.m. Time end: 10:09 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the lunch menu; the physical fitness test; breakfast for students; evaluation of the goals; how the information in the exhibit could be better presented; and how this information could be linked to the City of Santa Monica's annual report card.

Mr. de la Torre requested an inventory of the food preparation equipment at our site cafeteria kitchens. Mr. Foster suggested that "LGBT" under physical activity be changed to "transgender." He would like the Health & Safety DAC, which could assist the district in meeting some of the goals, to include LGBTQAI students in the focus of bullying prevention strategies as well as a mention of safety when promoting Safe Routes to School. He requested a future discussion item on strategies to improve school climate, and he suggested the district work with food vendors to improve upon the menu offerings at the sites.

This will return for action and information at the next meeting. The new language will be shared with departments and principals.

.IX.D. Consider Revising BP and Replacing AR 5112.3 Student Leave of Absence (15 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 10:09 p.m. Time end: 10:13 p.m.

Mr. Foster suggested adding a phrase to the policy that allowed for more than one percent of the students enrolled to be on leave if permission was granted by the Superintendent or designee. Staff will look into this request.

This item will return for action at the next meeting.

.IX.E. Consider Adopting BP 5116.2 Involuntary Student Transfers (15 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 10:13 p.m. Time end: 10:24 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions how the district follows up on a student who has been transferred and whether or not elementary school students can be involuntarily transferred.

Mr. de la Torre requested data on the number of involuntary transfers.

This item will return for action at the next meeting.

.X. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS

.X.A. Adopt Resolution No. 17-21 - In Honor of Black History Month (5 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-21 – In Honor of Black History Month. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman 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: 10:24 p.m. Time end: 10:26 p.m.

.X.B. Adopt Resolution No. 17-22 - Career Technical Education Month (5 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-22 – In Honor of Career Technical Education (CTE) Month. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Mr. de la Torre.

- 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: 10:26 p.m. Time end: 10:26 p.m.

.X.C. Appointment of Personnel Commissioner - Lisa Jenkins (5 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the selection of Lisa Jenkins as a Personnel Commissioner, as recommended by the Personnel Commission Selection Committee, and forward the nomination to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for appointment. Passed with a motion by Mr. Kean 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: 10:27 p.m. Time end: 10:28 p.m.

Mr. Foster requested that the board receive a copy of Ms. Jenkin's application.

.XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

.XI.A. District Advisory Committee (DAC) Mid-year Written Reports

.XII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

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

.XIV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

.XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Minutes:

Time start: 10:28 p.m. Time end: 10:30 p.m.

- Ms. Leon-Vazquez reported that she attended part of the School Leadership Team (SLT) training on Monday, and said it was great to see all the teachers and principals participating. She thanked Dr. Mora for the engaging meeting.
- Mr. Kean reported that the board received an email from a Webster teacher, who was touched that the board had adopted a resolution honoring Fred Korematsu. The board suggested that staff invite her to speak next year for the annual adoption of the resolution.

.XVI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

.XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

It was moved by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, seconded by Mr. de la Torre, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Approved: _____

President

Superintendent

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