



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

March 20, 2018

**. OPEN SESSION**

**.I. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**.I.A. Roll Call**

- Present Oscar de la Torre – *arrived at 3:46 p.m.*
- Present Craig Foster
- Present Jon Kean
- Present Maria Leon-Vazquez – *arrived at 3:25 p.m.*
- Present Laurie Lieberman
- Present Ralph Mechur – *arrived at 3:19 p.m.*
- Present Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

**.I.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

Dr. Drati led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**.II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**.II.A. 2018-19 Budget Workshop (120 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 3:12 p.m. Time end: 4:58 p.m.

Staff answered board members’ questions regarding: GSH planned expenditures; revenue from the hotel lease; how staff determined the data for “typical schools” in the handout; the timeline associated with addressing deficit spending; and the rationale for strategically spending one-time funds.

During the conversation, board members suggested: reaching out to other districts or organizations to get expenditure data associated with their programs and staffing; and developing and implementing a uniform process to identify programs and efficiently evaluate them for effectiveness.

**.III. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS**

**.III.A. Review of School Services of California (SSC) Report on Malibu Unification Analysis and Action on a Concept Related to Unification (120 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the concept of a 50-year revenue-sharing framework for Malibu unification. The board directs its leadership, along with the superintendent, to reach out to the City of Malibu and present this concept for unification. In presenting this concept, the board asks the Malibu City Council to withdraw or put on hold its current petition for unification until a time when we can collaboratively come to an agreement regarding the details of the concept the board adopted. Among other topics, the board would like to have the following points addressed during the conversations/deliberations:

- The framework for an equitable sharing of property taxes between both districts;
- The potential sharing of discretionary or local revenues for a limited period of time or a series of off-sets to create an equitable revenue stream;

- A structured mechanism for evaluating, rebalancing, and/or adjusting the formula at certain intervals;
- A performance objective/standards that any adjustments or rebalancing must continue to meet;
- A guiding principle that stability and equity for all students in both districts is essential; and
- The possibility that a charter configuration be utilized as an interim mechanism to unification, if desired by the City of Malibu.

This concept expressed in this agreement is valid only if the City of Malibu withdraws its current petition or ensures that the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization temporarily halts its consideration of the petition. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman and a second by Mr. de la Torre.

- Yes Oscar de la Torre
- Yes Mr. Craig Foster
- Yes Jon Kean
- No Maria Leon-Vazquez
- Yes Laurie Lieberman
- Yes Ralph Mechur
- Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 5:58 p.m. Time end: 9:04 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Laura Rosenthal, Rick Mullen, and Kevin Shenkman addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff and SSC representatives answered board members' questions regarding: if SSC were familiar with other examples of the trust fund concept; the assumptions included in the formulas; how revenue is distributed in and the timeline associated with a charter school scenario; if legislation would be required in any of the scenarios; and what happens if the state formula for school district funding changes. The board requested that staff research whether the board took action on the other aspects of the MUNC reports.

Dr. Drati will share this action with legal counsel and also ask about a timeline for next steps. He will then reach out to the Los Angeles Office of Education to determine if they confirm the legal opinion we receive.

**.IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**.V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 9:04 p.m. Time end: 9:06 p.m.

- Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein announced that the Santa Monica Rent Control Board was holding a meeting later this week. He encouraged everyone to look at the agenda, as there is an item that relates to bonding measures.

**.VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**.VII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Mechur, seconded by Mr. Kean, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. in memory of three former SMMUSD students: Donald Quintana, Manuel Soto, and Jorge Garcia. This meeting will adjourn to a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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President

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Superintendent

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