



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

April 12, 2018

**. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called closed session to order 4:35 p.m.

**.I. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**

**.II. CLOSED SESSION**

**.II.A. Government Code 54956.9(d)(1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
EXISTING LITIGATION (30 min)**

- Name of Case: America Unites for Kids vs. Lyon (C.D. Ca. Sept., 2016), now on appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, America Unites for Kids v. Rousseau, No. 16-56390

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

**.II.C. Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (20  
min)**

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

**. OPEN SESSION**

**.I. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 5:39 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:

Ms. Cartee-McNeely led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the April 12, 2018, regular meeting agenda. Passed with a motion Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Mr. Foster.

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

### **.III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **.III.A. Approve March 15, 2018, Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the March 15, 2018, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Mr. Foster.

- 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

#### **.III.B. Approve March 20, 2018, Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the March 20, 2018, special meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster 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-Jesswein

### **.IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

#### **.IV.A. Week of the Young Child (10 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 5:42 p.m. Time end: 5:48 p.m.

Dr. Samarge-Powell and Ms. Simon shared a video highlighting the afterschool school-age programs around the district. They also shared facts and numbers about the programs.

#### **.IV.B. Adult Ed Week (10 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 5:48 p.m. Time end: 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bartelheim and Mr. Fuller highlighted the various services and opportunities available through the Adult Ed program. Ms. Brenda Torres, a student in the Adult Ed Program, shared her story and how the classes have afforded her the opportunity to improve upon her own life and that of her children. Mr. Bartelheim acknowledged the hard work of Lorena Martin, who works in the Adult Ed office.

### **.V. STUDY SESSION**

#### **.V.A. Early Learning Pathway Update (40 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:00 p.m. Time end: 6:47 p.m.

##### Public Comments:

- Ann Thanawalla addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding professional development for vertical alignment; how to improve the transfer of assessment files from preschool to TK and kindergarten teachers; how to collaborate with local, private preschools; how neighborhood preschools can help with vertical articulation and alignment of the curriculum; enrollment levels at specific sites; and equity in the admissions process.

## **.VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **.VI.A. Student Board Member Reports (15 min)**

#### **.VI.A.1. Santa Monica High School**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:47 p.m. Time end: 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Kean delivered Mr. Schmelzer's report for him, as Mr. Schmelzer was recently called up to the varsity lacrosse team and had to be at practice. The spring band concert is tomorrow night. The ASB spring commissioners event is happening this week. Col. Randy Bresnik, a Samohi alum, will be doing a series of assemblies on April 20, talking about his career as a NASA astronaut. There is a nation-wide walk-out scheduled for April 20 to call for common sense gun laws. The UCLA blood drive will be on April 24.

#### **.VI.A.2. Malibu High School**

Minutes:

Not present

#### **.VI.A.3. Olympic High School**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:46 p.m. Time end: 6:47 p.m.

Ms. Rivas reported that the students are in the third trimester of the school year, and are busy with credit recovery and earning their diplomas. The facilities renovations are starting to look great, including the library and a sound-proof music room.

### **.VI.B. SMMCTA Update (5 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:48 p.m. Time end: 6:51 p.m.

Ms. Ransom delivered the report on behalf of Ms. Braff. She congratulated students across the district for the march 14 walkouts protesting gun violence. She said the walkouts were productive and well-organized, and she thanked the adults who supported the students. Teachers are excited about participating in the training and implementation of the social justice standards. PD leaders and the first cohort of teachers are learning about teaching tolerance, and they say the training has been powerful and inspirational. The Matrices of Bias training continues, and some unit members will be going to a social justice training in May. Ms. Ransom thanked Tara Brown and Robert Howard for the restorative justice trip to Oakland in March. The teachers who attended said they are looking forward to bringing restorative justice to all of our schools. She said the union believes our district's PE programs are the best physical education that our students can receive, as they address not only the physical well-being of our students, but also the social and emotional well-being. Ms. Ransom expressed concern that the classroom supply budget appears to differ among schools, and so the administrators are investigating this. She shared that the Santa Monica Daily Press highlights different teachers each month.

### **.VI.C. SEIU Update (5 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:51 p.m. Time end: 6:55 p.m.

Ms. Cartee-McNeely reported that SEIU has three meetings this month to plan for 2018-19 in transportation, facilities, maintenance, operations, and special education. SEIU is remaining focused on Supreme Court case of Janus v. AFSCME and is working to educate unit members on the importance of union membership and to understanding all that a union does for employees and the community. Currently, SEIU has been in negotiations with LAUSD, but it has been a tough process. The

union is polling its members regarding a strike. The last Ms. Cartee-McNeely heard, there had been some positive movement in the collective bargaining process. She remarked on a classification listed under Item No. VIII.C.1. Ms. Cartee-McNeely closed her remarks in memory of Gene Elliot, a paraeducator who passed away suddenly.

**.VI.D. PTA Council (5 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:55 p.m. Time end: 6:58 p.m.

Ms. Smith announced that one of our students is moving on to the National Reflections competition, and that another student placed second at the state level for literature. Next week, there will be a districtwide elementary school parent education meeting regarding mental health. Today, Ms. Smith attended a kick-off meeting for the sustainability steering committee. The PTA state convention is in two weeks, and many council and unit members will be attending. Members will also be attending a gubernatorial forum in Ontario. Ms. Smith reminded everyone that the PTA's Honorary Service Awards breakfast will be on May 1 at Duke's in Malibu.

**.VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:00 p.m. Time end: 7:05 p.m.

Dr. Drati shared what he reported to the PTA Council earlier this week. He feels that staff are not able to be as efficient in their work because they are responding to misinformation being shared and spread on social media. Dr. Drati said he supported the use of social media to voice opinions, but worried that families might have difficulty differentiating between factual information from the district versus comments made by other sources that might be spreading misinformation. He would like to start a communications campaign to raise awareness of this issue to help families and community members understand where to get reliable information about the district. Dr. Drati reported that district office staff is working with site administrators and students to ensure students stay safe during the nationwide walkouts.

**.VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**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
- Abstain Maria Leon-Vazquez
- Yes Laurie Lieberman
- Yes Ralph Mechur
- Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

The board approved Item Nos. A.1-A.5, B.2-B.4, C.2-C.17, and D.1-D.4 listed under the Consent Calendar. The board pulled Item Nos. B.1, C1, C.18, and E.1, and voted on them separately.

Time start: 7:05 p.m. Time end: 7:47 p.m.

**.VIII.A. Curriculum and Instruction**

- .VIII.A.1. Approval of Independent Contractors**
- .VIII.A.2. Conference and Travel Approval/Ratification - 2017/2018**
- .VIII.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2017-18**
- .VIII.A.4. Supplemental Textbooks**
- .VIII.A.5. Special Education Contracts (17/18)**

**.VIII.B. Business and Fiscal**

**.VIII.B.1. Award of Purchase orders - 2017-18**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with the following Independent Contractors. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Kean.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 7:09 p.m. Time end: 7:10 p.m.

**.VIII.B.2. Acceptance of Gifts - 2017/2018**

**.VIII.B.3. Recommendation of Appointments To Fill Vacancies On The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**

**.VIII.B.4. Approval of Increase of Bus Pass Fees**

**.VIII.C. Facilities Improvement Projects**

**.VIII.C.1. Approval Of Independent Contractors - FIP**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with the following Independent Contractors for Measure BB & ES Projects. Passed with a motion by Mr. Mechur 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-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 7:10 p.m. Time end: 7:14 p.m.

The board requested a copy of the contract for the vendor.

**.VIII.C.2. Award of Contract Webster Elementary School Parking Lot Project Bid #18.10.ES - Waisman Construction - Measure BB**

**.VIII.C.3. Award of Contract - John Adams Middle School - Gym Floor Replacement Project - Bid #18.11.ES - The Nazerian Group - Measure ES**

**.VIII.C.4. Award of Agreement Districtwide Prop 39 Energy Efficiency Design & Construction Services Baker Electric Prop 39**

**.VIII.C.5. Change Order #04 Will Rogers Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project Construction Contract A. J. Fistes Corporation - Measure ES**

**.VIII.C.6. Award of Agreement Inspection Services Inspector of Record Services for John Adams Middle School Field Replacement Project & Gym Floor Replacement Project and Olympic High School School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project Sandy Pringle Associates Inspection Consultants Measure ES**

**.VIII.C.7. Award of Agreement Inspection Services Inspector of Record Services for Franklin Elementary School and McKinley Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doros Project Knowland Construction Services Measure ES**

**.VIII.C.8. Award of Agreement Inspection Services Inspector of Record Services for Point Dume Elementary School - Window, Paint, Floors**

- & Doors Project - Webster Elementary School Drop-off and Parking Lot Reconfiguration Project - Independent Construction Inspection, Inc. Measure ES & Measure BB
- .VIII.C.9. Award of Agreement Webster Elementary School Drop-off and Parking Lot Reconfiguration Project Geotechnical Services MTGL Inc. Measure BB
- .VIII.C.10. Amendment #04 to Agreement Olympic High School Modernization Project and Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project Abatement and Removal Monitoring Services - Ninyo & Moore Measure BB & ES
- .VIII.C.11. Amendment #23 to Agreement Franklin Elementary School Window, Paint Floors & Doors Project - Monitoring and Air Sampling Services and Point Dume Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project - Floor Sampling, Work Plan, Monitoring and Air Sampling Services Alta Environmental Measure ES
- .VIII.C.12. Award of Contract Santa Monica High School Samohi Campus Plan - Big Blue Bus Blue-to-Business Transit Pass Program Big Blue Bus - Measure ES
- .VIII.C.13. Award of Agreement Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project - Professional Services Placeworks - Measure ES
- .VIII.C.14. Award of Agreement Edison Language Academy, John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica High School Solar 1 Projects Solar Consulting Services Cumming Corporation Measure ES
- .VIII.C.15. Amendment #02 to Project Assignment #01 - John Adams Middle School - HVAC Project - Architectural Master Services Agreement - NAC Architecture Measure ES
- .VIII.C.16. Accept Work as Complete Multiple Purchase Orders Various Projects Measure BB & ES
- .VIII.C.17. Amendment #07 to Agreement John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Complex Project Geotechnical Services - Converse Consultants Measure ES
- .VIII.C.18. Adopt Resolution No. 17-33 - Determining the Replacement of a 5,701-sq ft Building with Grass Landscaping and Recoating the Parking Lot Located at 1515 Maple Street, Santa Monica, are Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Approving the Project, and Directing the Filing of a Notice of Exemption

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education Adopt Resolution No. 17-33 - Determining the Replacement of a 5,701-sq ft Building with Grass Landscaping and Recoating the Parking Lot Located at 1515 Maple Street, Santa Monica, are Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Approving the Project, and Directing the Filing of a Notice of Exemption. Passed with a motion by Mr. Mechur 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

Minutes:

Time start: 7:07 p.m. Time end: 7:09 p.m.

The board directed staff to hire a professional photographer to take photos of the building and file the photos with the Historical Society and local libraries.

**.VIII.D. Personnel**

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

**.VIII.D.2. Classified Personnel - Merit**

**.VIII.D.3. Classified Personnel - Non-Merit**

**.VIII.D.4. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Facility Improvement Projects / Purchasing**

**.VIII.E. General**

**.VIII.E.1. Revise BP 6158 - Independent Study**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education revise BP 6158 – Independent Study. 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
- Yes Ralph Mechur
- Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 7:14 p.m. Time end: 7:47 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Ann Thanawalla, Nikki Kolhoff, and Lydia Muraro addressed the board regarding this item.

The board suggested that staff write an FAQ to help families understand the changes in the process for ISPE. Staff answered board members' questions regarding changes to the process for approving middle school ISPE applications and the make-up of the review committee.

**.IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:47 p.m. Time end: 8:31 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Sherri Walker, Janet McKeithen, Robbie Jones, Joanne Berlin, Sidonie Smith, Jessica Walker, Waverly Nebedoom, Ann Thanawalla, and Bob Gordh addressed the board regarding the social justice standards. Board members will email Drs. Drati and Mora with what they would like addressed in staff's next social justice standards update.
- Camille Hannant, Lorenzo de la Reyes, Lea Yamashiro, and Parker Lauer, members of Los Angeles Student Activist Coalition (LASAC), and Nikki Kolhoff, addressed the board regarding the planned walkout on April 20 to support gun control. The board suggested Dr. Drati work with site staff, students, and local law enforcement to ensure students remain safe.

*Break: 8:31-8:40 p.m.*

**.X. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**.X.A. Review of PCB Progress and Response Procedures (45 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 8:40 p.m. Time end: 9:24 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the timelines associated with the various options; the details of the court order; and how the Facilities District Advisory Committee for Malibu projects (FDAC-M) has heard and will continue to discuss this issue.

The board agreed with staff's recommendation and directed staff to explore: 1) fully remaking Malibu High School to support student learning and 2) the slowing or stopping of planned modernization work, including PCB abatement, in preparation of replacing buildings. Dr. Drati will meet in small groups with the board members who do not serve on the facilities subcommittee to bring them up-to-speed.

## **.XI. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS**

### **.XI.A. Adopt Resolution No. 17-34 - Recognizing Week of the Young Child: April 16-20, 2018 (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-34 – Recognizing Week of the Young Child. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman and a second by Mr. Foster.

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:

Time start: 9:24 p.m. Time end: 9:25 p.m.

### **.XI.B. Adopt Resolution No. 17-35 - Recognizing Adult Education Week: April 9-13, 2018 (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-34 – Recognizing Adult Ed Week – April 9-13, 2018. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez 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  
Yes Ralph Mechur  
Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 9:25 p.m. Time end: 9:26 p.m.

### **.XI.C. Adopt Resolution No. 17-36 - Honoring Dolores Huerta's Birthday and Accomplishments (10 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-34 – Honoring Dolores Huerta's Birthday and Accomplishments. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez 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:

Time start: 9:26 p.m. Time end: 9:30 p.m.

### **.XI.D. Public Hearing - Measure R Parcel Tax 2018-19 Annual Plan (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education hold a public hearing on the matter of the Measure R parcel tax to allow for public input on

whether the priority programs to be supported by Funding Measure revenues should be modified in the Proposed Annual Plan. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman 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

Minutes:

Time start: 6:58 p.m. Time end: 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. Lieberman and seconded by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, and voted 7/0 to open the public hearing.

It was moved by Ms. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Mechur, and voted 7/0 to close the public hearing.

**.XI.E. Adopt Resolution No. 17-37 - Requesting Action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to Authorize Formation of Two School Facilities Improvement Districts Pursuant to Provisions of the California Education Code and Authorizing Related Actions (40 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17-37 requesting action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (“LAC BOS”) to authorize formation of two School Facilities Improvement Districts (SFID). 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

Minutes:

Time start: 9:31 p.m. Time end: 9:41 p.m.

Staff answered board members’ questions regarding how the voting works with SFIDs as well as the timing associated with placing bond measures on the November 2018 ballot.

**.XI.F. Approval of Measure YY and GS Master Facilities Use Agreement (40 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education (“Board”) enter into the Measure YY and GS Master Facilities Use Agreement (“Agreement”) with the City of Santa Monica (“City”), including the attached Santa Monica High School (“Samohi”) Supplemental Facilities Use Agreement and the Los Amigos Park Supplemental Facilities Use Agreement. 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  
Yes Ralph Mechur  
Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 9:42 p.m. Time end: 10:41 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Lydia Muraro, Nikki Kolhoff, Ann Thanawalla, Shari Davis, and Jennifer Smith addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding how the fields are managed and who is responsible and which fields are permitted for outside use. The board discussed holding public hearings when such documents come back for renewal. Mr. de la Torre requested information on what the district charges versus what the city charges as well as the rationale for the priority use list. Dr. Drati remarked that the district needs a mechanism to better inform families and community members of factual and reliable information regarding policies and practices.

**.XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**.XII.A. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**

**.XII.B. Quarterly Report on Hate-Motivated Behavior**

**.XII.C. Quarterly Report on Disability Harassment Reporting**

**.XII.D. Revision of AR and E 6158 - Independent Study**

**.XII.E. Adoption of AR 6158.1 - Independent Study - Physical Education**

**.XII.F. Supplemental Textbooks**

**.XII.G. Revision of Supplemental Facility Use Agreements**

**.XIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

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

**.XV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 10:41 p.m. Time end: 10:51 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Lydia Muraro, Nikki Kolhoff, and Ann Thanawalla addressed the board regarding the information items.

**.XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 10:51 p.m. Time end: 10:57 p.m.

- Mr. Foster asked his fellow board members to, in future, show more restraint during public comments and not engage as much with the speakers.
- Ms. Leon-Vazquez reported that she was part of a field trip that took 20 Samohi Latina students from Ms. Garcia-Hecht's and Dr. Mireles's Spanish classes to SMC to see YouTube artist Jenny Lorenzo. The students had lunch with her, and she shared how she started her career.
- Mr. de la Torre reported that he observed the professional development session for the social justice standards. He said it was incredibly engaging. Dr. Drati agreed. Dr. Mora will send the PD schedule to the board members.
- Ms. Kean informed everyone that today was Holocaust Remembrance Day. He cited an article that said a large portion of Americans do not know what the holocaust is, he stressed the importance of not only teaching empathy when it comes to teaching about such topics, but also facts.
- Dr. Drati reminded everyone that the quarterly retreat originally scheduled for April 17 has been postponed to June 19.

**.XVII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**.XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Mechur, second by Mr. Kean, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m. in memory of Eugene Elliott, a special education paraeducator in our district, and Henry Custass, a long-time active member of Santa Monica. The next meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Malibu City Council Chambers: 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA.

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

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President

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Superintendent

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