



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

January 17, 2019

**. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called closed session to order at 4:30 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: SEIU
- Agency Designated Representative: Ben Drati
- Employee Organization: SMMCTA
- Agency Designated Representative: Ben Drati
- Employee Organization: SMMASA

**. OPEN SESSION**

**.I. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 5:48 p.m.

**.I.A. Roll Call**

Minutes:

- Absent 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:

Led by the Santa Monica High School boys' water polo team

**.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the January 17, 2019, regular meeting agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Kean and a second by Ms. Lieberman.

Absent 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

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

#### **.III.A. Approve December 13, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the December 13, 2018, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman and a second by Ms. Leon-Vazquez.

Absent 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

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

#### **.IV.A. CIF Champions for Fall 2018 (5 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 5:50 p.m. Time end: 6:00 p.m.

The board recognized the following teams for winning CIF League and above for fall 2018:

- Samohi Boys' Water Polo - Division Champions
- Samohi Girls' Volleyball - League Champions
- Samohi Girls' Tennis - League Champions
- Samohi Boys' Cross-Country - League Champions

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

#### **.V.A. Update on the Implementation of the Social Justice Framework and Action Plan (40 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:01 p.m. Time end: 6:50 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding staff and family workshops and requested to be invited to the various sessions. The board also requested to be updated on the development of the various courses that will be offered to meet this specific American and Ethnic Studies graduation requirement in 2024.

Student Board Member Blain suggested staff research the California Conference for Equity and Justice opportunity for students. Board members suggested staff consider: focusing the literature and stories on local history as well; sharing the information with middle school families; and inviting SMC professors on sabbatical to participate in the instruction.

#### **.V.B. Update: Digital Learning Program Year 1 (40 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:50 p.m. Time end: 7:44 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Zachariah Washington and Marina Santos addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the Digital Learning Program and the integration of Chromebooks with Google apps; how the technology is used in specific grade levels, including the device-to-student ratio and how it will invigorate learning. The board requested more information on the digital citizenship model.

**.VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

Minutes:

Time start: 7:44 p.m. Time end: 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Blain reported updated the board on his idea to establish a Santa Monica Youth Leadership group, like a student senate with representatives from each site. He envisions the group meeting on weeks in between board meetings, allowing the members to share with the student board rep their thoughts and concerns to then be shared with the board. Each of these meetings could have a specific focus. Mr. Blain reported that he shared this idea with the site administrators at a principals' meeting, and they liked the idea. He is hoping the principals could spread the word among their student population and encourage students to apply.

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

Minutes:

Ms. Afshar was absent.

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

Minutes:

Ms. McDaniel was absent.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 7:48 p.m. Time end: 7:51 p.m.

Ms. Braff thanked everyone who has been involved in responding to the fire and rain events in Malibu, both classified and certificated staff. She commended the teachers been doing outstanding job regarding online learning for Malibu students. Ms. Braff expressed the union's support for the LAUSD teachers' union strike, highlighting the demands for smaller class sizes, more nurses and counselors, green spaces on campuses, and higher wages. She added that while these are LAUSD teachers on strike, the hope is that their message for increasing school district funding in California in general will apply pressure to the state leadership. Ms. Braff invited board members to walk the strike line at Venice High School from 7-9 a.m. and/or 3-4 p.m.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 7:51 p.m. Time end: 7:54 p.m.

Ms. Cartee-McNeely supported Ms. Braff's remarks regarding the LAUSD teacher strike. She reported that some SEIU members in LAUSD are on sympathy strike to support their coworkers; although, food services staff continues to work to ensure students are fed. Regarding the Early Learning Item under Major in this agenda, Ms. Cartee-McNeely said that while the union did not anticipate negative effects from the

change, but said the union reserves the right to negotiate in case problems arise. She also reported that SEIU looks forward to discussing a new campus monitor position with the district.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 7:54 p.m. Time end: 7:59 p.m.

Ms. Seizer reported that PTA Council members in Santa Monica are assisting their peers in Malibu with the necessary year-end PTA paperwork, since the fire has disrupted everyday life in Malibu. They are also working together to address the paperwork involved with combing the Juan Cabrillo and Point Dume PTAs. The council also helped at the Friendsgiving Feast that was held in Malibu. The council made a donation of books to the Infant Toddler Center at Samohi. Liz Scharetg from the City of Santa Monica's Cradle to Career (C2C) initiative presented to the council the report on how C2C can support families and the community. The council wrote a letter to the Coastal Commission in support of more fields for students and the community. Summer Adventure registration will be going online this year. The various PTA units are starting to work on forming their nominating committees for to elect next year's officers. The council provided funding for six high school students to go to Sacramento Safari, an educational and advocacy-training program, during which the students get to meet legislative reps and tour the Capitol.

**.VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:59 p.m. Time end: 8:04 p.m.

Dr. Drati introduced Mr. Carey Upton, who gave a brief update on the work done in response to the Woolsey Fire and subsequent mud damage. Dr. Drati added that Mr. Upton and his team, along with numerous district and site staff, have been working diligently to make sure the schools are safe for the students and staff. He reminded everyone of the special board meeting next week, the topic of which will be project-based learning.

**.VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Passed** with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Mechur.

Absent 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.1-5, B.1-4, C.1-20, D.1-6, and E.1-2 listed under the Consent Calendar.

Time start: 8:04 p.m. Time end: 8:05 p.m.

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

**.VIII.A.1. Approval of Independent Contractors**

**.VIII.A.2. Conference and Travel Approval/Ratification - 2018/2019**

**.VIII.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2018-19**

**.VIII.A.4. Mid-Year Conversion to Early Head Start (EHS)**

**.VIII.A.5. Special Education Contracts**

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

**.VIII.B.1. Award of Purchase Orders**

- .VIII.B.2. Acceptance of Gifts - 2018/2019**
- .VIII.B.3. Award of Contract to UniFirst Corporation - Bid #19.05 - Maintenance and Operations Departments Uniforms**
- .VIII.B.4. Adopt Resolution No. 18-22 - California Governor's Office of Emergency Services - Designation of Applicant's Agent for Non-state Agencies**
- .VIII.C. Facilities Improvement Projects**
  - .VIII.C.1. Approval of Independent Contractors**
  - .VIII.C.2. Amendment #19 to Agreement Franklin Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors and HVAC Project Architectural Design Services dsk Architects Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.3. Amendment #1 to Agreement 1515 Maple Street Church Property Demolition Project - Architectural Design Services Struere Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.4. Amendment #15 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School HVAC Project - Architectural Services - HMC Architects Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.5. Amendment #09 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Campus Improvements Project Special Inspection and Materials Testing Services Leighton Consulting, Inc. Measure BB**
  - .VIII.C.6. Amendment #10 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Campus Improvements Project Geotechnical Observation and Testing Services Leighton Consulting, Inc. Measure BB**
  - .VIII.C.7. Amendment #11 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Campus Improvements Project Special Inspection and Materials Testing Services Leighton Consulting, Inc. Measure BB**
  - .VIII.C.8. Award of Contract Santa Monica High School HVAC Project Business, English & Art Buildings - Bid #19.14.ES The Nazerian Group - Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.9. Change Order #06 to Agreement Webster Elementary School Drop-off & Parking Lot Reconfiguration Project Construction Contract Bid #18.10.ES Waisman Construction, Inc. - Measure BB**
  - .VIII.C.10. Change Order #01 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Campus Improvements Project (Phase 3) Construction Contract LLB #18.05.BB.ES McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. - Measure BB**
  - .VIII.C.11. Change Order #03 to Agreement John Adams Middle School Gym Floor Replacement Project Construction Contract Bid #18.11.ES The Nazerian Group - Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.12. Amendment #02 to Agreement Webster Elementary School Drop-off & Parking Lot Reconfiguration Project Inspector of Record Services Independent Construction Inspection Measure BB**
  - .VIII.C.13. Project Assignment #02 Olympic High School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project Construction Management Consulting Services California Construction Management (CCM) Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.14. Amendment #08 to Agreement Various Sites - Orbach, Huff, Suarez & Henderson LLP Legal Services - Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.15. Accept Work as Completed Will Rogers Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project and Fire Alarm Project Construction Contract Bid #17.08.ES - A. J. Fistes Corporation Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.16. Amendment #34 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School - PCB Source Sampling Alta Environmental Measure ES**
  - .VIII.C.17. Award of Agreement Malibu Campus Plan Quarterly PCB Air and Wipe Sampling Services Alta Environmental Measure ES**

- .VIII.C.18. Award of Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Building D Water Intrusion Project Malibu Fire Hazardous Materials Consulting Services - Alta Environmental
- .VIII.C.19. Award of Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Malibu Fire Monitoring Consulting Services - Forensic Analytical Consulting Services (FACS)
- .VIII.C.20. Continued Authorization of Emergency Resolution Malibu Middle High School Building D Flooding

**.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) - Educational Services
- .VIII.D.5. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Operations (Grounds)
- .VIII.D.6. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Special Education

**.VIII.E. General**

- .VIII.E.1. Approve Appointment to District Advisory Committee (DAC)
- .VIII.E.2. Revise BP 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment

**.IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**.X. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**.XI. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS**

**.XI.A. Approval of SMMUSD funding to support the Early Learning Program Starting 2019-20 (50 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education elect not to reapply through LACOE for Head State program funding for 2019-20 through 2023-24 school years and, instead, approve the funding to further support an SMMUSD Early Learning program, which provides preschool opportunities to resident families who qualify under district guidelines. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Mr. Foster.

Mr. Kean amended the motion to read: It is recommended that the Board of Education elect not to reapply through LACOE for Head State program funding for 2019-20 through 2023-24 school years and, instead, approve SMMUSD funding to further support an SMMUSD Early Learning program for five years at \$1 million per year, which provides preschool opportunities to resident families who qualify under district guidelines.

- Absent 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: 8:08 p.m. Time end: 9:54 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Jen Smith, Thomas Nagle, Michelle Wittig, Jonathan Mooney, Ericka Leslie, Lara Sando, Darrell Goode, Betsy Hiteshew, Laila Taslimi, Zachariah Washington, Shari Davis, Waverly, Berenice Onofre, and Ben Swett addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff responded to board members request for information from the December 13th meeting around Common Messaging, Communications and Outreach and Enrollment Criteria. Staff also added information about Assessment, Program Evaluation and Accountability. In addition, staff answered board members' questions regarding: the continuation of services and benefits to existing Head Start families and those who would have qualified for next school year; the academic and social-emotional curriculum plans for these classrooms; the Head Start five-year grant cycle; how we would work with LACOE to find connections for children not residing in Santa Monica who would have one more year of preschool and qualify for Head Services; hours of the program; the plan if the need in a given year exceeds \$1 million.

Ms. Leon-Vazquez requested data on the numbers of families in the SMMUSD Head Start service area, but who do not reside in Santa Monica.

**.XI.B. Adopt Resolution No. 18-23 - Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 18-23— Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Passed with a motion by Mr. Mechur and a second by Ms. Lieberman.

Absent 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: 8:05 p.m. Time end: 8:07 p.m.

**.XI.C. Adopt Resolution No. 18-24 - In Honor of Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 18-24 in honor of Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution. Passed with a motion by Mr. Mechur and a second by Ms. Lieberman.

Absent 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: 8:07 p.m. Time end: 8:08 p.m.

**.XI.D. Adopt Resolution No. 18-25 - Declaring the Canvass of Votes Cast and Results of the California State General Election Held on November 6, 2018 School Board Election (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution No. 18-25, Declaring the Canvass of Votes Cast and Results of the California State General Election Held on November 6, 2018, for the school board election. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Kean.

Absent 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: 9:55 p.m. Time end: 9:55 p.m.

**.XI.E. Adopt Resolution No. 18-26 - Resolution Certifying to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County All Proceedings in the November 6, 2018, General Obligation Bond Elections (Measures "SMS" and "M") (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution No. 18-26, Certifying to the Board of Supervisors the Successful Proceedings on November 6, 2018, for the general obligation bonds. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman and a second by Mr. Kean.

Absent 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: 9:55 p.m. Time end: 9:56 p.m.

**.XI.F. Adopt Resolution No. 18-27 - Establishing Measure SMS and Measure M Oversight Committee, and Approving Second Amended and Restated Bylaws for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Citizens' Oversight Committee (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 18-27 establishing the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Measures SMS and M and Amending and Restating Citizens' Oversight Bylaws to include Oversight for Measures SMS and M. The existing bond committee will serve as the Proposition 39 committee for Measures SMS and M, as required by law for all bond programs (Measures BB, ES, SMS, and M).

Minutes:

This item was postponed to the February 7, 2019, board meeting.

**.XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

**.XII.B. Revision of AR 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment**

**.XII.C. Revision of AR 5117 Interdistrict Attendance**

**.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**

**.XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**.XVII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**.XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Mechur, and voted 6/0 (Mr. de la Torre was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m. in memory of Marguerite Campbell, a retired teacher who taught at Washington, Edison, and Grant Elementary Schools. The next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 4 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Monica, CA. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019, 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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