



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

January 24, 2019

. OPEN SESSION

.I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 4:03 p.m.

.I.A. Roll Call

Minutes:

Present Oscar de la Torre – *arrived at 4:18 p.m.*

Present Craig Foster

Present Jon Kean

Present Maria Leon-Vazquez – *arrived at 4:05 p.m.*

Present Laurie Lieberman

Absent Ralph Mechur

Present Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

.I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Led by SMASH students

.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the January 24, 2019, special meeting agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Ms. Lieberman.

Absent Mr. Oscar de la Torre

Yes Mr. Craig Foster

Yes Mr. Jon Kean

Absent Ms. Maria Leon-Vazquez

Yes Ms. Laurie Lieberman

Absent Mr. Ralph Mechur

Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

.III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

.IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

.IV.A. Review of SMMUSD's Project Based Learning (PBL) Implementation Plan

Minutes:

Public Comments:

- Livia Herman, Shirley Compton, Ann Thanawalla, Wendy Dembo, Carlos Santini, Robert Santini, Kristin Jurenicz, Alison Havel, Hanoy Choi, Falnoosh Aguilar, Leo McDonald, Jonathan Moony, Marlee Turner, Quillen Dominique, Kristina Schauer

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the effect that the creation of this new high school would have on the enrollment at Santa Monica HS and MHS; the current population size at Olympic HS; the standard assessments for these new high school students; the process of parent engagement in the development of the Individual Learning Plans; and the inclusion of students with special needs.

Following the presentation and discussion, the board gave unanimous direction to staff to move forward with the plan as presented. The board reminded staff not to lose sight of equity when determining admission criteria. Staff will ensure this tenant of PBL is evaluated regularly for program effectiveness, similar to other district programs. Staff will keep the board updated in Friday Memos on the progress of the application and admission process as well as how the information is messaged to the community. The board requested more information on the financial aspects of the new high school program as well as protocols for establishing relationships with community partners that will have direct interaction with our students.

Staff will present another tenant of PBL at the February 26, 2019, special board meeting.

.V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein announced that the MHS production of Spring Awakening has been rescheduled, following the fire, to February 1-3. He asked Ms. Wahrenbrock to reserve a block of seats for the superintendent and board members to attend.
- Mr. de la Torre announced a PYFC fundraiser on February 1. He also reported that he helped chaperone the JAMS Yosemite trip; he thanked all the staff and parents who help make that trip a success.

.VI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, seconded by Mr. Foster, and voted 6/0 (Mr. Mechur was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. The next meeting is a 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: _____

President

Superintendent