



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

May 30, 2019

. OPEN SESSION

.I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 4:05 p.m.

.I.A. Roll Call

Minutes:

Present Oscar de la Torre – *arrived at 4:15 p.m.; left at 4:45 p.m.*

Present Craig Foster

Present Jon Kean

Present Maria Leon-Vazquez – *arrived at 4:08 p.m.*

Present Laurie Lieberman

Present Ralph Mechur – *arrived at 4:19 p.m.*

Present Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

.I.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Led by Board Member Lieberman

.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the May 30, 2019, special meeting agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Kean and a second by Ms. Lieberman. The board agreed to move Item Nos. VI.B and VI.A to immediately follow Item No. III.A.

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. STUDY SESSION

.III.A. Early Learning Pathway Update (40 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 4:07 p.m. Time end: 4:50 p.m.

Staff answered board members' comments regarding the cost to families; the purpose of the newly reimagined preschool transition document; and the placement of families who had been in the Head Start program.

The board requested demographic information on students enrolled in all SMMUSD early learning programs. Dr. Samarge-Powell will provide that information closer to the beginning of the start of school.

.IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

Time start: 5:31 p.m. Time end: 5:35 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Anne Russell addressed the board regarding the after-school programs in Malibu.

.V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

.V.A. Update on the Project-Based Learning (PBL) Implementation Plan (30 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 5:31 p.m. Time end: 6:07 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Bob Gourd addressed the Board of Education regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding enrollment criteria for the pathway and the number of students from Malibu who are enrolled in the ninth-grade cohort. Dr. Mora will update the board on the final numbers. The board also requested an update on Olympic High School at a future meeting.

.V.B. Education Specifications (60 min)

Minutes:

Time start: 6:07 p.m. Time end: 6:51 p.m.

The board members remarked on the timeline associated with the proposed projects. They thanked staff and the consultants for compiling the information and assembling and presenting the Ed Specs.

.VI. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS

.VI.A. Approve Naming of SMMUSD Facility Located at 721 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA (10 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve The Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration as the new name for the SMMUSD facility located at 721 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA. 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:

Time start: 5 p.m. Time end: 5:31 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Robbie Jones and Ericka Lesley addressed the board regarding this item.

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein summarized the discussion at the previous board meeting regarding this naming of the facilities. He also highlighted the themes of the survey responses. The board members individually remarked on the name and the naming process and the comments from the survey. Ms. Leon-Vazquez requested a list of SMMUSD facilities for naming.

.VI.B. Approve Naming of New Elementary School in Malibu (10 min)

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the name for the new elementary school in Malibu. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster 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: 4:50 p.m. Time end: 5 p.m.

Mr. Isaac Burgess, Director of the Malibu Pathway, and Ms. Pat Cairns, who is assisting the Principal at Point Dume, summarized the naming process and announced the new name: Malibu Elementary School.

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

.VII.A. Discussion on the Student Wellness Policy (BP 5030) and Gap Analysis from the Health and Safety DAC (40)

Minutes:

Time start: 6:53 p.m. Time end: 8:17 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Nadiya Sayian, Charlene Chiong, Carmen Ordaz, Sabrina Fields, Laila Taslimi, Francine Ortega, Anthony Fuller, and Nancy Gutierrez addressed the board regarding this item.

The board directed the matter and DAC's recommendations to staff to bring back at a future board meeting with options and budgetary implications.

. CLOSED SESSION

.I. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

.II. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called closed session to order at 8:17 p.m.

.II.A. Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (60 min)

- Title: Superintendent

.II.B. Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (10 min)

- Agency Designated Representative: Board President
- Employee: Superintendent

. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Leao-Vazquez, and voted 6/0 (Mr. de la Torre was absent) to adjourn to closed session at 8:35 p.m. in memory of the Dr. Rita Esquivel, SMMUSD's former Federal and State Projects Director, Assistant Superintendent for Ed Services, and our first Adult School Director. Closed session adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 4 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the district office.

Approved: _____

President

Superintendent