



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

September 19, 2019

**. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

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

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

**.II. CLOSED SESSION**

**.II.A. Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (15 min)**

- DN-1004-19/20 (Special Education)  
Minutes:  
Parent reimbursement: \$40,719  
Legal fees: \$14,531  
It was moved by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Kean, and approved by the following vote:  
Ayes: 5 (Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Kean, de la Torre, Foster, Leon-Vazquez, Lieberman)  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 2 (Mechur, de la Torre)

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

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

- Title: Superintendent

**.II.D. Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (30 min)**

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

**. OPEN SESSION**

**.I. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 6:12 p.m.

**.I.A. Roll Call**

Minutes:

**Present** Oscar de la Torre – *arrived at 7 p.m.*

**Present** Craig Foster

Present Jon Kean  
Present Maria Leon-Vazquez – *arrived at 4:10 p.m.*  
Present Laurie Lieberman  
Present Ralph Mechur – *arrived at 4:13 p.m.*  
Present Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

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

Minutes:

Led by SMASH students Waylon Cox and Sofia Santini

#### **.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the September 19, 2019, regular meeting agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Mechur.

Absent Mr. Oscar de la Torre

Yes Mr. Craig Foster

Yes Mr. Jon Kean

Yes Ms. Maria Leon-Vazquez

Yes Ms. Laurie Lieberman

Yes Ralph Mechur

Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

The board postponed Item No. VIII.B.

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

##### **.III.A. Approve September 5, 2019, Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the September 5, 2019, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Mr. Kean.

Absent Mr. Oscar de la Torre

Yes Mr. Craig Foster

Yes Mr. Jon Kean

Yes Ms. Maria Leon-Vazquez

Yes Ms. Laurie Lieberman

Yes Ralph Mechur

Yes Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Mr. Kean requested that the spelling of one of the names listed under Public Comments be corrected to Jane Dabel.

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

##### **.IV.A. National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month (20 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:16 p.m. Time end: 6:43 p.m.

SMASH Principal Jessica Rishe explained how the school celebrates historic and current leaders throughout the year, including for National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month. For this celebration, the project-based learning driving question to students was: Why do people migrate? Students Sofia Santini and Ricardo Navas shared their families' migration stories and the art projects they created to reflect those stories. Student Waylon Cox shared a letter he and his classmates wrote to children being held in immigration detention centers.

#### **.IV.B. Santa Monica Kiwanis for Installing Buddy Benches at SMMUSD Schools (10 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:43 p.m. Time end: 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Pinsker explained what a Buddy Bench is and announced that the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club donated benches to eight of our schools, the equivalent of \$4,500. She introduced Phil Brock, Michael Flinkman, and Neil Carrey from Kiwanis, who shared the mission of Kiwanis. SMASH students shared letters they wrote thanking Kiwanis for the Buddy Bench at their school.

#### **.V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:50 p.m. Time end: 7:08 p.m.

Dr. Drati asked Ms. Canady to summarize the process our district has been going through to adopt new purchasing/fiscal/HR software from LACOE.

Dr. Drati introduced Dr. Irene Gonzalez-Castillo, who was just appointed as Assistant Superintendent for Student Services at Manhattan Beach USD. She expressed her gratitude to the board and district for her time here at SMMUSD. The board thanked her for her dedication to our district and wished her the very best.

Dr. Drati addressed the upcoming Global Climate Strike. He reiterated remarks about civil disobedience and school attendance he shared with families in an email earlier this week. He added that some schools will be holding special learning activities on campus for the event.

#### **.VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Abstain 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

Minutes:

The board approved Item Nos. A.2-8, B.1-3, C.1-12, D.1-5, and E.1 listed under the Consent Calendar. The board voted on Item No. A.1 separately.

Time start: 7:08 p.m. Time end: 7:12 p.m.

##### **.VI.A. Curriculum and Instruction**

##### **.VI.A.1. Approval of Independent Contractors 2019-20**

**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 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:

Staff will correct the description listed for vendor TM-MTM, Inc. DBA Bell Cab Management.

- .VI.A.2. Conference and Travel Approval/Ratification - 2019/2020
- .VI.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2019-20
- .VI.A.4. Agreement to Provide California State Preschool (CSPP) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
- .VI.A.5. Agreement to Provide General Child Care and Development Services (CTTR) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
- .VI.A.6. Standards of Conduct and Confidentiality Statement
- .VI.A.7. Supplemental Textbooks
- .VI.A.8. Special Education Contracts
- .VI.B. Business and Fiscal
  - .VI.B.1. Purchase Orders
  - .VI.B.2. Acceptance of Gifts - 2019/2020
  - .VI.B.3. Amend Certification of Signatures
- .VI.C. Facilities Improvement Projects
  - .VI.C.1. Project Assignment #02 Lincoln Middle School Building K Modernization Project Architectural and Engineering Services - Rachlin Partners Measure ES
  - .VI.C.2. Change Order #04 - Malibu Elementary School Malibu Alignment Project - Temporary Housing Construction Contract Bid #19.26.ES Waisman Construction, Inc. - Measure ES
  - .VI.C.3. Amendment #25 to Agreement Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project and Malibu Elementary School Malibu Alignment Project Architectural Design Services dsk Architects Measure ES
  - .VI.C.4. Change Order #04 McKinley Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project Construction Contract Bid# 18.08.ES USS Cal Builders, Inc. - Measure ES
  - .VI.C.5. Change Order #01 Santa Monica High School - HVAC Project Construction Contract Informal Bid #19.12.ES - AC Pros, Inc. - Measure ES
  - .VI.C.6. Amendment #09 to Agreement Santa Monica High School Discovery Building Project Architectural Services Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) Measure ES
  - .VI.C.7. Project Assignment #06 Washington West Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project and HVAC & Fire Alarm Project Architectural Design Services - dsk Architects Measure ES
  - .VI.C.8. Change Order #01 Malibu Elementary School - Malibu Alignment Project EasyTurf, Inc. Award - Measure ES
  - .VI.C.9. Amendment #02 to Contract and Increase Budget John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center Lease-Leaseback (LLB) RFP #19.20.ES Bernards Measure ES
  - .VI.C.10. Amendment #02 to Agreement John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Complex Project Architectural Design Services HGA Architects - Measure ES
  - .VI.C.11. Amendment #09 to Agreement Program-wide - Program Management Services Massetti Consulting, LLC Measure ES, Measure SMS, Measure M
  - .VI.C.12. Contract Award - Malibu Middle & High School - Safety and Security Project - Tim Schultz - Measure M
- .VI.D. Personnel
  - .VI.D.1. Certificated Personnel - Elections, Separations
  - .VI.D.2. Classified Personnel - Merit
  - .VI.D.3. Classified Personnel - Non-Merit

**.VI.D.4. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Special Education**

**.VI.D.5. 2019-2020 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

**.VI.E. General**

**.VI.E.1. Approve 2019-20 District Advisory Charges**

**.VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**.VII.A. District Advisory Committees: Draft Charges for 2019-20 (5 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:12 p.m. Time end: 7:13 p.m.

These charges will return for action on October 3.

**.VII.B. SMMUSD Student Performance: Summary of California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Test Results (Quarter 1) (45 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:13 p.m. Time end: 7:47 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the new dashboard Mr. Koshy created, how the SLTs use the data in to direct change in instruction, how staff communicates the use of the dashboard to parents.

**.VIII. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS**

**.VIII.A. Approve Appointments to District Advisory Committees (DACs) (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint the below-listed individuals to the District Advisory Committees (DACs). Passed with a motion by Mr. Kean 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: 7:47 p.m. Time end: 7:48 p.m.

**.VIII.B. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for the Community Schools Initiative at Santa Monica High School (15 min)**

Minutes:

This item was postponed to the next board meeting.

**.VIII.C. Resolution No. 19-04 - Resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2012, Series E, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$115,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No.19-04 - Resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2012, Series E, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$115,000,000 and approving related documents and actions. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Mr. Kean.

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: 7:48 p.m. Time end: 8:28 p.m.

The district's bond counsel and bond underwriter answered board members' questions regarding the proposed 16-year and 25-year scenarios. Following discussion, it was determined that the board would adopt tonight's resolution, and that the FOC would discuss the 16-year versus 25-year options at its meeting on October 10 and make a recommendation to the board. The board will discuss the recommendation at its October 17 meeting and give direction to staff.

**.VIII.D. Resolution No. 19-05 - Resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2019 Refunding General Obligation Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$110,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions (5 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No.19-05 - Resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District authorizing the issuance and sale of 2019 Refunding General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$110,000,000 and approving related documents and actions. Passed with a motion by Mr. Kean 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: 8:28 p.m. Time end: 8:29 p.m.

**.IX. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**.X. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

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

**.XII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**.XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 8:29 p.m. Time end: 8:30 p.m.

- Mr. de la Torre invited everyone to the PYFC annual gala on September 28 from 6-10 p.m.
- Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein reported that he represented the board at restorative justice circle this past weekend to address the vandalism that at a couple of our schools in June. He lauded the restorative justice process.

#### **.XIV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **.XV. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. de la Torre, and voted 7/0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the district office board room: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA.

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

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President

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Superintendent

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