



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

October 17, 2019

**. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called closed session to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

**.II. CLOSED SESSION**

**.II.A. GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.8 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY  
NEGOTIATORS (15 min)**

- Property: 1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Agency Negotiator: Goodwin Procter LLP
- Parties: Santa Monica Hotel Owner LLC
- Under Negotiation: In discussion

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

**.II.C. Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE  
EVALUATION (30 min)**

- Title: Superintendent

**.II.D. Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (45  
min)**

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

**. OPEN SESSION**

**.I. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein called open session to order at 6:04 p.m.

**.I.A. Roll Call**

Minutes:

- Present** Oscar de la Torre – *arrived at 4:30 p.m.*
- Present** Craig Foster
- Present** Jon Kean
- Absent** Maria Leon-Vazquez
- Present** Laurie Lieberman
- Present** Ralph Mechur – *arrived at 4:15 p.m.*
- Present** Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

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

Minutes:

Led by Ms. Afshar

**.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**.III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**.III.A. Approve October 3, 2019, Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the October 3, 2019, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Kean.

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

**.IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

No report

**.V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Passed** with a motion by Ms. Lieberman and a second by Mr. Kean.

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

Minutes:

The board approved Item Nos. A.1-4, B.1-4, C.1-10, D.1-6, and E.1-6 listed under the Consent Calendar. Mr. Foster requested that the record note that the board was being asked to renew a contract with Pillsbury and approve a payment in the PO list.

Time start: 6:06 p.m. Time end: 6:08 p.m.

**.V.A. Curriculum and Instruction**

- .V.A.1. Approval of Independent Contractors 2019-20**
- .V.A.2. Conference and Travel Approval/Ratification - 2019/2020**
- .V.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2019-20**
- .V.A.4. Special Education Contracts**

**.V.B. Business and Fiscal**

- .V.B.1. Award of Purchase Orders
- .V.B.2. Acceptance of Gifts - 2019/2020
- .V.B.3. Recommendation from Financial Oversight Committee on 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
- .V.B.4. Real Estate Brokerage Services - Lee & Associates Los Angeles West
- .V.C. Facilities Improvement Projects**
  - .V.C.1. Amendment #01 to Agreement District Wide - HVAC Improvements Project Gafcon, Inc. Measure ES
  - .V.C.2. Amendment #05 to Agreement Malibu Elementary School Malibu Alignment Project Traffic Study KOA Corporation Measure ES
  - .V.C.3. Change Order #06 Malibu Elementary School - Malibu Alignment Project - Temporary Housing Construction Contract Bid #19.26.ES Waisman Construction, Inc. - Measure ES
  - .V.C.4. Amendment #68 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Campus Improvements Project Architectural Services HMC Architects
  - .V.C.5. Amendment #02 to Agreement Malibu Middle & High School Campus Plan Project Architectural Services LPA Architects
  - .V.C.6. Contract Award - Malibu Middle & High School Campus Modernization Project (Fire Watch Security Service) Crew Protection Enterprises, Inc. - Measure BB
  - .V.C.7. Award of Agreement - Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration - Project Based Learning (PBL)/Capstone Building Project - Site Planning & Architectural Services DLR Group - Measure ES
  - .V.C.8. Accept Work as Completed Malibu Elementary School Window, Paint, Floors & Doors Project - Construction Contract Bid #18.07.ES The Nazerian Group - Measure ES
  - .V.C.9. Amendment #23 to Agreement Architectural Services Santa Monica High School Campus Plan Project Architectural and Engineering Services Chan Young Architects Measure ES
  - .V.C.10. Change Order #07 Santa Monica High School HVAC Project (Barnum, Music, Admin, N. Gym Buildings) - Replacement & Electrical Service Construction Contract Bid #19.15.ES Pardess Air, Inc. Measure ES
- .V.D. Personnel**
  - .V.D.1. Certificated Personnel - Elections, Separations
  - .V.D.2. Classified Personnel - Merit
  - .V.D.3. Classified Personnel - Non-Merit
  - .V.D.4. Classified Personnel - Special Services Employees
  - .V.D.5. Increase in Staffing (FTE) - Special Education
  - .V.D.6. District-Funded Structure for Employee Health Benefit Plans
- .V.E. General**
  - .V.E.1. Adopt Resolution No. 19-08 - Board Member Absence on September 5, 2019
  - .V.E.2. Adopt Resolution No. 19-09 - Board Member Absence on October 3, 2019
  - .V.E.3. Revise BP 3250 Transportation Fees
  - .V.E.4. Delete BP 3515.11 Digital Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Video Surveillance and Global Position System (GPS)
  - .V.E.5. Revise BP 3540 Transportation
  - .V.E.6. Revise BP 5131.1 Bus Conduct

**.VI. STUDY SESSION**

**.VI.A. Early Learning Pathway Update (35 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:08 p.m. Time end: 6:43 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Iao Katagiri and Sheri Davis addressed the board regarding this item.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the cost of the various program offerings, the enrollment numbers and demographics, and outreach methods to families.

**.VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**.VII.A. Capstone Program at Santa Monica High School (25 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:43 p.m. Time end: 7:59 p.m.

The board discussed Item Nos. VII.A and B simultaneously, as they were related. Staff answered board members' questions regarding the timeline for rolling out Capstone at Samohi, the newly proposed location for the library, and how the classrooms can observe and learn from current workplace settings.

Following discussion, the board gave unanimous direction to staff to move the Capstone program to Samohi. The board stressed the importance of using Capstone to help close the achievement gap. The board suggested coming up with a new name for the program to better reflect what the program is.

Following discussion, the board gave direction to staff to change phase 3 of the Samohi campus plan to include Capstone and art/media programs, plan for additions to support programs at the Michelle and Barack Obama Center, and begin assessments to determine project priorities at the middle and elementary schools.

**.VII.B. Measure SMS Planning and Budget (40 min)**

Minutes:

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**.VII.C. Reporting Out of California Dashboard Local Indicators (20 mins)**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:59 p.m. Time end: 8:29 p.m.

The board discussed the data, how information is shared with the date and public, how the data could be shared with the DACs, and the possibility of changing the master schedule to offer a broad option of daily schedules.

**.VIII. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS**

**.VIII.A. Exterior Painting - Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration (30 min)**

**Motion to Amend Passed:** To amend the motion from: "It is recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to paint the southeast walls of the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration the same exterior wall color as the rest of the school and add a painted sign identifying the facility's name as an interim step prior to replacing what remains of the existing mural. It is further recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to establish an inclusive community process that involves the school and broader community in creating a new mural that will pay homage to the Muir Woods mural and also reflect the vision for the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration campus."

to:

"It is recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to engage Jane Golden and Mural Arts to lead an inclusive community process as soon as possible that involves the school and broader community in creating a new mural that will pay homage to the Muir Woods mural and also reflect the vision for the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration campus .It is further recommended that the Board of Education direct staff to paint the southeast walls of the Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Exploration the same exterior wall color as the rest of the school once the community process has been initiated, unless the artist determines that a different approach is appropriate. " Passed with a motion by Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and a second by Ms. Laurie Lieberman.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 8:29 p.m. Time end: 10:22 p.m.

Public Comments:

- Jerry Rubin, Marissa Rubin, Charles Andrews, Sarah Braff, Andrea Brodtkin, John Smith, Michael Kirschbaum, Zina Josephs, Joe Faris, Kathy Knight, and Ann Thanawalla addressed the board regarding this item.

Mr. Kean shared a conversation he had with Jane Golden, the artist, regarding the future of the mural. She expressed her enthusiasm for being a part of the community process to reimagine what could be depicted on the wall of the building. Following a lengthy discussion, the board amended the two motions to read as now written in the above minutes.

Mr. Mechur suggested that staff consider rescheduling the ribbon cutting ceremony to when the community process is in place. Ms. Lieberman suggested that staff consider putting up a sign near the southwest walls explaining the process to the public until the final product is completed.

Dr. Drati reminded board members that implementing its decision will have financial costs that need to be addressed. Board members, specifically Mr. Kean and Ms. Lieberman, committed to seeking out partners in the City of Santa Monica's arts community and infrastructure to help garner the necessary funds.

**.IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**.IX.A. Supplemental Textbook**

**.IX.B. Deletion of AR 3515.11 Digital Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Video Surveillance and Global Position System (GPS)**

**.IX.C. Deletion of AR 3540 Transportation**

**.IX.D. Revision of AR 3541 Transportation Routes and Services**

- .IX.E. Revision of AR 3543 Transportation and Safety Emergencies
- .IX.F. Revision of AR 5131.1 Bus Conduct

**.X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**.XI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

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

**.XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**.XIV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 10:23 p.m. Time end: 10:25 p.m.

- Ms. Lieberman announced that the Santa Monica City Council had asked the city attorney to look into addressing the vaping issue.
- Mr. Foster stressed the importance of following existing procedures in regards to public comments at board meetings.

**.XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**.XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. de la Torre, seconded by Ms. Lieberman, and voted 6/0 (Ms. Leon-Vazquez was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m. in memory of Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings, a prominent Civil Rights champion, and Daniel Dresher, an SMMUSD graduate who passed away in the spring. The next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 5 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> St., Santa Monica, CA. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 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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