



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

November 21, 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 (20 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 54956.9(d)(2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (20 min)**

- 1 case (*item pulled from agenda*)

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

**.II.D. Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE  
EVALUATION (40 min)**

- Title: Superintendent

**. OPEN SESSION**

**.I. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

Mr. Kean called open session to order at 6:07 p.m.

**.I.A. Roll Call**

Minutes:

**Present** Oscar de la Torre  
**Present** Craig Foster – *arrived at 4:34 p.m.*  
**Present** Jon Kean  
**Present** Maria Leon-Vazquez  
**Present** Laurie Lieberman  
**Present** Ralph Mechur – *arrived at 4:38 p.m.*  
**Present** Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein – *left at 5:48 p.m.*

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

Minutes:

Led by Mr. Mock

**.II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the November 21, 2019, regular meeting agenda. Passed with a motion by Ms. Leon-Vazquez and a second by Ms. Lieberman.

**Yes** 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  
Absent Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

The board postponed Item No. VI.A.4 to the December 12, 2019, meeting.

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

#### **.III.A. Approve November 7, 2019, Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the November 21, 2019, regular meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. de la Torre.

Yes 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  
Absent Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Mr. Kean asked that the minutes more fully reflect that the board opened the meeting in honor of Mr. Phil Cott, and that the board thanks him for his service to the district and has him and his family in their thoughts. Mr. Foster corrected his and Mr. Mechur's arrival time at the previous meeting.

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

#### **.IV.A. Golden Sneaker Award (10 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:09 p.m. Time end: 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Cory Keen from the City of Santa Monica announced that Grant Elementary School had the highest participation for Bike It! Walk It! Day with 87%. This is the third year in a row that Grant has had the highest participation rate. Suzanna Landris, a Grant ES parent who volunteered to organize Bike It! Walk It! Day at Grant, remarked how excited the school was to receive the award. She attributed the school's success to three main things: great support from the City of Santa Monica, from the school staff, and from the neighborhood and community. The City of Santa Monica presented Grant ES with the Golden Sneaker Award.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 6:15 p.m. Time end: 6:16 p.m.

Dr. Drati announced that he has started meeting with each school site's PTA and staff members to discuss our district's fiscal health.

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

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

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

Minutes:

The board approved Item Nos. A.1-5, B.1-2, C.1-8, and D.1-3 listed under the Consent Calendar. Ms. Leon-Vazquez recused herself, as Santa Monica College, her employer, is listed under Purchase Orders.

Time start: 6:16 p.m. Time end: 6:19 p.m.

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

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

**.VI.A.2. Conference and Travel Approval/Ratification - 2019/2020**

**.VI.A.3. Overnight Field Trip(s) 2019-20**

**.VI.A.4. Approval of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**

**.VI.A.5. Special Education Contracts**

**.VI.B. Business and Fiscal**

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

**.VI.B.2. Acceptance of Gifts - 2019/2020**

**.VI.C. Facilities Improvement Projects**

**.VI.C.1. Change Order #02 John Adams Middle School HVAC Project - Phase II Construction Contract Bid #19.34.ES Pardess Air Inc. Measure ES**

**.VI.C.2. Change Order #09 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**

**.VI.C.3. Authorization to Use Arvin Union School District Piggyback Bid #2018-19-001 Sierra School Equipment Company Educational Furniture, Design Services & Installation**

**.VI.C.4. Award of Purchase John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, Will Rogers Elementary School & McKinley Elementary School Districtwide - FF&E Pilot Project Sierra School Equipment Company Measure SMS**

**.VI.C.5. Award of Agreement Lincoln Middle School HVAC & Fire Alarm Project Geotechnical Services - Converse Consultants Measure SMS**

**.VI.C.6. Change Order #08 Malibu Elementary School - Malibu Alignment Project - Temporary Housing Construction Contract Bid # 19.26.ES Waisman Construction, Inc. - Measure ES**

**.VI.C.7. Accept Work as Completed Webster ES - Malibu Alignment Playground Project - CMAS Contract USA Shade and Fabric Structures - Measure ES**

**.VI.C.8. Award of Agreement Malibu Middle and High School Campus Plan Project Environmental CEQA Services Placeworks - 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**

**.VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**.VII.A. Santa Monica Education Foundation Quarterly Report to the Board of Education (20 min)**

Minutes:

Time start: 6:38 p.m. Time end: 6:50 p.m.

The Ed Foundation and district staff answered board members' questions regarding the timing for a report from Malibu LEAD, who could be performing at the Arts For All concert, possible rationale for the increase in participation over the years, and targeted fundraising for specific student populations.

## **.VIII. MAJOR ACTION ITEMS**

### **.VIII.A. Adopt Resolution No. 19-11 - National Inclusive Schools Week (15 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 19-11 - National Inclusive Schools Week. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lieberman and a second by Mr. Mechur.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 6:20 p.m. Time end: 6:37 p.m.

Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Principal of McKinley Elementary School, boasted the schools culture of inclusion, including a celebration of diversity; a special ed preschool collaborative program; adaptive equipment for students with special needs; and the Special Education Parent Resource Group. She reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade's class Deep Learning project focusing on inclusion in which the students researched the American Disabilities Act, interviewed family members, designed an inclusive playground, used a 3D printer to create artificial limbs, and took a field trip to Shane's Inspiration Inclusion Playground. Shane's Inspiration and Edutopia selected students from Ms. Bucker's and Ms. Cubillas's classes to create a worldwide video about the positive benefits of social inclusion and the value of children of all abilities being able to play together. The board presented Ms. Buckner and Ms. Cubillas with certificates.

### **.VIII.B. Approval of the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 District Calendars (10 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the District calendar for the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years. Passed with a motion by Mr. Foster and a second by Mr. Mechur.

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

Minutes:

Time start: 6:50 p.m. Time end: 7:01 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the December 19, 2023, local holiday listed. Ms. Lieberman drew everyone's attention to the fact that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving had now been labeled as a recess day. Following discussion, the board gave direction to staff to examine the best way to alert the public to the days recognized for individuals, such as César Chávez.

### **.VIII.C. 2019-20 Budget Revisions (30 min)**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following budget transfers, as described on the following pages, for these below-listed Funds. Passed with a motion by Mr. de la Torre 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
Absent	Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Minutes:

Time start: 7:01 p.m. Time end: 7:40 p.m.

Staff answered board members' questions regarding the child development fund, the timing of changes related to the cost of the retirement incentive program (CERP), conference and travel expenditures, the timing and purpose of the TRANS as a result of our basic aid status, and the multi-year projections.

## **.IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

## **.X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Time start: 7:40 p.m. Time end: 7:44 p.m.

### Public Comments:

- Margot Bennett requested that the board adopt a resolution to pass out information to school district families about the importance of proper gun storage.

## **.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**

## **.XV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **.XVI. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION**

It was moved by Ms. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Mechur, and voted 6/0 (Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The board had scheduled to return to closed session, but decided that that was not necessary. The next meeting is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the district office: 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA.

## **. CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

### **.I. 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. Ben Drati
- Employee Organizations: SMMASA

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

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President

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Superintendent

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