

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., December 14, 2017

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Upcoming board meeting in January:

- Thurs., January 18, 2018, 5:30pm (regular meeting @ district office)
- Tues., January 23, 2018, 2pm (special meeting @ district office)

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The board took action on the following:

- As it does every December as part of its organizational meeting, the Board of Education elected a new President and Vice President. Congratulations to Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, who was elected to serve as Board President, and Mr. Jon Kean, who will serve as Board Vice President, until December 2018!
- The board approved the schedule of Board of Education meetings for 2018-19.
- Following a presentation early in the evening, the board adopted social justice standards into our district's curriculum.
- The board approved the First Interim Report for the 2017-18 budget. Every school district is required to show evidence to its County Board of Education that it can meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for the two fiscal years after that. The First Interim Report satisfies this requirement.
- The board approved changes in language to board policies and regulations regarding: Interdistrict Attendance.
- By a vote of 6-1, the board adopted a resolution in opposition to the unification petition that the Malibu City Council submitted to the Los Angeles Office of Education, citing that the petition, as it was submitted, does not address the negative financial impacts unification would have on a remaining Santa Monica Unified School District. The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization has not yet scheduled a hearing of the unification petition.

The board discussed the following:

- As a follow-up to the lag data on student achievement presented in September and October, Ed Services shared lead (predictive) data related to our district's FASTbridge universal literacy screening assessment for elementary grades, the rates of non-passing grades among secondary math students, participation rates in our district's reintroduction of interim assessments for ELA and math in all grades, as well as attendance data and suspension rates.
- The Maintenance and Operations Department presented information related to the Facilities Improvement Test (FIT) scores, safety inspections, work orders, deferred maintenance projects, project requests, operations and grounds processes, and our integrated pest management (IPM) program.
- Prior to board approval later in the evening, the Ed Services staff presented information on the social justice standards, which represent an initial step in a comprehensive approach to achieving Excellence through Equity by establishing an embedding cross-cultural and socio-emotional learning as a cornerstone of our students' educational experience.

Special note:

- The board recognized outgoing Board President Laurie Lieberman and Board Vice President Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein for their leadership this past year.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration – *commendations/recognitions on 1/18/18*
- Early Learning Pathway Update – *study session on 1/18/18*
- Adopt Resolutions Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Fred Korematsu – *action on 1/19/17*
- Bond Oversight Committee Report – *action on 1/18/18*
- 2017-18 Budget Workshop – *special meeting on 1/23/18*