

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
ADOPTED MINUTES**

March 17, 2005

A meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 17, 2005 in the Santa Monica City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Offices, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA. Following the call to order, the Board moved to the Board Conference Room to a Closed Session for the reason(s) listed in Section III, below. The Board reconvene the public portion of the meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the Santa Monica City Council Chambers.

I CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

No speakers

III CLOSED SESSION:

- Receipt of recommendation for the approval of the proposed settlement cases pursuant to GC §54954.9 (b), as cited in the Brown Act:
 - R Settlement of issues in Case SN-0401869
 - R Settlement of issues in Case SN-0401568
- Confer with Keenan and Associates - Anticipated Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: three potential cases

IV BOARD OF EDUCATION - COMMENDATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- **Shirley B. Compton Sugars** - was presented with an award from the California Council on Economic Education by Bernard Mauricia. Mrs. Sugars is one of three semi-finalists in the entire State of California.
- **Grant Elementary School and PTSA**
Dr. Deasy introduced Mr. Alan Friedenber, Principal of Grant Elementary School. To begin the report, Mr. Friedenber stated that the entire staff is proud of the accomplishments at Grant this year. He introduced the Upper Grade Chorus and director, Jennifer Polhemus. The Chorus performed "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." The students participating in the Chorus included:

Beatriz Antonio	Sara Arvesen	Kiki Balaban	Mollie Bernstein
Olivia Draper	Malak Dwait	Delaviz Eftekhar	Caroline Huber
Maya Jiménez-Osell	Kalie Kerns	Arielle Kronovet	Issac Nemzer
Freddie Norris	Monica Norris	Jenny Osipova	Lana Saykali
Gretchen Sharp	Emily Singer	Sebastian Triena	

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Following the student performance, Mr. Friedenbergr acknowledged Mrs. Iraida Johns, Assistant Principal at Grant.

On Wednesday, Grant held its Kindergarten Round-Up. Twenty-five families have indicated that they would like to have their child(ren) attend Grant School.

Test scores have improved every year for the past five years in all categories and demographic groups, and SPI has sustained growth. The African-American students' proficiency rate is equal to the overall school rate. Grant's Hispanic students have the highest API of any similar group[in the district. And, socioeconomically disadvantaged students had the largest one-year gain of any similar group in the district.

Grant Elementary School is extremely active: 407 students participated in the PTA After-school Enrichment Program; 60 students participate in the Homework Club, 130 students are part of the Intervention Program, 14 teachers give their time to teach in the intervention program, 24% of the 4th and 5th graders qualified for GATE, the highest rate Grant has ever had, and over 200 students participate in the lunch sports leagues.

Mr. Friedenbergr introduced Mrs. Kristin Kanjo who thanked the Board of Education for its efforts on behalf of children. She stated that in Santa Monica-Malibu, public schools are a viable option and excellent choice for parents. Mrs. Kanjo reported that PTA added three new events to the many activities taking place at the school including, a holiday boutique, a resale event and a family night with a magic show (where the principal was cut in half!). Grant will celebrate its 100th birthday next year with many events being planned for next May. In preparation for the celebrations, Mrs. Kanjo noted that the school has not been painted for more than 15 years and requested that it be painted in time for the events that will be taking place. Lastly, Mrs. Kanjo announced that the Grant Carnival and Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2005.

In closing, Mr. Friedenbergr stated: "We do not think that we are special, rather, we are doing what we are supposed to do. Our work is the expectation, not the exception. From the custodian, to the teacher, to the principal, we are just doing our jobs."

- **Outstanding Educator -**
Dr. Deasy announced that Angela Woo, Music Teacher at John Adams, has been selected by the Rotary Club of Santa Monica as the Outstanding Educator of the Year. Ms. Woo will be formally recognized and presented with a certificate at a future meeting.

V APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, seconded by Mr. de la Torre and voted 7/0, student voted aye.

VI	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
A.01	Approval of Minutes: March 03, 2005	1

VII **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 Consent agenda items are considered routine, as agreed by the President, Vice President and Superintendent, requiring no discussion, and are normally all approved at one time by the Board of Education. **However, members of the Board of Education, staff, or the public may request an item be removed from the consent agenda for clarification and/or discussion. Consideration will occur during Section XI (Major Items).**

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Public Comments is the time when members of the audience may address the Board of Education on items not scheduled on the meeting's agenda. All speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. When there is a large number of speakers, the Board may reduce the allotted time to two(2) minutes per speaker. The Brown Act (Government Code) states that Board members may not engage in discussion of issues raised during "VIII, Public Comments" except to ask clarifying questions, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his or her own activities, or to refer the matter to staff. This Public Comment section is limited to 20 minutes.

IX COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications section provides an opportunity for the Board of Education to hear reports from the individuals or Committee representative listed below. All reports are limited to 5 minutes or less. However, if more time is necessary, or if a report will not be presented, please notify the Board secretary eight work days prior to the date of the meeting.

A. Student Board Members Reports

Ms. Mari Sahba, Olympic High School, filed the following report:

Olympic High School open house will be held on April 12. Mark Harris, a member of the group, Venice, who is teaching a guitar class at Olympic, will have the students perform at the event.

On May 3, Daniel Leva will conduct the monthly parent meeting to answer students and parent questions about college and other post high school choices..

On May 30, students from Olympic will hold a bake sale and car wash from 8 - 10 a.m. on the campus. Everyone is invited to come and support the students and school. The proceeds will be used for the school and for the families of the victims of the Ocean Park shooting. Both men were former Olympic High students.

Preparations for Senior Celebration are underway with students and staff researching a venue for the annual event.

Ms. Kitty Smith, Malibu High School - filed the following report:

Malibu's first ever decathlon team brought home five medals from their February competition. Spring sports have begun and with that The Current, our school newspaper, has begun a new tradition of athletic trading cards featuring student athletes in Spring sports. The cards show their grade, sport, position, level and a quote about their sport. The paper will feature between 4 and 8 athletes per issue.

This morning Malibu was disrupted from 2nd period when the fire alarm was pulled because an RV caught fire just outside the main driveway to the campus. No one was injured but everyone was very impressed with the efficiency with which the situation was handled. Everyone's ready for Spring Break. High School exit exam took place this week. Only about seven or eight students missed the exam so makeups won't be difficult. Students in 10th grade took a field trip to the Museum of tolerance this week. CSF/CJSF is having an annual breakfast tomorrow and then students are going to Universal Studios for the day. Journalism students are in New York this week at a conference. Impressively informed students called the school while the fire was happening this morning because the story had been leaked all the way to them.

College Admissions are coming back now-- by the time we come back from Spring Break most seniors will know where they' will be attending school next year. Juniors took the *new* SAT last Saturday on campus.

The entire high school is reading All Over But The Shouting by Rick Bragg and there will be mixed grade discussions to promote unity and shared learning techniques. The book is about a boys southern childhood and how he eventually became a journalist when he grows up. Book Sharks is a book club on campus- its about setting the bar to get 25 books read by the end of the year. March 1 was the most recent counting day, on which 16 books were to be read. 150-200 students participated.

The Boys and Girls Club of Malibu is doing a 6th grade student outreach program- Smart Moves- through humanities giving basic education about drugs and alcohol and promoting a clean and safe environment. Middle School Spirit Week- twin day, crazy hair day- activities show that Middle School student council is very motivated this year, which is important in keeping a positive atmosphere for the younger students.

B. SEIU Report - Ms. Keryl Cartee - no report

C. PTSA Council - Mrs. Rodriguez reported that the Committee for Excellent Public Schools is joining with Caravan for Kids, a two-day campaign throughout California that will take place on April 27-28. The Caravan will travel to Sacramento where thousands of participants will ask and demand that the Governor's proposed budget reflect the will of the people. Several buses will be leaving from Santa Monica. Mrs. Rodriguez invited members of the Board of Education to join them.

X SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Safety survey** - Staff has undertaken a safety review of all elementary campuses.
- **Gathering in Century City** - There was a broad gathering of union members and community leaders in Century City on Wednesday where the Governor was attending a fund raiser. Teachers, PTA, students, nurses were just some of the groups represented who spoke out regarding the Governor's budget and the under funding of education and the real threat to Proposition 98. Dr. Deasy commended Harry Keiley for his heartfelt comments made when he addressed the entire crowd. Staff will continue to contact our legislators and the Governor to advocate for these issues.
- **Stairway** - Dr. Deasy stated that the annual Stairway of the Stars program was spectacular and that he enjoyed the evening tremendously. Steve and Debra Cole were recognized for their work with students.
- **Agreement with City of Santa Monica** - Dr. Deasy reported that he had met with Susan McCarthy, Santa Monica City Manager. The agreement with the City of Santa Monica and the District is being finalized and will be agendized for the April 12 City Council meeting.

XI MAJOR ITEMS

These items are considered to be of major interest and/or importance and are presented for **ACTION (A)** or **INFORMATION (I)** at this time. Many have been reviewed by the Board at a previous meeting under the Discussion Items section of the agenda.

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These items are submitted for information (FIRST READING) and discussion. Action will generally be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

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These items are submitted by individual Board members for information or discussion, as per Board Policy 8320(b).

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

These items are submitted by members of the public to address the Board of Education on a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, as per Board Policy 8320(c). Requests must be submitted to the Superintendent in writing ten days before the Board meeting or prior to agenda planning, in accordance with the established agenda planning schedule, whichever is less. The written request will not exceed 500 words and will include, as an attachment, brief background information and the reason for the request.

XVI CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A continuation of Section VIII, as needed.

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VII BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Comments is the section where a Board member may make a brief announcement or make a brief report on his or her own activities relative to Board business. There can be no discussion under "BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS".

It was noted by Ms. Leon-Vazquez that the 16th Annual Latina Youth Conference will be held on April 30 and that Dolores Huerta will be the Keynote speaker.

XVIII FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items for future consideration will be listed with the projected date of consideration. The Board of Education will be given any backup information available at this time.

XIX CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education will adjourn to CLOSED SESSION to complete discussion on items listed for CLOSED SESSION following the regular business meeting.

XX ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Leon-Vazquez, seconded by Mr. de la Torre and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting in memory of Hector Bonilla, a father of three in the district, Jonathan Hernandez, a former student in the district, and Douglas Simpson, father of children in the district and a founding board member of the Malibu Foundation for Youth - Boys and Girls Club of Malibu.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Malibu City Council Chambers, 23815 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA.

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Approved: _____
April 7, 2005

s/ Emily Bloomfield

President

S/ John E. Deasy

Superintendent

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Board of Education Meeting Schedule					
July through December, 2004					
Month	1st Thurs	2nd Thurs.	3rd Thursday Discussion Mtg.	4th Thursday	Special Note:
July				22 DO	Special Meeting re: SMC Bond
August			19 DO	26 SM	
September		9 DO	16 (Holiday)	23 M	3 rd Thursday is a District Holiday
October	7 DO		21 SM		(Resume 1st & 3 rd Meeting schedule)
November	4 M		18 SM		
December		9 DO			(CSBA Conference first week of Dec.)
January through June, 2005					
January	6 DO		20 SM		
February	3 M	5 DO	17 SM	22 DO	22 = Math workshop
March	3 DO		17 SM		Stairway: March 10-11
April	7 M		21 SM		
May	5 DO		19 SM		
June	2 DO		16 SM	30 DO (5 th Thursday)	(Graduation is week of 6/20) 6/30 one additional regular meeting

District Office (DO) 2004: 7/22, 8/19, 9/9, 10/7, 12/9, 1/6, 2/22, 3/3, 5/5, 6/2 and 6/30

Malibu City Council Chambers (M): 9/23 and 11/4/04 2/3 and 4/7/05
23815 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA

Santa Monica City Council Chambers (SM): 8/26, 10/21, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19 and 6/16
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica.

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Amended: 2/3/05

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I CALL TO ORDER

5:05 p.m.
Moved to Closed Session: 5:06 p.m.
Reconvened Open Session: 7:03 p.m.

- A Roll Call
Emily Bloomfield - President
Julia Brownley - Vice-President
Oscar de la Torre
Jose Escarce
Maria Leon-Vazquez
Shane McLoud
Kathy Wisnicki

Student Board Members
Kitty Smith - Malibu High School
Mari Sahba - Olympic High School
Naomi Vasquez - Santa Monica High School - absent

- B Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Oscar de la Torre

II CLOSED SESSION

President Bloomfield announced that in closed session, pursuant to GC §54954.9 (b), as cited in the Brown Act, Ms. Leon-Vazquez moved and Mr. McLoud seconded the approval of the following settlement agreements:

SN-0401869
SN-0401568

The motion passed unanimously.