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# BOARD NOTES

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## Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., November 3, 2011

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### Upcoming Board Meetings in November

- Thurs., November 17, 2011, 6:00pm (regular meeting @ district office)
- Tues., November 29, 2011, 6:00pm (special meeting @ district office)

Board agendas and minutes: <http://www.smmusd.org/board/meetings.html>

### Last week, the board discussed the following:

- ☛ In response to an earlier request from the board, the superintendent brought forward proposed revisions to the Acceptance of Gifts policy (BP 3290). The revisions designate the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation as the central fundraising entity for the school district. The Ed Foundation would be the only fundraising entity to raise funds for the district to use to pay for personnel and professional development. The purpose of the revisions is to create a structure for increased giving and to create program parity during the school day across the district. Following an extensive public comment session, the board members shared their own thoughts on the proposed policy changes and the concept of districtwide fundraising. This item will return for a second round of discussion at the November 17 board meeting.
- ☛ Staff walked the board through the timeline and process for developing the 2012-13 budget. Like two years ago, staff will hold workshops (yet to be scheduled) for members of the community to learn more about the budget and public school funding.

### Special Note:

- ☛ At the October 20 board meeting, the board recognized the Olympic High School students and WISE Healthy and Aging seniors who shared their life experiences and learned from each other as part of the Intergenerational Project.
- ☛ Last night, the board recognized the achievements of Malibu High School students who were named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students and Semi-Finalists. The awards are given every year to high school students nationwide based on their PSAT (Preliminary SAT) scores.

### Upcoming board items:

- ☛ Recognize National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students and Semi-Finalists from Santa Monica High School – *commendation on 11/17/11*
- ☛ Reconstitute the Intercultural DAC, open membership process – *action on 11/17/11*
- ☛ 2011-12 First Budget Revision – *action on 11/17/11*
- ☛ Approve Technology Use Plan – *action on 11/17/11*

- 👉 Report on Advanced Placement student achievement data – *discussion on 11/17/11*
- 👉 Proposed revisions to Acceptance of Gifts policy – *continued discussion on 11/17/11*
- 👉 Revise Acceptance of Gifts policy – *action on 11/29/11*