



BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Special Meeting – Tues., November 29, 2011

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Upcoming Board Meetings in December

- Thurs., December 15, 2011, 6:00pm (regular meeting @ district office)

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Last night, the board took action on the following:

☛ The board approved revisions to Board Policy 3290 – Acceptance of Gifts, designating the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation as the central fundraising entity for the school district. The Ed Foundation will 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. The superintendent brought forward these proposed policy revisions in response to an earlier request from the board. Following an extensive public comment session Tuesday night, the board members asked clarifying questions of staff and shared their own thoughts on the proposed policy changes and the concept of districtwide fundraising before voting. The board first discussed these proposed changes on November 3 in Malibu and November 17 in Santa Monica. The next steps include: the formation of the Superintendent's Advisory Group in January 2012 to meet with and study districts that have successfully made the transition to districtwide fundraising and return to the board in June 2012 with suggestions for implementation; update the administrative regulation for Acceptance of Gifts in June 2012; and develop and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, formalizing this relationship between the district and the foundation.

Upcoming board items:

- ☛ Recognize Outgoing Board President and Vice President – *commendation on 12/15/11*
- ☛ Recognize Retiring Personnel Commissioner – *commendation on 12/15/11*
- ☛ Elect new Board President and Vice President – *action on 12/15/11*
- ☛ First Interim Budget – *action on 12/15/11*
- ☛ Report on Advanced Placement student achievement data – *discussion on 12/15/11*
- ☛ Presentation on Illuminate student information system – *discussion on 12/15/11*
- ☛ Recognize New National Board Certified Teachers – *commendation on 1/19/12*
- ☛ Martin Luther King, Jr. resolution – *action on 1/19/12*
- ☛ Revise BP and adopt AR 5131.61 – Controlled Substance – *action on 1/19/12*
- ☛ Annual Nurses' Report – *discussion on 1/19/12*