

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., Mar. 2, 2017

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Upcoming board meetings in March:

- Tues. Mar. 7, 2017, 5:30pm (special meeting @ district office)
- Thurs., Mar. 16, 2017, 5:30pm (regular meeting @ Malibu City Hall)
- Thurs. Mar. 23, 2017, 5:30pm (special meeting @ district office)
- Thurs. Mar. 30, 2017, 4pm (special meeting @ district office)

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The board took action on the following:

- The board approved a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. A PLA is a collective bargaining agreement with one or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for workers on construction projects in the district. The board discussed the agreement at the February 16 board meeting.
- The board adopted three resolutions that correspond with March each year. The first is in honor of Women's History Month, recognizing the contributions women have made in our nation regarding education and equality. The second commemorates National Middle School Month, highlighting the special and unique experiences young adolescents navigate while in middle school and the importance of educators to support our middle schoolers' physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth. The third recognizes Cesar Chavez Day, whose birthday was on March 31.
- As part of an annual legal process, the board adopted a series of resolutions that authorize the Human Resources staff to notify specific certificated temporary and probationary staff that their services might not be required for 2017-18. This notification must be completed by March 15 each year.
- The board adopted the Second Interim Report for the 2016-17 budget. This report, which all districts must produce and adopt, certifies that we are able to meet our financial obligations for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the subsequent two fiscal years.

The board discussed the following:

- Superintendent Drati presented his third study session regarding a tactical approach to teaching and learning (the first was the new LCAP dashboard and the second was aligning the LCAP to our work). This study session presented the components of a well-established systems leadership framework that fosters a culture of focus, coherence, mutual accountability, and effective collaboration.
- The board discussed suggested changes to the regulation related to English Language Learners. These changes will return as information on March 16.
- The board gave direction to staff to continue working towards an agreement to partner with the City of Santa Monica to construct a multi-purpose field and parking at the Civic Center, with further direction to establish the terms of an agreement between the city and the district by June 2017.
- Staff presented the process and rationale behind the recommendation to adopt the Benchmark Advance textbooks and program for English Elementary Language Arts-English Language Development. This will return for action on March 16.

Special note:

- In honor of Women's History Month, Dr. Deloria shared her grandmother's life's story, short bios on women who were "firsts" in both our nation as well as in our district, and a video from UN Women highlighting ten notable women in history.
- In honor of Middle Level Education Month, Dr. Edeburn brought everyone's attention to the new artwork on the board room walls, which was created by students from John Adams MS (art teacher Jennifer Joyce) and Lincoln MS (art teacher Katie Pomatti).
- In honor of César Chávez Day, Franklin ES second graders from Ms. Case's class shared quotes from articles and literature they read about Chavez, quotes they wrote themselves from the perspective of immigrant farmworkers, and then everyone sang *We Shall Overcome*.
- The board adjourned the meeting in memory of Juan Castillo, a recent Santa Monica HS graduate who was killed last weekend.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Malibu Unification Negotiations Committee Report – *study session on 3/7/17*
- Recognize Malibu Boys' and Girls' Club Youth of the Year and Youth Ambassador for Wellness – *commendations on 3/16/17*
- Adopt Elementary ELA- ELD Textbook – *action on 3/16/17*
- Measures R, BB, and ES Audit Reports – *action on 3/16/17*
- Update on the Malibu High School Bond Project – *discussion on 3/16/17*
- Appoint Members to Some DACs – *action on 3/16/17*
- Summer School Reading for All Secondary Schools – *information on 3/16/17*
- Revision to AR 6174 – Education for English Learners – *action on 3/16/17*