

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., January 18, 2018

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Upcoming board meetings in January and February:

- Tues., January 23, 2018, 2pm (*special meeting @ district office*)
- Thurs., February 1, 2018, 5:30pm (*regular meeting @ Malibu City Hall*)
- Thurs., February 15, 2018, 5:30pm (*regular meeting @ district office*)

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The board discussed the following:

- Ed Services presented information about what is currently taking place in the early learning program and the intended next steps regarding STEAM-based curriculum; determining who is eligible for the program, but not attending; how assessment data can improve pedagogy; and how PreK, TK, and kindergarten teachers can collaborate.
- Fagen, Friedman and Fulfrost, whom the district hired to investigate recent concerns that were raised about conflict of interest, reported their findings and recommended next steps.

The board took action on the following:

- The board adopted a resolution honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The resolution highlights his accomplishments in organizing protest demonstrations and marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights and other basic civil rights. At the height of his influence, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were passed. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.
- The board adopted a resolution honoring Mr. Fred Korematsu, a Japanese American who refused to comply with regulations that required 120,000 Japanese Americans to leave their homes and be incarcerated in American concentration camps during WWII. Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution commemorates the life of Fred Korematsu and recognizes the importance of preserving civil liberties, even in times of real or perceived crisis.
- The board adopted a resolution calling on the State Legislature to fund California public schools at the national average or higher by the year 2020, and at a level that is equal to or above the average of the top 10 states nationally by 2025 and to maintain, at a minimum, this level of funding until otherwise decreed.
- The board accepted the 2016-17 Annual Financial Audit Report, which was presented by our accounting firm, Moss, Levy and Hartzman, LLP.

Special note:

- The board adjourned the meeting in memory of Guadalupe Zaldivar, an SMMUSD cafeteria worker, and the victims of the deadly Southern California mudslides following the wildfires.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Workshop on Public Record Requests – *special meeting on 1/23/18*
- Budget Workshop – *special meeting on 1/23/18*
- Family Engagement Framework Update – *study session on 2/1/18*
- Termite Treatment Update – *discussion on 2/1/18*
- Adopt Resolution re: Black History Month – *action on 2/1/18*
- Adopt Resolution re: Career Technical Education (CTE) Month – *action on 2/1/18*