

# BOARD NOTES

## Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., February 15, 2018

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### **Upcoming board meetings in March:**

- Thurs., March 1, 2018, 5:30pm (regular meeting @ district office)
- Thurs., March 15, 2018, 5:30pm (regular meeting @ Malibu City Hall)
- Tues., March 20, 2018, 3pm (special meeting @ district office)

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### **The board took action on the following:**

- The board approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plans for 2017-18.
- The [Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee](#) delivered its annual report on Measure BB and Measure ES expenditures.
- The board ratified the agreement between the Service Employees International Union - Local 99 (SEIU) and the district. The document will be posted online at a later date.
- The board approved changes in language to board policies and regulations regarding: Student Wellness, Student Leaves of Absence, and Involuntary Student Transfers.

### **The board discussed the following:**

- Ed Services staff gave a brief update on the framework and action plan associated with embedding the social justice standards into the fabric of our work, as part of our collective efforts to achieve Excellence through Equity.
- Ed Services staff gave a brief update on our district's work to provide guidance to schools and the district office as we implement effective family engagement practices that yield higher levels of student academic success and college and career readiness.
- The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) provided its quarterly report to the board with information on fundraising progress to-date, family and staff participation rates, and corporate, foundation, and community support. To support SMMEF, visit: <http://www.smmeff.org/donate>.
- The Facilities Improvement Projects Dept. presented a revised draft working budget for Measures BB and ES project planning purposes.
- The board discussed potential changes in language to board policies and regulations regarding: Independent Study. There will be a second reading of these proposed changes on March 15 (in Malibu) before the item returns for action in April (in Santa Monica).

**Special note:**

- In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday (January) and Black History Month (February), McKinley Elementary School Principal Dr. Ashley Benjamin shared what her teachers and students have done to learn about and celebrate African cultures, other cultures, and the contributions of Dr. King.
- In honor of Career Technical Education (CTE) Month, the Samohi photography teacher and his students shared their passion for photography and how taking the photography class and other CTE classes at Samohi could shape their futures.
- To recognize her dedicated work on the Special Education DAC for 20 years, the board presented Lee Jones with a certificate.
- The board adjourned the meeting in memory of the victims of the mass shooting that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School yesterday. Of the 17 victims, three were teachers and 14 were students.

**Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):**

- Resolution Recognizing Women's Herstory Month – *action on 3/1/18*
- Resolution Recognizing Middle Level Education Month – *action on 3/1/18*
- Resolution Recognizing César Chávez Day – *action on 3/1/18*