



Minutes

June 7, 2007

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Joint Meeting of the Financial Oversight Committee and
Board of Education**

**Location: SMMUSD Admin. Offices
1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404**

Attendance: (*Committee Members*) Paul Silvern [*Chair*], Ben Allen, Craig Hamilton, Patricia Hoffman, Denny Kernochan, Gordon Lee, Cheryl Stecher [*Co-Chair*], Carrie Wagner. (*Staff*) Steve Hodgson, Dawn Smithfield. *Absent: Cynthia Torres.* (*Board Members*) Dr. Kathy Wisnicki, Emily Bloomfield,, Oscar de la Torre, Dr. Jose Escarce, Kelly Pye, Barry Snell, Maria Leon Vazquez.

The Financial Oversight Committee Joint Meeting with the Board began at 7:15 p.m. The Board President welcomed the Members of the FOC, and extended appreciation to members for all their hard work. Superintendent Talarico and Steve Hodgson also expressed their gratitude to FOC Members. Chair Silvern introduced the members of the Financial Oversight Committee who were present.

[Text of Chair Silvern's presentation in separate document, 060707FOCBrdPres.pdf]

Board Members thanked the FOC for the excellent report and asked questions. Members commented, emphasizing several of the points made by Chair Silvern on behalf of the FOC, including reserving a space on each Board Agenda for the FOC. In addition, it was suggested that more frequent communication between the Board and the FOC should take place, perhaps in an informal setting to encourage a free flow of communication. FOC Members would like a coordination of Board/FOC/Budget timelines that allows time for FOC review of financial items. Board Members made their comments, agreed with the FOC stated areas of focus, and expressed their appreciation to the Committee.

The Joint Meeting with the Board adjourned at 8:32 p.m.