

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
MINUTES**

**UNADOPTED  
JULY 13, 2006**

A special meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006 in the Board Room of the District Offices, 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA. The Board of Education called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at the District Offices, 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA., at which time the Board of Education moved to Closed Session regarding the items listed in section III below. The public meeting reconvened at 6:10 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Administrative Offices.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Roll Call
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**

There were no speakers for Closed Session items.

**III. CLOSED SESSION:**

- Public Employee, to consider appointment, employment of a district superintendent pursuant to GC §54957 as cited in the Brown Act.
- Public Employee appointment, employment, pursuant to GC §54957 as cited in the Brown Act: Interim Superintendent.
- Receipt of recommendation for approval of the proposed settlement cases pursuant to GC Section 54954.9 (b), as cited in the Brown Act. This item was not discussed.
- Conference with Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents regarding 2006-2007 Strategies for Negotiations for Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association (SMMCTA) pursuant to §GC 54957.6, as cited in the Brown Act.

**IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION - COMMENDATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was moved by Mr. de la Torre, seconded by Dr.Escarce and approved unanimously (6/0 - Dr. Wisnicki absent).

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - No Minutes for approval**

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments is the time when members of the audience may address the Board of Education on items not scheduled on the meeting's agenda. All speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. When there is a large number of speakers, the Board may reduce the allotted time to two(2) minutes per speaker. The Brown Act (Government Code) states that Board members may not engage in discussion of issues raised during "VIII, Public Comments" except to ask clarifying questions, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his or her own activities, or to refer the matter to staff. This Public Comment section is limited to 20 minutes. If the number of persons wishing to address the Board of Education exceeds the time limit, additional time will be provided in Section **XVI, CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

There were no speakers for Public Comments.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - No report**

### **MAJOR and DISCUSSION Items**

*As a general rule, items under MAJOR and DISCUSSION will be listed in order of importance as determined by the President, Vice President and Superintendent. Individual Board members may move to request a change in the order prior to consideration of any Major item. The Board may also move any of these items out of order to be heard immediately following PUBLIC COMMENTS if it appears that there is special interest by the public or as a courtesy to staff members making presentations to the Board.*

## **IX. MAJOR ITEMS**

These items are considered to be of major interest and/or importance and are presented for **ACTION (A)** or **INFORMATION (I)** at this time. Many have been reviewed by the Board at a previous meeting under the Discussion Items section of the agenda.

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| A.01 | Appointment of Interim Superintendent .....        | 1 |
| A.02 | Amend Certification of Authorized Signatures ..... | 2 |

## **X. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

These items are submitted for information (FIRST READING) and discussion. Action will generally be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

|     |   |   |
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| D.1 | Review Report from Bond Feasibility "Blue Ribbon" Committee and Deliberate the Advisability of Placing a District Facilities Bond Measure on the November 2006 Ballot ..... | 3 |
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## **XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

## **XII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

These items are submitted by individual Board members for information or discussion, as per Board Policy 8320(b).

**XIII. REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

These items are submitted by members of the public to address the Board of Education on a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, as per Board Policy 8320(c). Requests must be submitted to the Superintendent in writing ten days before the Board meeting or prior to agenda planning, in accordance with the established agenda planning schedule, whichever is less. The written request will not exceed 500 words and will include, as an attachment, brief background information and the reason for the request.

**XIV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A continuation of Section VIII, as needed. (If the number of persons wishing to address the Board of Education exceeds the time limit in section VIII, additional time will be provided in Section **XVI, CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS.**)

**XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Comments is the section where a Board member may make a brief announcement or make a brief report on his or her own activities relative to Board business. There can be no discussion under “BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS”.

**XVI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Items for future consideration will be listed with the projected date of consideration. The Board of Education will be given any backup information available at this time.

**XVII. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education will, if appropriate, adjourn to CLOSED SESSION to complete discussion on items listed for CLOSED SESSION following the regular business meeting.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 27, 2006 in the District Board Room, 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA. Beginning at 12 noon, the Board will hold a workshop regarding the feasibility of placing a bond measure on the November 2006 ballot. At the conclusion of the workshop the board will adjourn. The Board will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices, 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA.

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Meetings held at the District Office and in Malibu are taped and rebroadcast  
in Santa Monica on CityTV2, Cable Channel 20 - Check TV listing.  
Meetings are rebroadcast in Malibu on Government Access  
Channel 3 every Saturday at 8 PM**

**Board of Education Meeting Schedule**  
**Public Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.**

**July through December, 2006**

| Month     | 1st Thursday | 2nd Thursday | 3rd Thursday | 4th Thursday            | Special Note:   |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| July      |              |              |              | 7/27 DO                 | One meeting in July   |
| August    |              |              | 8/17 SM      | 8/31 DO<br>(5th Thurs)  | 5 Thursday's in August  |
| September |              | 9/14 DO      |              | 9/28 DO                 | <b>School Opens 9/6, 2006</b><br>(Because of Labor Day and start of school, mtgs on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> in Sept.) |
| October   | 10/5 M       |              | 10/19 SM     |                         | Start traditional schedule 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  |
| November  | 11/2 DO      |              | 11/16 SM     | 11/30 DO<br>(5th Thurs) | Thanksgiving 11/24-25,  |
| December  |              | 12/14 DO     |              |                         | Usually one mtg. -(Three wks in Dec. Before winter break)   |

**December 25-29 Winter Break**

**January through June, 2007**

**January 1-5 Winter Break**

|          |        |  |         |  |   |
|----------|--------|--|---------|--|---|
| January  |        |  | 1/18 SM |  |   |
| February | 2/1 M  |  | 2/15 SM |  |   |
| March    | 3/1 DO |  | 3/15 SM |  | Stairway 3/22-23<br>(5 Thursday's in March) |

**April 02 - 13, 2007 - Spring Break**

|       |        |  |         |       |  |
|-------|--------|--|---------|-------|--|
| April |        |  | 4/19 SM |       |  |
| May   | 5/3 M  |  | 5/17 SM |       |  |
| June  | 6/7 DO |  |         | 28 DO | 6/21*Graduation<br>Last day of School 6/22 |

District Office (DO): 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica.  
 Malibu City Council Chambers (M): 23815 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA  
 Santa Monica City Council Chambers (SM): 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica.

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JULY 13, 2006**

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|----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>I</b> | <b>CALL TO ORDER</b> ..... | 4:12 p.m. |
|          | Move to Closed Session     | 4:13 p.m. |
|          | Reconvene Public Meeting   | 6:10 p.m. |

- A     Roll Call  
          Julia Brownley -President  
          Kathy Wisnicki - Vice-President - excused absence

          Emily Bloomfield  
          Oscar de la Torre  
          Jose Escarce  
          Maria Leon-Vazquez  
          Shane McLoud

Student Board Members

- B     Pledge of Allegiance  
  
          Led by Mr. McLoud

**II     CLOSED SESSION**

There was no report out of Closed Session.

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## **MAJOR ITEMS**

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

ACTION/MAJOR

07/13/06

FROM: JULIA BROWNLEY/KATHY WISNICKI

RE: APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION NO. A.01

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Tim Walker, as the interim superintendent. Mr. Walker will assume responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the district.

It is further recommended that Mr. Walker be designated as the Secretary of the Board of Education for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, effective July 13, 2006.

COMMENT: Due to the pending departure of Dr. Matthews, it is necessary to appoint an interim superintendent to lead the district as the Board of Education continues to seek a new superintendent. There are a number of critical projects underway which will require attention and focus. It is the Board's desire that Mr. Walker assume the role of interim superintendent.

The Board welcomes Mr. Walker and is confident that the District will undergo a smooth transition under his leadership.

An agreement has been reached regarding the terms of Mr. Walker's contract, a copy of which will be on file in the Office of the Superintendent.

MOTION MADE BY: Mr. de la Torre

SECONDED BY: Dr. Escarce

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: n/a

AYES: All (6)

NOES: None (0)

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

ACTION/CONSENT

07/13/06

FROM: MICHAEL D. MATTHEWS/WINSTON A. BRAHAM

RE: AMEND CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

RECOMMENDATION NO. A.02

It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the Certification of Authorized Signatures, as presented on December 8, 2005 in Recommendation No. A.16 and as amended on April 6, 2006 in Recommendation No. A.13, to change the signature authority for the Interim Superintendent & Secretary to the Board from Dr. Michael D. Matthews to Mr. Tim Walker. This will be in effect from July 13, 2006 pending the appointment of a new Superintendent.

It is further recommended that the document "Certification of Signatures" be completed and filed with the County Superintendent of School in accordance with Education Code Section §42633. The signature will be considered valid as of July 13, 2006.

COMMENTS: The resignation of Dr. Matthews will shortly become effective. Dr. Matthews has served as the Interim Superintendent and Secretary to the Board since March 2, 2006. At the April 6, 2006 Board Meeting (*Item A.13*), the Board designated Dr. Matthews as Secretary to the Board. Approval of this action will, therefore, allow Mr. Walker to assume the authorized signature responsibilities as Interim Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Education until such time as a new Superintendent is hired.

MOTION MADE BY: Mr. de la Torre

SECONDED BY: Dr. Escarce

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: n/a

AYES: All (6)

NOES: None (0)

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

DISCUSSION

07/13/06

FROM: MICHAEL D. MATTHEWS/WINSTON A. BRAHAM

RE: REVIEW REPORT FROM BOND FEASIBILITY "BLUE RIBBON"  
COMMITTEE AND DELIBERATE THE ADVISABILITY OF PLACING A  
DISTRICT FACILITIES BOND MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2006  
BALLOT

DISCUSSION NO. D.1

The recently-constituted Bond Feasibility "Blue Ribbon" Committee will offer/present an oral Second Report to allow the Board of Education to engage in further discussions regarding the advisability of a Bond Measure in the upcoming November 2006 Election and whether or not to take the required action to move forward or disband the Committee.

Should the decision be made to move forward, the "88-Day Rule" would require the Adoption of the legally-required Resolution (at the latest) by July 27, 2006 for filing on August 11, 2006 with the County of Los Angeles Electoral Office. Additionally, the Board would be expected to appoint and commission a Citizens' Oversight Committee and, as well, agree/endorse the Ballot Measure now being drafted to reflect the ongoing work of the Facilities Master Plan and the District's long-term needs.

The Board, in concert with the Subject Committee, authorized the commission of a Voter Attitude Survey by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates (FMMA). Said Telephone Survey was accomplished via use of a United States west coast phone bank that conducted a fairly in-depth 25-minute interview of (500) likely Santa Monica/Malibu voters, which resulted in a most favorable support for said Bond Measure.

On June 20 and June 28, 2006, respectively, the Survey results and related details (which remain the property of FMMA) were discussed with the Committee and was presented to the Board on June 29, 2006 after the Committee deliberated the feasibility of a Bond Measure.

The Board is now left with the responsibility of deliberating/evaluating (with urgency) whether or not and how to act on the advice of the Committee and series of expert advice offered during and following the Board Meeting of April 6, 2006.

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The Board of Education continued its discussion regarding whether to place a bond measure on the November 2006 ballot. The Board set a workshop meeting for July 27, 2006 at 12 noon in the Board Room.

Dennis Crane, Craig Hamilton and Ralph Mechur, members of the Bond Feasibility "Blue Ribbon" Committee were present and provided the Board with an update from the Committee's last meeting.

David Casnocha, Esq., Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth; and Tony Hsieh and Mark J. Farrell from Piper Jaffray & Company were present and provided the Board with information regarding deadlines to be considered should the Board decide to place an item on the ballot. Mr. Casnocha will provide the board with sample ballot language in the coming weeks. Tony Hsieh and Mark Farrell provided information regarding the assessment per \$100,000 of assessed value as follows:

| General Obligation Bond paid over <b>8 Years</b>  |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| First Issuance 2007<br>Last Issuance 2013         | \$250 Million | \$300 Million | \$400 Million |
| (per \$100,000 assessed value)                    | \$31.20       | \$37.45       |               |
| General Obligation Bond paid over <b>13 Years</b> |               |               |               |
| First Issuance 2007<br>Last Issuance 2020         | \$250 Million | \$300 Million | \$400 Million |
| (per \$100,000 assessed value)                    | \$25.14       | \$30.17       | \$40.23       |
| General Obligation Bond paid over <b>20 Years</b> |               |               |               |
| First Issuance 2007<br>Last Issuance 2027         | \$250 Million | \$300 Million | \$400 Million |
| (per \$100,000 assessed value)                    | 20.02         | 24.02         | 32.02         |

It was noted that there are no exemptions for General Obligation Bonds.