



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2015

A **special meeting** of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on **Tuesday, September 29, 2015**, at school sites in the Lincoln Middle School pathway in Santa Monica, CA. The Board of Education called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. in the district office lobby: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA.

### III. CALL TO ORDER

#### A. Roll Call

##### Board of Education Members

Laurie Lieberman – President

Jose Escarce – Vice President – *absent*

Craig Foster

Oscar de la Torre

Maria Leon-Vazquez

Ralph Mechur

Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. 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 twenty (20) minutes.

### III. SCHOOL SITE VISITS

During the fall, the superintendent will lead the Board of Education on visits to all SMMUSD schools by pathways. The purpose of these visits is to allow board members the opportunity to experience instruction time at each of our district's schools and ask questions of school and district leadership about curriculum, programs, etc.

The schedule for this specific round of visits is as follows:

8:45am: Call meeting to order in district office lobby, then take the school bus to sites in the Lincoln Middle School pathway  
9:00am-1:30pm: Visit Roosevelt ES, Lincoln Middle School, Franklin ES, and McKinley ES

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*The school principals and Educational Services staff answered board members' questions regarding Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) strategies for math, the vertical alignment of curriculum from elementary to middle school, facilities and technology upgrades, English language arts professional development and instruction, Thinking Maps, and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).*

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein, and voted 1/0 (Dr. Escarce was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on **Thursday, October 1, 2015**, at 5:30 p.m. in the **Malibu City Council Chambers**: 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu, CA.

Approved: 10-15-15

  
Resident

  
Superintendent