



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES**

October 7, 2015

A special meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, in the District Administrative Offices: 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA. The Board of Education called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

III. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Board of Education Members

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| Laurie Lieberman – President | Maria Leon-Vazquez |
| Jose Escarce – Vice President – <i>absent</i> | Ralph Mechur |
| Craig Foster | Oscar de la Torre – <i>arrived at 4:47pm</i> |
| Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein | |

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Ms. Leon-Vazquez

II. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT RETREAT

During this retreat, a facilitator will work with the Board of Education and executive cabinet to discuss board and leadership team practices as well as effective governance procedures. Such retreats are standard throughout a school year.

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The board and staff agreed upon meeting protocols to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of board meetings, including: board and leadership team practices prior to, during, and following a board meeting; how general public comments can be made more efficient; and how to ensure each board member's thoughts/questions can be expressed without being repetitive. The board also discussed the structure and process of board subcommittees as well as the content of and process for setting district goals.


III. 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. 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.**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein, seconded by Mr. Foster, and voted 6/0 (Dr. Escarce was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The next meeting is a special board meeting scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.** at schools in the Malibu High School pathway. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 15, 2015**, in the **District Administrative Offices**: 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA.

Approved: 11-5-15



President



Superintendent