



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**October 8, 2015**

A special meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at school sites in the Malibu High School pathway in Malibu, CA. The Board of Education called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. in the district office lobby: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA. See the schedule below for the complete list of schools that were visited during this special meeting.

**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                                  | Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein |
| Oscar de la Torre                             |                              |

**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 and programs.

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

- 8:30am: Call meeting to order in district office lobby, then take the school bus to sites in the Malibu High School pathway
- 9:00am-1:30pm: Visit Webster ES, Malibu High School, Juan Cabrillo ES, and Point Dume Marine Science School

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*The school principals and Educational Services staff answered board members’ questions regarding Measure ES technology upgrades, curriculum, and SMMEF-funded programs.*

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Dr. Tahvildaran-Jesswein, seconded by Mr. Mechur, and voted 1/0 (Dr. Escarce was absent) to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on **Thursday, October 15, 2015**, at 5:30 p.m. in the **District Administrative Offices**: 1651 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA.

Approved: 11-5-15

  
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President

  
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Superintendent