
BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., February 1, 2024

Board Notes is provided as a public information service from the Office of the Superintendent and is intended to provide an immediate summary of the Board of Education's action and discussion on significant projects and services from the most recent board meeting. Not all items that were listed on the board agenda are included in this report. Please contact the Superintendent's Office (310.450.8338 x70229) with questions about this summary.

Upcoming board meetings in February 2024:

- Thurs., February 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting at the DO and via Zoom)
- Thurs., February 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m. (special meeting at the DO and via Zoom)

The board took action on the following:

- The board adopted an annual resolution celebrating Black History Month, which recognizes the achievements and contributions of Black and African-American citizens in the United States.
- The board adopted an annual resolution celebrating Career Technical Education (CTE) Month, which highlights the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce.
- The board adopted a resolution recognizing sunset March 1– sunset March 2 as National Day of Unplugging, a global movement to bring awareness to the long-term impact of tech devices on mental health and physical health.
- The board adopted a resolution in support of International Holocaust Remembrance Day: January 27, 2024, which serves as a poignant reminder for our district to pause and reflect, collectively mourning the victims, while recognizing the shared responsibility to combat antisemitism and hatred around the world.
- The board adopted Introduction to Building and Construction Trades as a new course for the Adult Education Center.
- The board approved a fee increase for CDS programs for 2024-25.
- The board approved an MOU between our district and the City of Santa Monica regarding Measure GS, which approved by Santa Monica voters in November 2022.
- The board adopted a resolution regarding a Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan, which will allow our district to develop and offer an incentive plan to enhance early retirement benefits and improve job security for existing employees, while providing an effective budget and staff planning solution.

The board discussed the following:

- Ed Services presented student achievement data from quarter 2, all of which has been collected since the beginning of 2023-24. The data include measures of student academic achievement, such as the district's diagnostic assessments, the rates of non-passing grades (Ds, Fs) amongst students in secondary courses. It will also include performance results on the district's interim assessments for English Language Arts and Math in all grades. Measures of student engagement include the student attendance data and suspension rates since the beginning of the school year.
- Staff presented proposed changes to the following board policies (BPs) and administrative regulations (ARs) related to implementing the Disproportionality Plan that was adopted in November:
 - BP and AR 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
 - BP and AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan
 - AR 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment
 - AR 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners
 - AR 4112.23 - Special Education Staff
 - BP and AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process
 - BP and AR 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process (Students with Disabilities)
 - BP and AR 6159 - Individualized Education Program
 - BP and AR 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education
 - BP and AR 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education
 - BP and AR 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education
 - BP and AR 6164.5 - Student Success Teams
 - BP and AR 6146.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504

Special Note:

- In honor of Career Technical Education Month, Webster Elementary School shared the project-based learning projects the students have produced.
- The Early Learning and Special Education District Advisory Committees' mid-year written reports appeared under Information in the agenda.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Santa Monica Ed Foundation Fundraising Update – *discussion on 2/15/24*
- Annual Special Education Update – *discussion on 2/15/24*
- DAC Mid-year Written Reports – *information on 2/15/24*
- Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month – *action on 3/7/24*
- Resolution Recognizing Middle Level Education Month – *action on 3/7/24*
- Resolution Recognizing César Chávez Day – *action on 3/7/24*
- Second Interim Budget – *action on 3/13/24*