

# BOARD NOTES

## Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., February 4, 2021

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### **Upcoming board meetings in February:**

- Tues., February 9, 2021, 7 p.m. (*special meeting via Zoom*)
- Thurs., February 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (*regular meeting via Zoom*)
- Thurs., February 24, 2021, 5 p.m. (*special meeting via Zoom*)

### **The board discussed the following:**

- Ed Services presented student achievement data from quarter 1 (lag data), including the Early Development Instrument (EDI), Fastbridge, the high school essay, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) assessment, the Math Diagnostic Testing Project (MDTP) assessment, cohort graduation rate, meetings a-g UC/CSU requirements, AP course enrollment and AP test passing rates, PSAT participants who meet the College and Career Readiness benchmarks, reclassification of English learners, student engagement surveys, and data re: dropouts, suspensions/expulsions, and student attendance. Staff also presented data from quarter 2 (lead data from the fall), including interim assessment blocks, high school grades, and data re: suspensions/expulsions and student attendance.
- Human Resources was scheduled to deliver a report on diversity in hiring, but the item was postponed to a future meeting.

### **The board took action on the following:**

- In honor of Black History Month (February), the board adopted a resolution that recognizes the achievements and contributions of Black and African-American citizens in the United States.
- In honor of Career Technical Education (CTE) Month, the board adopted a resolution that celebrates the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce.
- The board reaffirmed a resolution it adopted this past summer recognizing the first week in February as Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action.

### **Special note:**

- To continue the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, students from Roosevelt ES shared books they read and videos they watched about Dr. King, Rosa Parks, the Civic Rights Movement, the Black Lives Movement, race culture, justice, equity, and social-emotional learning. Students also shared their families' immigration and cultural stories.
- To honor Black History Month, teachers and a student from Malibu ES highlighted the activities in which each grade has participated to promote social justice, anti-racism, and working to foster an inclusive community of diversity in which everyone is valued for their unique gifts and attributes.
- As part of his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Drati had Shuli Lotan, our Mental Health Services Coordinator, deliver a report on the mental health of our students during the pandemic. Dr. Drati updated the board on the learning hubs, special education services, and CDS programs currently available to small cohorts of students at our campuses. He also explained our county's current COVID data, recent vaccine news, and how our district is simultaneously planning for distance learning plus activities for the spring and potential options for the fall.

### **Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):**

- Black Lives Matter Celebration – *recognitions/commendations on 2/18/21*
- Approve Comprehensive School Safety Plans – *action on 2/18/21*
- Adopt School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) – *action on 2/18/21*
- Santa Monica Ed Foundation Fundraising Update – *discussion on 2/18/21*
- Middle School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Presentation – *study session on 2/18/21*
- Annual Special Education Update – *discussion on 2/18/21*
- DAC Mid-year Written Reports – *information on 2/18/21 & 3/4/21*
- Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month – *action on 3/4/21*
- Resolution Recognizing Middle Level Education Month – *action on 3/4/21*
- Resolution Recognizing César Chávez Day – *action on 3/4/21*
- Second Interim Budget – *action on 3/4/21*