

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., May 4, 2023

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 May 2023:

- Tues., May 9-10, 2023, 8 a.m. (special meeting at Hilton Hotel: 1707 Fourth St., Santa Monica)
- Wed., May 17, 2023, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting at the new DO and via Zoom)

The board took action on the following:

- The board adopted the following courses for Samohi: Photography, Advanced Photography, Graphic Design, Advanced Graphic Design, Sports Medicine & Healthcare, and Advanced Sports Medicine & Healthcare.
- The board held a public hearing for and adopted the Measure R Rate with CPI-U Adjustment for 2023-24.
- The board approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) plan to support unduplicated students in grades TK-6 with after-school and summer opportunities. Funds are supplied by the State of California.
- The board adopted a resolution honoring Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. The resolution highlights the ingenuity, perseverance, and achievement of the Asian/Pacific Islander American community, recognizing the contributions of the Asian/Pacific immigrants who have come to America to discover the promise of our nation and realize their dreams.
- The board adopted a resolution recognizing National Mental Health Awareness Month. The resolution recommits our educational community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our children, youth and adults can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people, especially children and youth with mental health conditions.
- The board adopted a resolution recognizing Better Speech and Language Month. The resolution encourages all citizens to recognize the achievements of Audiologists, Language Speech Specialists, and their assistants in improving the quality of life for students with communication disorders.
- The board adopted a resolution recognizing Autism Acceptance Month. The resolution honors the contributions of people on the Autism Spectrum Disorder spectrum and the ASD community to our school district, nation, and the world.
- The board adopted a resolution honoring CA Day of the Teacher, which is on May 10 this year. The resolution underscores the importance of the teaching profession.
- The board adopted a resolution recognizing School Lunch Hero Day, which is May 5 this year. The resolution expresses our deep appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of children.

The board discussed the following:

- Staff presented on update on our Project-based Learning (PBL) and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, including achievements in 2022-23 and goals for 2023-24.
- The update on AVID in SMMUSD was postponed to a future board meeting.
- The update on 2023-24 Title I School Programs in SMMUSD was postponed to a future board meeting.
- The board heard a presentation from Capital Advisors Group, a company that represents the interests of individual school district on local, state, and federal governmental relations, specifically related to school finance, education-related policy, and regulatory processes. The board is considering hiring Capital Advisors to represent SMMUSD interests at the state level.

Special Note:

- In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention presented SMMUSD with a certificate of appreciation for our support of and participation in the 2022 Out of The Darkness Walk.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- 3rd Budget Revision – *action on 5/17/23*
- Adopt Resolution re: Week of the Classified Employee – *action on 5/17/23*