
BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Special & Regular Meetings – Thurs., June 2 and Mon., June 6, 2022

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 June 2022:

- Thurs., June 23, 2022, 4 p.m. (*special meeting via Zoom*)
- Thurs., June 30, 2022, 5:30 p.m. (*regular meeting at the DO for board members and executive staff and via Zoom for all other staff and members of the public*)

The board took action on the following:

- The board adopted new history and social studies textbooks for elementary schools. This was discussion on May 19.
- The board adopted its annual resolution honoring Juneteenth, which recognizes June 19, 1865, as a day that symbolizes freedom, celebrates the abolishment of slavery, and reminds all Americans of the significant contributions of African Americans to our society.
- The board approved the addition of Juneteenth National Independence Day ("Juneteenth") as a holiday in our district's 2021-22 calendar. The board directed staff to negotiate the permanent addition of district holidays for Juneteenth National Independence Day and Cesar Chavez's birthday.
- Following a report from the Superintendent, the board approved the establishment of an Executive Director position.

The board discussed the following:

- Ed Services presented the preliminary Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2022-23. A public hearing on the LCAP will be held during the June 23 special board meeting, with approval slated for the June 30 regular board meeting.
- Fiscal staff presented the preliminary General Fund Budget for 2022-23. A public hearing on the budget will be held during the June 23 special board meeting, with approval slated for the June 30 regular board meeting.
- The Early Child Care DAC presented its end-of-year reports to the board. The remaining DAC reports will be presented on either June 23 or June 30.
- Staff presented options for relocating John Muir Elementary School and SMASH students and staff while the water intrusion investigation and repairs work occurs. Following the presentation, the board gave staff direction to move forward with moving SMASH to the Obama Center and a majority of the Muir to Will Rogers, with the remaining students moving to other elementary schools.

Special Note:

- The board honored the 2021-22 SMMUSD retirees.
- The board recognized outgoing PTA Council President, Gabrielle Cohen, for her dedication and service these past two years.
- The board thanked outgoing Student Board Members Nathan Castanaza and Felix DeRapside Ross for their service to the board this year.
- The board approved the appointment of Cynthia McGregory as the new Principal of Olympic High School (had been serving as Principal of Franklin Elementary School), Ryan Bourke as the new Principal of Lincoln Middle School (had been serving as the Principal of Will Rogers Learning Community), Tristen Gartrell as full-time Teacher Induction Coordinator (had been serving as half-time Teacher Induction Coordinator and half-time Assistant Principal of Will Rogers Learning Community), and Daniela Wiener as half-time Assistant Principal of McKinley Elementary School and half-time Assistant Principal of Will Rogers Learning Community (had been serving as an Instructional Coach at Edison Language Academy).
- The board commended Grant Elementary School for being awarded the Golden Sneaker Award by the City of Santa Monica's Safe Routes to School Program for the highest participation rate for Bike It!/Walk It! Week this spring.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Public Hearing: 2022-23 LCAP – *action on 6/23/22*
- Public Hearing: 2022-23 Budget – *action on 6/23/22*
- Adopt 2022-23 LCAP – *action on 6/30/22*
- Adopt 2022-23 Budget – *action on 6/30/22*
- DAC End-of-year Reports – *discussion on 6/23/22 or 6/30/22*