

# BOARD NOTES

## Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., July 15, 2021

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### **Upcoming board meetings in August 2021:**

- Thurs., Aug. 12, 2021, 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)
- Thurs., Aug. 19, 2021, 4:30 p.m. (special 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 held a public hearing on the negotiation proposals for SMMCTA and SMMUSD.
- The board terminated the emergency resolution that had been in place since March 2020, which had allowed our district to purchase equipment and enter into contracts related to the COVID-19 pandemic without going out to bid.

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

- As part of returning to in-person board meetings (the Governor's current executive order allowing for virtual board meetings is set to expire on September 30), staff presented two options for the board to consider: in-person only or hybrid (in-person and virtual). The board gave staff direction to have the board members and executive staff meet in-person in the board room for the August and September board meetings, while members of the public and other staff would remain on Zoom. Following September 30, the board members and executive staff will be in the board room in-person, while members of the public and other staff have the option to attend meetings in-person or via Zoom.
- The board held its annual joint meeting with the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC). For 2020-21, the FOC focused on: 1) budget recommendations subcommittee; 2) tax revenue and assessed valuation; and 3) bond oversight. The committee's proposed charges for 2021-22 will return for action in September.
- Staff provided an update on AVID programs in our district, including stories of graduating seniors and where they will be attending college.
- As part of his regular COVID-19-related update, Dr. Drati presented on the most recent safety protocols and recommendations from the CDC and LACDPH (which changed again just hours prior to the board meeting).

### **Special note:**

- The board approved the appointment of Elizabeth Ipiña as a new Assistant Principal for Edison Language Academy and Grant Elementary School.

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

- Appoint Members to District Advisory Committees (DACs) – *action on 8/12/21*
- Approve FOC Charges for 2021-22 – *action on 8/12/21 or Sept. 2021*
- 45-day Budget Revision – *action on 8/12/21*
- Early Learning Handbook – *action on 8/12/21*