Board Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs, July 16, 2020

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 August:
- Thurs., August 13, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (regular meeting via Zoom)

The board took action on the following:
- The board adopted a resolution recognizing the first week of February as Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action. This will be a new celebration each year, beginning in February 2021, with a curricular focus for each day of that week. We have also created an anti-racism page on our district’s website.
- The board appointment members to the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC).
- The board approved the SMMUSD Reopening Plan for Fall 2020. While the current spike in COVID-19 cases will cause our district to open the first semester in distance learning, it is our district’s goal to reopen in-class instruction as soon as is safe. More information can be found on our district’s Reopening School page. The board will continue its conversation with staff about the reopening plan on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- The board finalized changes to the policy and regulation regarding interdistrict permits. The board had discussed these changes in December 2019 and March 2020.

Special note:
- The board adjourned the meeting in memory of Fred Purucker, a retired Samohi photo teacher and long-time Malibu resident and cartoonist. The board also adjourned in memory of a member of the SMMUSD community who died by suicide; the board shared the contact information for Teen Line (310-855-4673 or text “TEEN” to 839863), Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services, and The Trevor Project, and encouraged anyone experiencing depression and/or anxiety to reach out for help.

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):
- Annual Joint Meeting with Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) – study session on 8/13/20
- Approve FOC Charges for 2020-21 – action on 8/13/20;
- College and Career MOU with SMC – action on 8/13/20
- Quarter 4 (part II) Report from Santa Monica Ed Foundation – discussion on 8/13/20
- Update on Project Based Learning – discussion on 8/13/20
- Update on Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry and Instruction – discussion on 8/13/20