

# BOARD NOTES

## Board of Education Regular Meeting – Wed., September 22, 2021

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

- Thurs., Oct. 7, 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., Oct. 21, 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)

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

- The board adopted the annual resolution in honor of National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, which runs from September 15-October 15.
- The board approved appointments to the district advisory committees (DACs).
- The board approved revisions to BB 9323 related to board meeting agendas and conduct (it postponed action on BB 9322).
- The board nominated Mr. Keith Coleman for the CSBA Directors at Large African American, American Indian, and County.

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

- The update on our districtwide Sustainability Plan was postponed to October.
- The presentation of data on the spring 2020 local measures of student assessments was postponed to October.
- During the requiring update of COVID-19, Dr. Drati updated the board on the masking and weekly screening testing mandates, and he explained the different between shortened at-home quarantine and modified in-school quarantine options and the associated requirements. Following discussion, the board gave staff direction to, as soon as possible, amend the at-home quarantine time from 10 to seven days, following all proper protocols and processes. Staff will return with more information regarding our district's capacity to meet the strict requirements of the modified in-school quarantine option and more academic supports for sixth graders (who attend multiple classes a day, but are not yet eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and therefore are most affected by quarantine protocols).
- The board discussed the possibility of adopting a resolution requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for eligible students. Following discussion, the board directed staff to bring back the resolution with due dates entered and to send letters to the Governor, CA State Legislature, and Dept. of Public Health asking them to enact a statewide vaccine mandate for all eligible individuals.
- The discussion on DAC draft charges for 2021-22 was postponed to October.

**Special note:**

- During his Superintendent's Report, Dr. Drati and our Director of the Personnel Commission explained the nationwide shortage of bus drivers and health office support staff.
- In honor of National Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, staff shared videos of our elementary school students performing Mariachi music pre-pandemic in the Edison cafeteria and during the Pandemic via Zoom.

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

- Presentation of student achievement data – *study session on 10/7/21*
- Update on Sustainability Plan – *study session on 10/7/21*
- Provide Feedback on DAC draft charges for 2021-22 – *discussion on 10/7/21*