

BOARD NOTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Thurs., November 18, 2021

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Upcoming board meetings in December 2021:

- Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021, 5:30 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)
- Thurs., Dec. 16, 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:

- In honor of National Inclusive Schools Week (Dec. 6-12, 2021), the board adopted a resolution celebrating the progress in providing a supportive and quality education to all students and to discuss what else needs to be done to ensure continuing improvement in inclusive practices including consideration of the accessibility of electronic resources and information technology to promote student achievement.
- The board approved an agreement with LA Metro to participate in the Fareless System Initiative (FSI), which provides all SMMUSD K-12 students free and unlimited rides on public transit through July 2022. Our district's participation in this program allows students to ride LA Metro, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus (BBB), and other participating systems to and from school and for trips after school and on weekends
- The board adopted BP 1313 – Civility Policy, which holds board members, staff, students, parents-guardians, and community members to a set of behavioral norms when interacting while on district property or during district-related activities/events:
 - Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.
 - Listen to others respectfully.
 - Agree to disagree, and don't make it personal; discuss the issue, not the person.
 - Keep an open mind and, if merited, allow yourself to be persuaded to change your opinion.
 - Acknowledge dissension as a civic right and as a tool to use to reach the best decisions.
 - Accept responsibility and maintain self-control.
- The board revised BP and adopted a new AR and Exhibit 7310 – Naming of Facilities and Programs, which provides criteria and a process for the naming of facilities and programs throughout the district, including sponsorship and other opportunities.

Special note:

- In honor of National Inclusive Schools Week, Grant Elementary School shared information on their special education programs as well as their schoolwide culture of inclusion.
- At the November 4 board meeting, the board adjourned in memory of Ted Beruman, SMMUSD's senior buyer in the Purchasing Department, and Roger Thorton, a member of the Santa Monica community and founder of Santa Monica Renters' Rights (SMRR).

Upcoming board items (schedule subject to change):

- Adopt First Interim Budget Report – *action on 12/9/21*
- Annual Recognition of outgoing Board President and Vice President – *commendations/recognitions on 12/16/21*
- School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) Approval – *action on 12/16/21*
- Annual Election of Board President and Vice President – *action on 12/16/21*
- Adopt Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 – *action on 12/16/21*