

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**
San Marino Unified School District
1665 West Drive
San Marino, CA 91108

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Board of Education
Closed Session – 5:30 p.m.
Regular Session – 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **OPEN SESSION** 5:30 p.m.

2. **CLOSED SESSION** 5:30 p.m.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
(Govt. Code 54956.9)

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report.

4. **REGULAR OPEN SESSION** 7:30 p.m.

5. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board members present were Mr. C. Joseph Chang, Mrs. Nam Jack, Mrs. Lisa Link, Mr. Chris Norgaard, Mrs. Shelley Ryan, and Student Board Member, Alyssa Escamilla. Administrators present were Dr. Alex Cherniss, Mrs. Linda de la Torre, Mrs. Julie Boucher, and Mr. Stephen Choi.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Approval of Agenda

Moved for approval by Mrs. Jack, seconded by Mrs. Ryan

Ayes: 5, Noes: 0
Abstention: 0
Preferential: Aye

- c. Approval of Minutes

October 10, 2017

Moved for approval by Mrs. Link seconded by Mr. Norgaard

Ayes: 5, Noes: 0
Abstention: 0
Preferential: Aye

6. **PUBLIC HEARING SECTION**

- a. Communications from the audience concerning matters on the agenda

No comments were presented.

- b. Communications from the audience regarding matters not on the agenda

No comments were presented.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Budget Adjustments Report
- b. Certificated Personnel Document
- c. Classified Personnel Document
- d. Contracts and Agreements Report 2017-18 #6
- e. Purchase Order Report #3 2017-18

Moved for approval by Mr. Norgaard, seconded by Mrs. Ryan

Ayes: 5, Noes: 0

Abstention: 0

Preferential: Aye

8. **COMMUNICATION SECTION**

- a. Communications from the Board

Following is a list of events attended by the Board members:

10/10 San Marino City Club Voter's Forum (Chang, Link, Norgaard, Ryan)
10/11 Huntington Library Community Relations Committee Meeting (Chang)
10/15 Neighborhood Safety Watch (Ryan)
10/16 Carver PTA Meeting (Chang)
10/16 SMHS Girls Tennis vs Arcadia (Jack)
10/17 San Marino City Club, NGSS (Chang, Norgaard)
10/18 SMHS PTSA Meeting (Chang)
10/18 District Wellness Committee Meeting (Link)
10/18 Academic Advisory Committee Meeting (Chang, Norgaard, Ryan)
10/20 Homecoming Parade (Chang, Link, Norgaard, Ryan)
10/20 San Marino PTAffiliates Dinner (Chang, Link, Norgaard)
10/20 SMHS Football vs Temple City (Chang, Norgaard)
10/21 Hauntington Breakfast (Chang, Link, Norgaard)
10/23 City Recreation Commission Meeting (Chang)

- b. Communications from the Superintendent

Dr. Cherniss reported that the District participated in the Great California ShakeOut earthquake simulation on October 19 at 10:19 am. The City of San Marino had a live drill at their Emergency Operations Center (EOC). A District representative was present at the EOC. The District was in communication with the City and all school sites during the drill. The District will continue to participate in these exercises to refine processes and keep students safe.

Dr. Cherniss announced that the District was notified by CSBA that SMUSD received the Golden Bell Award for its Honors Humanities

Seminar Program after a successful onsite validation. The District is excited about the opportunity of being honored on November 30, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis in San Diego.

c. Communications from the Student Board Member

Student Board Member Alyssa Escamilla reviewed activities at the school sites:

10/11 SMHS PSAT
10/11 SMHS Art Show: Still Life
10/13 Valentine 2nd Grade Field Trip - La Brea Tar Pits
10/13 HMS ASB Movie Night
10/14 SMHS Coronation Ball
10/14 SMHS Marching Band Competition
10/16-19 Carver Enrichment Week
10/16-20 Homecoming Week
10/19 Great California Shakeout
10/20 Homecoming Day/Game
10/20 Valentine Pumpkin Patch
10/20 Carver Jog-a-thon Kickoff
10/21 HMS Hauntington Breakfast
10/21 SMHS Marching Band Competition
10/23 Start of Red Ribbon Week
10/24 Good Citizen Breakfast

Ms. Escamilla also reported that she is in the CA State Board of Education Student Board Member top 12. She will represent SMUSD at the Student Advisory Board on Education in Sacramento, November 5-8.

9. **DISTRICT GENERAL**

a. Recognition of the Honorable Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 5th District

To commemorate and honor Supervisor Kathryn Barger, a SMHS alumni, the Board and Dr. Cherniss presented her with a plaque, flowers and a personalized SMHS jersey. Dr. Cherniss, on behalf of the Board and the District, expressed appreciation of Supervisor Barger's dedication to providing effective and responsive representation to the 5th District and our community. Media was present to take photos.

10. **TECHNOLOGY**

a. Presentation of Local Indicators on California School Dashboard

Stephen Choi presented information on the California School Dashboard Local Indicators. The Dashboard is an online tool designed for the public to search and view multiple performance measures of a school or district in accordance with six state performance measures and four local indicators. SMUSD participated in the pilot and performed exceptionally well in terms of state indicators. Schools receive one of five color-coded performance levels, listed from highest to lowest: blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. With the actual launch of the Dashboard this fall, there is an option of adding a narrative in order to provide more context to the data. The District will be

utilizing the narrative option as indicated below.

SMUSD ranked very well on the State indicators which include:

Chronic Absenteeism - N/A

Suspension Rate (K-12) - Ranked Green

Optional Narrative: SMUSD has very few numerically significant student subgroups, with certain subgroups consisting of only a few students.

Although some of the suspension rates indicate medium or low performance levels, there were only 12 total suspension District-wide in 2016-17.

English Learner Progress (K-12) - Ranked Blue

Graduation Rate (9-12) - Ranked Blue

College/Career - Available Fall 2017, Select for Grade 11 Assessment Results

English Language Arts (3-8) - Ranked Blue

Mathematics (3-8) - Ranked Blue

In terms of performance, the District has met the following four local indicators:

Basics (Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities)

Implementation of Academic Standards

Parent Engagement

Local Climate Survey

As part of the self reporting process, the District rated local indicators based on their 2016-17 performance levels. This was a reflective process that involved numerous conversations using a five point rating scale.

The Board and Dr. Cherniss asked about the rating of history and social sciences and wanted to know if ratings are based on previous or current standards. They asked that confirmation be made about the process of ranking these subjects.

The Board also asked that checkmarks on future reports be made in blue rather than green.

Mr. Choi will follow-up on the Board's request and indicated that this presentation is in draft form, with a deadline of December 1 to finalize the data that will be uploaded in the Dashboard.

11. **BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None at this time.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no need to return to Closed Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Unadopted
Alex Cherniss
Superintendent
Secretary to the
Board