

Governing Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Members present

Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Governing Board President Kholos called the Governing Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Procedural: 1.2 PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

No public input concerning items on the Closed Session agenda.

Procedural: 1.3 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Governing Board President Kholos adjourned into Closed Session at 5:03pm.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Discussion: 2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(a))Student v. Del Mar Unified School District, OAH Case No. 2025071000.

3. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Procedural: 3.1 CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Governing Board President Kholos reconvened Open Session at 5:47pm.

Procedural: 3.2 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, by unanimous vote, the Board voted to approve a compromise agreement and release with Student in OAH Case No. 2025071000. The agreement resolves a dispute related to the student's special education programming, and includes reimbursement for compensatory education, in exchange for a waiver of all claims through the date of the agreement.

Procedural: 3.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & WELCOME

Students from Sage Canyon School led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented to the Board regarding their school newspaper, "The Coyote Chatter".

Action: 3.4 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approve agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees.

Motion by Bill Porter, second by Gee Wah Mok.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Procedural: 4.1 HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public requests to address the Governing Board of Trustees regarding non-agenda items.

5. REPORTS, RECOGNITIONS AND HEARINGS

Recognition: 5.1 BOARD RECOGNITION, DMUSD EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 2026 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DMUSD EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 2026:

Ashley Falls School: Ariana Nickmeyer, 4th Grade Teacher
Carmel Del Mar School: Nicole Buchanan, Science and Innovation Technology Specialist
Del Mar Heights School: Ashlie Guinness, Grades 4-6 ALC Teacher
Del Mar Hills Academy: Hilary Bradshaw, K/1 Combo Teacher
Ocean Air School: Jeff Bales, 4th Grade Teacher
Pacific Sky School: Melissa Davis, 3rd Grade Teacher
Sage Canyon School: Jacqueline Blumer, Education Specialist
Sycamore Ridge School: Hannah Russell, 6th Grade Teacher
Torrey Hills School: Daniel Kodama, Science Specialist
District Office: Lorraine Gadsden, Admin. Assistant Instructional Services

Report: 5.2 BOARD REPORT, DEL MAR CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (DMCTA)
2025-2026 DMCTA President, Jason Bethurum, provided a report to the Board.

Report: 5.3 BOARD REPORT, DEL MAR SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION (DMSEF)
2025-2026 DMSEF President, Sheena Sahni, provided a report on DMSEF fundraising and activities.

Report: 5.4 BOARD REPORT, DEL MAR PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)
Sage Canyon School PTA President, Thanuja Zupan, provided a report to the Board.

Report: 5.5 BOARD REPORT, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Mok:

Attended the DMSEF Board Meeting

Visited Sage Canyon School and appreciated the way they used their spaces for students

Attended a Spanish Language Immersion Program meeting.

Board Member Fitzpatrick:

Attended a Spanish Language Immersion Program parent coffee.

Attended a field trip at the Safari Park with 3rd grade at Del Mar Hills Academy.

Board Member Rafner:

Thanked staff for how well the negotiation process went.

Board Member Porter:

Visited Carmel Del Mar School

Visited Sage Canyon School

Board Member Kholos:

Attended the PTA Presidents Meeting with the Superintendent
Attends meetings with the Superintendent weekly

Report: 5.6 BOARD REPORT, SUPERINTENDENT

The year has started off with lots of learning and joy on all of our campuses. Looking ahead, DMSEF jog-a-thons are happening at all schools and Kindergarten meetings are happening at all nine schools. Superintendent Janicek joined the Del Mar Kiwanis Club and is excited to partner with them.

Superintendent Janicek recognized the DMUSD Board of Trustees for all of their hard work for School Board Member Recognition Month.

Recognition: 5.7 RECOGNITION: SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Del Mar Union School District leadership joins the California School Boards Association in recognizing January as School Board Recognition Month and in acknowledging the essential role the Board of Education plays in ensuring strong schools, effective governance, and positive outcomes for students and the community.

Procedural: 5.8 HEARING OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments regarding agenda items.

Action, Minutes: 5.9 BOARD APPROVAL, MINUTES

Approve Minutes:

December 9, 2025 - Special Board Meeting

December 10, 2025 - Organizational/Regular Meeting

Motion by Gee Wah Mok, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

6. CONSENT

Action (Consent): 6.1 BOARD APPROVAL, DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT'S UNIFORM COMPLAINT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

Resolution: Approve Del Mar Union School District's Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report for October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.2 BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO THE DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution: Approve and accept donations to the Del Mar Union School District

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.3 BOARD APPROVAL, ACTION TO DECLARE DISTRICT PERSONAL PROPERTY AS OBSOLETE AND SURPLUS AND TO DISPOSE PER EDUCATION CODE 17540 and 17546(a)(b)(c)

Resolution: Approve action to declare District personal property as obsolete and surplus and to dispose per Education Code 17540 and 17546(a)(b)(c).

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.4 BOARD APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDERS, COMMERCIAL WARRANT PAYMENTS, REVOLVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS, PURCHASE CARD TRANSACTIONS AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Resolution: APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS AND RATIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT PAYMENTS, REVOLVING CASH DISBURSEMENTS, PURCHASE CARD TRANSACTIONS AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.5 BOARD APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION, DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

Resolution: Approve and ratify Del Mar Union School District agreements and amendments

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.6 BOARD APPROVAL TO "PIGGYBACK" THE HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BID NO PUR2023-01 SITE FURNISHINGS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SAFETY SURFACING DSA SHADE SHELTERS

Resolution: Approve the use of "Piggyback" terms in the Hemet Unified School District Bid No. PUR 2023-01 Site Furnishings, Playground Equipment, Safety Surfacing, DSA Shade Shelters

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.7 BOARD APPROVAL, SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS 2025-2026
Resolution: Approve the 2025-2026 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs).

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.8 BOARD APPROVAL, PURCHASE OF MAGIC SCHOOL SOFTWARE
Resolution: Approve purchase Magic School Software

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Information: 6.9 BOARD APPROVAL, FIRST READ, NEW BOARD POLICY 0441: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Action (Consent): 6.10 BOARD APPROVAL, FIRST READ, NEW BOARD POLICY 5131.8: MOBILE
COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Resolution: Approve first read of new Board Policy 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.11 BOARD APPROVAL, FIRST READ, NEW BOARD POLICY 5131.9: ACADEMIC HONESTY
Resolution: Approve first read of new Board Policy 5131.9: Academic Honesty

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.12 BOARD APPROVAL, FIRST READ, NEW BOARD POLICY 5145.13: RESPONSE TO
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Resolution: Approve first read of new Board Policy 5145.13: Response to Immigration Enforcement

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.13 BOARD APPROVAL, INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS

Resolution: Approve Interdistrict Attendance Agreements.

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.14 BOARD APPROVAL, REVISION OF BOARD BYLAW 9321: CLOSED SESSION

Resolution: Approve revision of Board Bylaw 9321: Closed Session.

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.15 BOARD APPROVAL, REVISION OF BOARD BYLAW 9270: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Resolution: Approve revision of Board Bylaw 9270: Conflict of Interest

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.16 BOARD APPROVAL, REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ASP & ECDC

Resolution: Approve revised job description, Administrative Assistant, ASP & ECDC

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.17 BOARD APPROVAL, REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION, CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER
Resolution: Approve revised job description, Chief Technology Officer.

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.18 BOARD APPROVAL, RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL ACTIONS: EMPLOYMENT, RESIGNATIONS, DISMISSALS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, AND CHANGE OF STATUS

Resolution: Approve recommended Personnel actions: employment, resignations, dismissals, leaves of absence, and change of status.

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

Action (Consent): 6.19 CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution: Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Approve Consent Items 6.1 - 6.18.

Motion by Doug Rafner, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

7. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Report: 7.1 BOARD REPORT, ADVANCING TEACHING AND LEARNING THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Alison Fieberg, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, and Sam Plambeck, Chief Technology Officer, provided a report to the Board regarding Advancing Teaching and Learning Through Artificial Intelligence, including:

Artificial Intelligence in DMUSD
DMUSD Artificial Intelligence Design Considerations
MagicSchool Partnership
Artificial Intelligence: Safety & Security

Staff responded to clarifying questions from the Board.

Report: 7.2 BOARD REPORT, INNOVATION TECHNOLOGISTS

Abby Domingo, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided a report to the Board regarding Innovation Technologists, including:

Destination 2028!
Innovation Technology Goals

DMUSD Scorecard
Curriculum & Tools
Deepening Understanding of Grade Level Standards Through the Design Thinking Process
Design Thinking + Coding
Innovation Technology Team

Staff responded to clarifying questions from the Board.

8. ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

9. OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

Report: 9.1 BOARD REPORT, FACILITIES UPDATE

Chris Delehanty, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided a Facilities Update to the Board, including:

Carmel Del Mar School Modernization
Design Update
Design Update - Learning Studio
Design Update - Library / Innovation Center
Design Update - Courtyard
Design Update - MUR Exterior
Design Update - MUR Interior
Division of State Architect (DSA) Process
Next Steps

Staff responded to clarifying questions from the Board.

10. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Action: 10.1 TIME CERTAIN 6:15PM: BOARD REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR PREPARED BY WILKINSON, HADLEY, KING & CO. LLP
Accept the Annual Audit Report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Motion by Katherine Fitzpatrick, second by Bill Porter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Doug Rafner, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter

11. PERSONNEL

12. CLOSING ITEMS

Information: 12.1 BOARD REVIEW, REMINDER OF UPCOMING DMUSD EVENTS

Information: 12.2 BOARD REVIEW, REMINDER OF UPCOMING DISTRICT DMSEF AND PTA EVENTS

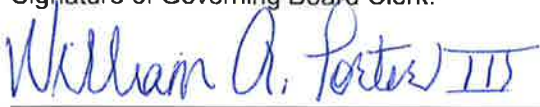
Information: 12.3 PRELIMINARY ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Action: 12.4 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Governing Board President Kholos adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Motion to Adjourn meeting.

Motion by Alan Kholos, second by Doug Rafner.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Doug Rafner, Gee Wah Mok, Alan Kholos, Bill Porter
Not Present at Vote: Katherine Fitzpatrick

Signature of Governing Board Clerk:

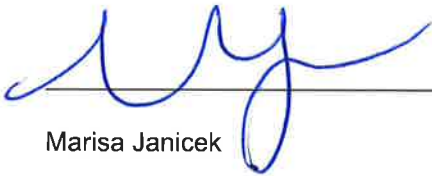


Bill Porter

2/11/2026

Date

Signature of Superintendent:



Marisa Janicek

02/11/2026

Date

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