

Live: Centinela Valley high school district emergency meeting

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The Centinela Valley Union High School District has scheduled an emergency meeting for Tuesday, providing the first opportunity for the public to address the board since a series of Daily Breeze articles detailed the big-money politics in the tiny district serving Lawndale and Hawthorne.

The district had canceled its monthly meeting scheduled for Feb. 11, just two days after publication of the initial story revealing [how Superintendent Jose Fernandez amassed \\$663,000 in total compensation last year](#). (The meeting was canceled more than a week prior to the story's publication.)

The 7 p.m. meeting at the Centinela Valley Center for the Arts in Lawndale will feature a presentation from an executive with the construction-management branch of TELACU, the community development corporation that manages campus upgrades. The overhauls under way at the district's three campuses — Lawndale, Leuzinger and Hawthorne high schools — are the product of two voter-approved construction bond measures netting \$98 million each.

One of the [Daily Breeze stories has shed light on the machine politics propelled by TELACU](#), which poured money into the 2009 and 2011 election campaigns of favored candidates for school board. In 2010, the school board placed the second of the two bond measures on the ballot, and Fernandez has said in recent weeks that the district intends to go out for a third. TELACU is the company selected to manage the projects.

The other items on Tuesday's agenda appear to be matters of routine business that were backlogged by the earlier meeting cancelation.

In general, school board meetings in the Centinela Valley district tend not to be well attended. But teachers union President Jack Foreman sent a mass email Sunday night to the 300-plus members of the bargaining unit calling for a strong showing.

As at all regularly scheduled board meetings, the public will have the opportunity to address the board about items not listed on the agenda. In Centinela Valley, that time is typically reserved for the end of the meeting.

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