

MINUTES

**MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**



Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M.  
Mendota High School Library  
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640

**MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER 6:03PM**

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

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| 1. Karla Barrera, <i>Student Board Member</i> | Present | 5. Adrian Perez   | Present          |
| 2. Alma Durazo                                | Present | 6. Diana Toscano  | Present          |
| 3. Lupe Flores                                | Present | 7. Raul S. Varela | Present          |
| 4. Isabel Maldonado                           | Present | 8. Jose C. Zavala | Arrived @ 6:16pm |

**3.0 FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION: Fresno State MESA Team Champions will led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- ❖ **Fresno State MESA Team Champions and Mr. Sackrison**  
*A 15 minute Reception in recognition of all of our honorees for their great achievements.*

**4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: March 22, 2017 Adrian Perez made a motion to approve with Jose Zavala seconding the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion Passed. 7- 0.  
April 26, 2017 Adrian Perez made a motion to approve with Isabel Maldonado seconding the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion Passed 7-0.**

**5.0 APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR: May 10, 2017  
*(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the District after the posting of this agenda.) Lupe Flores made a motion to approve the agenda with Jose Zavala seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed 7-0.***

**6.0 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST  
*(Any Trustee who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC §87105] NONE***

**7.0 REPORT(S) - INFORMATION ONLY**

- ❖ **Raptor Technologies** Mr. Brock Carothers  
Mr. Carothers gave the board a presentation on what Raptor Software can do. He discussed the implementation with either a full or pilot program.
- ❖ **Summer School Program** Mr. Joe Ochoa  
Mr. Ochoa gave a brief overview of the Summer School Program. There will be six programs going on this summer.

**8.0 PUBLIC NOTICE**

- 8.1 Second Reading: Hearing and public comment regarding Mendota Unified School District Sunshine Proposal to MTA (Mendota Teachers Association) 2017/2018.**

- 8.2 **Second Reading:** Hearing and public comment regarding Mendota Teachers Association Sunshine Proposal to Mendota Unified School District 2017/2018.
- 8.3 **Second Reading:** Hearing and public comment regarding Mendota Unified School District Sunshine Proposal to CSEA (California School Employees Association) 2017/2018.
- 8.4 **Second Reading:** Hearing and public comment regarding proposed Mendota Unified School District's Board Policy (BP) Recognition and Awards for Achievement 5126 and Administrative Regulations (AR) 5126.
- 8.5 **First Reading:** Hearing and public comment regarding proposed Mendota Unified School District's Board Policy (BP) Naming of Facility.
- 9.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT NONE**  
*(This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the Board on any matter related to the District. The District Secretary has forms that may be filled out and given back to the District Secretary. In accordance with District Policy, members of the public are asked to keep their comments to four (4) minutes or less.)*
- 10.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR Raul Varela made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of item 10.3 which will be pulled for discussion. Jose Zavala seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. All approved. 7-0.**  
*(All Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine action items and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered following approval of the Consent Calendar.)*
- 10.1 Approved of Acellus Learning Services Agreement between Acellus Learning Group and Mendota Unified School District for training in the amount of \$2,125.00.
- 10.2 Approved of Migrant Institute Residential Summer Program at California State University Fresno from June 11 through June 23, 2017.
- 10.3 Approved of the Employee Use of Facilities Agreement - Board member Lupe Flores had a question on the agreement. She could not find it on her board packet so she hadn't taken a look at it beforehand. She was told it was on another section of the board packet. After looking it over **Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve with Mrs. Maldonado seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed 7-0.**
- 10.4 Approved of the 2017/2018 Mendota Unified School District State Preschool Parent Handbook.
- 10.5 **Approved of Warrants:**  
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#512010179-#512010217  
#512011112-#512011133  
#512012738-#512012743
- 11.0 **ACTION ITEMS Mr. Varela made a motion to approve Action Items 11.1-11.8. Mr. Jose Zavala seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed. 7-0.**
- 11.1 Approved of Letter of Resignation from Jennifer Luna, Bookkeeper/Secretary effective May 12, 2017.
- 11.2 Approved of Letter of Resignation from Eva Menera, teacher at Mendota Elementary effective June 8, 2017.

- 11.3 Approved to transfer Emily Bermea from Data & Testing Technician to Bookkeeper/Secretary effective May 15, 2017.
- 11.4 Approved to hire Amalia Cutts as Elementary Teacher for McCabe Elementary School beginning the 2017/2018 school year, as recommended by the site Principal.
- 11.5 Approved to hire Jeanette Hercules as an Elementary Teacher at Washington Elementary School beginning the 2017/2018 school year, contingent upon obtaining a preliminary multiple subject teaching credential as recommended by the site Principal and the interview panel.
- 11.6 Approved to hire Lilian Blanco as a Special Education Instructional Aide at Mendota High School beginning the 2017/2018 school year, as recommended by the site Principal and the interview panel.
- 11.7 Approved to hire Araceli Hernandez as an Instructional Aide at Mendota High School beginning the 2017/2018 school year, as recommended by the site Principal and the interview panel.
- 11.8 Approved to hire Brittany Cavaletto as an Ag Science Teacher at Mendota High School beginning the 2017/2018 school year, as recommended by the site Principal and the interview panel.

12.0 **TRUSTEE RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Board Presentation and Recognition is for the purpose of recognizing district staff, parents and community organizations for exemplary services on behalf of our students while sharing school-related activities, school visitations, conference attended, or meetings scheduled. The items discussed will not result in any Board action.*

- ❖ *Mr. Adrian Perez shared that last Friday he attended the McCabe and Washington Carnival. He said it was a great turnout. He also shared that the district was celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week he wanted to thank all the teachers for their hard work. He also wished Mr. Varela a Happy Birthday.*
- ❖ *Mr. Raul Varela asked if when District celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week if it can be announced on the Marquees of the school sites. Dr. Lopez mentioned the district will recognize May 26, 2017 as Teacher and Classified Appreciation Day.*
- ❖ *Karla Barrera shared that the Cinco de Mayo dance at MHS was a success. She said the dance was free and about 400 students attended. There was also great entertainment and activities for that day. She invited the board members to the Senior Banquet on May 25, 2017.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Lupe Flores attended the softball and baseball games. She said they were great games. She also mentioned she heard the MHS Track team was doing well. She also thanked Mr. Michael Martinez for putting on the Special Needs Camp. Mrs. Flores also mentioned that the Baccalaureate for the seniors will take place June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at MHS Cafeteria. She also wanted to recognize Helen Ochoa. Miss Ochoa was telling her story on Univision. Mrs. Flores also acknowledged Jennifer Luna for her dedication and wished her luck on her new journey.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Diana Toscano recognized all her board colleagues and said they are doing a great job attending events. She also thanked Jennifer Luna for all her work and dedication.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Isabel Maldonado thanked all the staff for their hard work. She also recognized Jennifer Luna for being a great employee and wished her well.*

**13.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- Negotiations with MTA are May 16, 25 and 31.
- Met with reps from UC system. District received the National Professional Development Grant.
- Modernization is coming along.
- SBAC rounds completed. Went smoothly.
- Lockdown on Tuesday. Staff responded great. Very well coordinated.
- Chess tournament May 13<sup>th</sup> at Jr. High from 8am - 4pm.

**14.0 CLOSED SESSION 7:57pm**

**14.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

**14.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT/TRANSFER**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

**14.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

**14.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S)**

- ❖ CSEA Negotiations
- ❖ MTA Negotiations

**14.5 The Board will consider the following expulsion cases:**

Case #0417-130336  
Case #0417-130371  
Case #0317-11534

**15.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT 10:55pm (MSC; L.Flores/A.Perez 7-0)**

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Clerk of the Board

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring special assistance to access the Board meeting room, to access written documents being discussed at the Board meeting, or to otherwise participate at Board meetings, please contact any Board member at (559) 655-4942. Notification at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting will enable the Board to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Board meeting and to provide any required accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services.*