

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
25634 Alessandro Boulevard
Moreno Valley, California

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Session of February 23, 2010, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2010. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Session of February 23, 2010.

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AND REBROADCAST TIMEWARNER CABLE CHANNEL 16 AND VERIZON FIOS CHANNEL 38.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/ Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and Personnel Complaints.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS
ON CLOSED
SESSION:

There were no public comments on the closed session agenda.

The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

Members Present

Jesus M. Holguin, President
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Vice President
Rick Sayre, Clerk
Victoria Baca, Member
Tracey B. Vackar, Member

Administration

Rowena T. Lagrosa
Barbara Davis, Ed.D,
Henry H. Voros
Estuardo Santillan

The Board of Education reconvened into Open Session at 7:13 p.m.

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

The Board of Education gave direction to the Superintendent on Labor Negotiations. There was no other reportable action taken by the Board of Education during Closed Session.

ROLL CALL:

Aye – Baca Aye - Holguin Aye – Sayre Aye – Vackar Absent – Ashe

Administration Present

Rowena T. Lagrosa, Superintendent of Schools
Barbara Davis, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Henry H. Voros, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager, Business Services
Kathy Nordin, Director Elementary Education
Kim Kruger, Director, Secondary Education
Josie Ripoly, Director, Purchasing
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment
Peggy Reed, Director, SELPA
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems

Administration cont'd

Dolores Vasquez, Principal, Honey Hollow
Kristen Hunter, Principal, Valley View
Laura Strachan, Principal, March Mountain/March Valley
Robert Byers, Principal, Bayside/Charter
Betsy Sample, Director, ELL Programs
Gil Ocegüera, Principal, Vista del Lago
Patricia Diener, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Janet MacMillan	Ann Adler	Lorri-Limoges-Kerns
Debra Craig	Veronica Bedrous	Karol Miller
Diana Scott	Lorie Storglen	E. Rargelin
Perry Johnson	Judi Sweeney	

NOTE: ALL BOARD ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO: INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, ACTION

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dolores Vasquez, Principal, Honey Hollow Elementary School.

INSPIRATION:

The Inspiration was given by Dolores Vasquez, Principal, Honey Hollow Elementary School.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

March	2, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Special Session Board Room	
March	6, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Study Session (Topic: HS No. 5)	Board Room
March	9, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
March	16, 2010	5:30 p.m.	Study Session	Board Room

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following Student Board Representatives gave their school reports:

- Kati Lynn Vogelmann, Bayside and Moreno Valley Community Learning Center
- Kristian Wright, Canyon Springs High School
- Michelle Ortiz, Moreno Valley High School
- Geneveive Newman, Valley View High School
- Marissa Marin, Vista del Lago High School
- Sandra Gonzalez, March Mountain and March Valley High Schools

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were several speakers at the February 9th Meeting who commented on the Public Hearing regarding a site for High School No. 5, as a result, a Study Session will be held on March 6th at 9:00am in the MVUSD Board Room. The questions presented that evening will be addressed at the Study Session.

During comments on non agenda items, a parent expressed a concern regarding the signing of the Consolidated Application by the DELAC President. Documented minutes from all but two schools reflect that during scheduled ELAC meetings parents participated in recommendations for the use of EIA-LEP funds in the school plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

A District employee spoke on Consent Agenda - Human Resources Consent Item J-11.

Human Resources

- Overview of Educational Code timelines for reduction of Certificated Services.
The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources provided the Board of Education an overview of the Education Code Requirements/Timelines relating to the reduction of services for certificated personnel.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tracey Vackar

- Thanked the community and staff for their input regarding the budget. Appreciate our employees' willingness to address some issues. We need to look at every possible way to save money, for instance all electrical appliances need to be minimized. Would like to look at the Insurance rates and if it's a good idea to be self insured as a District.

Victoria Baca

- Expressed condolences to the Villalpando family.
- As far as the budget –it's very difficult and we can't spend what we don't have. There will be times when we won't agree but we have to do something in order to survive this crisis. There are changes to be made. Asked Superintendent to look and see that the cuts are not on the backs of certificated staff – *"we need to consolidate departments and certain people take more responsibilities"*.

Rick Sayre

- Echoed thoughts on the Villalpando family.
- Budget - we need to look at the larger picture. The money does lie on facilities or staff. There is a lot of little money we could address. The miscellaneous electric utilities cost – we should be examining in addition to cutting staff. The health care cost increase of 53% is staggering. How did we manage to keep the cost down?
- When we do this budget we have been fortunate as stakeholders with CSEA and MVEA to help with continuing the education of our students. I think that we need to examine all things, the most important being fundamental – the safety of our students by keeping a well maintained campus and good teachers.
- A pregnant teen program is good to have, but when it costs 1 million dollars we need to look further – there are other programs that given the time I would have done differently.
- I'm confident that we will be able to solve this budget problem through collective bargaining. We need to let that process take its course.
- Was SELPA approved by CAC?
- What's the status of our SELPA Plan? Any revisions?

Jackie Ashe

- Absent

Jesus M. Holquin

- Echoed thoughts on the Villalpando family. I attended the candlelight vigil along with the students and community members; it was nice to see the community come together in support of each other.
- Thanked students for their school reports – good to hear positive things happening at their school sites. We need to continue this, despite the budget problems.
- Thanked the three associations for their willingness to work together during this difficult time to complete the process and appreciates their leadership. Let's be sure that we respect the process.
- Difficult task for all personnel involved in this budget crisis. I am confident that we will come up with a solution without affecting the education of our students.

Rowena T. Lagrosa

- Thanked the Moreno Valley High School staff and the students for the manner in which they have supported each other during a difficult time. The students respected the fact that everyone was mourning.
- Thanked the district staff – psychologists and counselors who came out to help the students in dealing with their grief.
- Congratulations to Melissa Bazanos, Principal at Edgemont Elementary School for being selected Principal of the Year within Riverside County.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Victoria Baca that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY – 1 Absent (Ashe) ABSTAIN - 0