

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NOVEMBER 26, 2002

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2002, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2002. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of November 26, 2002.

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25634 Alessandro Boulevard
Moreno Valley, California**

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting at 5:02 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Special Education Private School Placement Cases, Hearing Officer Recommendations, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Conference with CSEA, MVEA, and AMVMP Labor Negotiator, and Personnel Complaints.

Members Present

Rick Sayre, President
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Vice President
Tracey B. Vackar, Clerk
John Bailey, Member (Late)

Administration

Nick Ferguson
Dan Stevenson

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present - Bailey Present - Sayre Present - Vackar
Student Board Rep - Andrea Stump

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

The Board of Education concurred with staff recommendations on Special Education Private School Placement Cases and Hearing Officer Recommendations. The Board of Education will schedule another meeting date to address Public Employee Performance Evaluation. There was no reportable action on Conference with CSEA, MVEA, and AMVMP Labor Negotiator and Personnel Complaints.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Joe Palomino, Director, Secondary Education
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability, Assessment and Training
Lasandra Josephson, Director, Classified Employee Services
Willie Hasson, Director, Certificated Employee Services
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager

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Administration Present (Cont.)

Dolores Vasquez, Principal, Hidden Springs
Jeff Jones, Principal, Cloverale

Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno
 Mike Newcomb, Principal, Vista Heights
 Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
 Tammy Guzzetta, Principal, Canyon Springs
 Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago
 Bobbie Byers, Administrator, Bayside/Moreno Valley Community Learning Center
 Gayle Rellstab, Principal, March Mountain/March Valley
 Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Jesus Holguin	Becky Shreiner	Zenia Lowe
Katherine Underwood	Ann Adler	Albert James
Tatiaha Williams	James Byun	Ardalan Azad
Krystal Arroyo	Andrea Stump	Tracy Stump
Kristin Stump	Sergio Noriega	Craig Gesner
Kryshe Hopkins	Janet MacMillan	Cassandra Guevara
Alma Martinez	Oscar Trout	Jeff Nesmith
Maria Medrano	Monica Son	Gary Yetter
Tim Whith	Debbie Kaplan	Suzy Anderson
Chirstina Winter	Krystal Arroyo	Marie Montecino
Carol Allbaugh	Robert Allbaugh	Becky Tucker
Candice McDaniel	Lauren Williams	Tamiko Guittierez
Kristi Richardson	Gregory Bundy	Brenda Lephe
Elizabeth Rico		

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moreno Valley Student Board Representative Andrea Stump.

INVOCATION: Dr. Ferguson, Superintendent, reflected on giving thanks for what the community and families have and to work together for the benefit of the students.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

December	10, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
January	20, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
February	11, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Sergio Noriega, Magnet Program facilitator from Sunnymead Elementary School, made a presentation about the At-Risk Students Program, Differentiated Instruction, and the Computer Lab at Sunnymead Elementary School.

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Yolanda Mata, Bear Valley TLP Instructional Assistant, was recognized for her retirement effective September 24, 2002.

Robert Allbaugh was recognized for receiving the California Department of Education National Presidential Awards in Science Teaching 2001 Program.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following student Board representatives gave their school reports: Andrea Stump, Moreno Valley, congratulated the newly elected Board members; reported that on November 21, ASB sponsored a middle school conference with Mountain View, Sunnymead Middle, and Landmark; on November 27, a classroom spirit competition was held; spirit week is scheduled for December 9 to 13; the school is conducting a canned food drive; ASB is planning the midwinter formal dance for January 24 with a theme of At the Stroke of Midnight (Cinderella); on November 6, the Renaissance Program held a candle light vigil and tree planting for Mr. Danielson and Mr. Goos, teachers who passed away last year; a new program has been implemented called "attitude is everything," where students with good attitudes are nominated by their teachers and awarded a T-shirt; the football team won their first CIF game and will be playing Centennial (first place in the league) on November 29; Friday Nite Live will conduct a toy drive December 15 to 20; and several other programs have been implemented to keep students in class, and to clean up the campus of trash. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alma Martinez, March Valley, reported that on October 23, a kick-off assembly for Red Ribbon Week was held; students with 100 to 150 credits took high school exit exams; November 7 students attended a Anti-Stigma Youth Conference at UCR; on November 15, students who met required criteria participated in a field trip to Sea World; and a canned food drive is being conducted through December 4.

Crystal Arroyo, March Mountain, distributed copies of the first newsletter and reported on the various activities for Red Ribbon Week, October 23 to 31; Peer Leadership students attended various workshops at California State University, San Bernardino on November 1 for the World Aids Day Planning Event; on November 7, Peer Leadership students attended the first Anti-Stigma Youth Conference at UCR, which was sponsored by the Riverside County Department of Mental Health; on November 16, students who had good attendance and were recommended by teachers attended an award trip to Sea World.

Kryshe Hopkins, Vista del Lago, reported that November 18 was the dedication ceremony for the new school, which included a ribbon cutting for the opening of the cafeteria and commons area; the Cornerstone Ceremony sponsored by the Masons was held on November 26; the football team beat Yucca Valley; winter sports (soccer and basketball) are beginning; on November 27, the boys' basketball team will have a scrimmage game; students who have achieved a 3.0 grade point average or higher were awarded a "fast lane pass" for lunch; and tutoring in math and English is available during lunch and after school for students not making the grade,.

Maria Montecino, Bayside/Moreno Valley Community Learning Center, reported that Mr. Byers has made home visits to several students with poor attendance, which has resulted in their improved attendance; the first newsletter has been generated and mailed; a yearbook class has been established for Bayside and the Charter School with Mr. Baker as the advisor; on November 16, a car wash was held at Shakey's, which raised \$400 for the yearbook; a recycling program will be implemented to raise additional funds; nine students have completed their graduation requirements and will receive their diploma in June; most students are attending Bayside on a fifth-year contract; and students are working hard to meet their high school requirements.

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James Byrn, Canyon Springs, reported that the blood drive was a success with approximately 156 participates; Homecoming was a hit and provided school spirit; the football team won the homecoming game; the football team won its first CIF playoff game and will play again on November 29; the boys' cross country team finished the season with a CIF meet last week; a schoolwide assembly was held featuring Richard Santana, a former gang member and a Harvard graduate, addressing the importance of an education; the band is doing exceptionally well without an instructor, taking eighth place in the last competition in El Camino; and a Sadie Hawkins Day dance is scheduled for November 29 with all the

proceeds from this dance going toward holiday gifts for over 200 Moreno Valley Unified School District Head Start students.

Ardalan Azhad, Valley View, shared a concern about the number of traffic accidents that have occurred in front of Valley View on Nason between Eucalyptus and Cottonwood. Many of the students feel it is the responsibility of the Board to address the City of Moreno Valley regarding this issue. He spoke of the activities for Red Ribbon Week. Seniors are buckling down to improve their grades and are working on their senior projects. The Drama Club presented the play "The Rivals" over the last two weekends. A trip to Europe has been planned during the summer. Allied Health Academy hosted various activities for the Great American Smokeout. The Allied Health Academy is fortunate to have Mr. Robert Allbaugh. He thanked Mr. Allbaugh for all his hard work. Valley View is conducting a canned food drive to assist the Community Assistance Program (CAP) and will conclude on December 4. He congratulated the newly elected school board members. He hopes that with the unified efforts of the entire school Board, all District students will have an enjoyable, safe, and educational time at school. Board Member Vackar stated that the District has a representative that is part of the City's Safety Task Force. It was suggested that Valley View students and parents share their concerns regarding the traffic issues in front of the school.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A parent shared concerns about a transportation issue regarding her special needs student. Both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, have contacted the parent and the issue has been resolved. The District could have done a better job of communicating with the parent about these transportation issues. An apology has been given to the family.

A concern was raised that some classified personnel were posting signs for Board candidates. The Classified School Employees Association (the classified employee union), requested assistance from its members to post signs. These employees volunteered their time during off-duty hours.

A parent asked about the status of the costs for the Aquatics Swim Team. The Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, has reviewed the Moreno Valley Aquatics charges for using the pool to validate the appropriateness. A report is imminent.

At the request of a parent concern about the injury to a student in a non-public school placement, the Superintendent has scheduled a visitation to the non-public school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Craig Gesner, Canyon Springs teacher and golf coach, asked what the plans were for reestablishing several high school athletic programs (golf, tennis, and water polo) that had been cut this year.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Oscar Trout, classified employee and Canyon Springs volunteer water polo coach, shared concerns about the future of the boys' and girls' water polo teams and the great amount of time the group has devoted to raise funds for the program.

PUBLIC HEARING – ACTION ITEM 327 – Resolution No. 2002-03-32 – Approving the Annual and Five-Year Reportable Fees Report

Each year the District is required to make available certain information and adopt findings relative to school facilities fees levied and collected. The purpose of this requirement is to show that developer

achievement; students appear to be working harder than in past years taking their education more seriously; and parents are understanding the challenges facing their students in a standards based learning environment. Staff continues to move forward to find better ways to improve student achievement.

There was Board concern about the low test scores and whether students are taking these tests seriously. Part of the problem is that most students don't look to the future. In the California High School Exit Exam, there is a more serious attitude by the students. It is the culture and ethics of the students. If a middle school student is successful, they will be successful in high school. Now the state is placing a standard for the students to reach. The District needs to hold students accountable and expect them to achieve those standards. There were preparation classes offered in summer school this year to assist students in passing the California High School Exit Exam. It is the District's responsibility to show the students that college can be in their future.

Dr. Ferguson stated that the tests are more difficult. Students are being asked to do more than before. In California, the tests were developed before the instructional materials and strategies. Now school districts are trying to catch up. Every school has a plan and has analyzed data to make improvements. He is proud of teachers, support staff, and administration. They are taking this seriously and trying to work with students to improve.

276 High School Course Proposals – Advanced Placement – Psychology; Advanced Placement – Computer Science – Java; Animation I; AVID Senior Seminar; Ceramics; and High School Exit Exam.

Dr. Chandler stated that these course proposals are for Board adoption and will be included in next year's curriculum. Joe Palomino, Director, Secondary Education, has worked with the various curriculum councils and the District Curriculum Advisory Council, which has developed these courses for students to earn advanced placement credits. Some of these courses are so students can meet the "g" requirements for the UC system.

Mr. Palomino stated that there are subject councils in all core areas in the schools with K-12 articulation. All the high schools have advanced placement challenge grants, which require that high schools continue to offer and develop courses that will meet the AP requirements and give students more opportunities in advanced placement classes. He feels the Board will see an increase in students attending college because the Board has invested in the middle and high schools' AVID program. This program gets students to understand that they can go to college. This is a large commitment on the District, and there will be big dividends as the students move forward. He gave an overview of the proposed course proposals. Staff was directed to bring back these proposed courses for Board approval at the next Board meeting.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A Winter Break Closure

Dr. Ferguson stated that several times in the past the District office has been closed during the winter recess. The District is planning on doing this again this year for energy conservation. There will be signage and bulletins to spread the word to the public.

V-B Administrative Regulation 3100 Budget

Dr. Ferguson indicated that this was brought to the Board before; however, the last statement was originally omitted.

The following items were brought forward:

John Bailey

- He welcomed Jesus Holguin.
- He wished his colleagues and staff a happy holiday.

Tracey Vackar

- She told students to sign-in to be included in the minutes. The Board members will be happy to sign any papers necessary for their classes.
- She wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Jackie Ashe

- She is happy to be back. She thanked Moreno Valley.
- She visited Vista del Lago. She commended Mary Jones and her leadership.
- She spoke about the parents addressing the water polo and golf teams. They will need to continue to fund raise and keep themselves abreast of the District's budget situation.
- She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Rick Sayre

- He congratulated Jesus Holguin on his election to the Board.

Nick Ferguson

- Today the Cornerstone Ceremony was held at Vista del Lago. This event was sponsored by the Masonic Lodge and was well done. The time capsule will be opened many years from now.
- He worked with the Rotary Club to serve Thanksgiving meals to the needy. He thanked the March Mountain High School students who assisted in serving meals.
- He stated that he has received information regarding the state budget. It was reported that the state has overappropriated \$1.9 billion to education in the current fiscal year. The state is talking about trying to recapture that mid year. This would calculate to approximately \$300 to \$350 per student or \$10 to \$12 million. There is no way the District would be able to survive with these mid year cuts.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

VOTE: AYE – 4

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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