

UNAPPROVED AGENDA

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



Wednesday, August 23, 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. Alma Durazo - Present      | 5. Diana Toscano, <i>President</i> - Present       |
| 2. Lupe Flores - Present      | 6. Raul S. Varela, <i>Clerk</i> - Present          |
| 3. Isabel Maldonado - Present | 7. Jose C. Zavala, <i>Vice President</i> - Present |
| 4. Adrian Perez - Present     |  |

3.0 FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION: Mr. Manuel Bautista lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: July 26, 2017 (Raul Varela made a motion to approve, Jose Zavala seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, motion approved 7-0.

5.0 APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR: August 23, 2017. Adrian Perez made a motion to approve, Raul Varela seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, motion passed 7-0  
*(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.)*

6.0 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - N/A

*(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]*

7.0 PUBLIC NOTICE

7.1 **Second Reading:** Hearing and public comment regarding a proposed Resolution of Issuance for Election of 2012, Series C Bonds. The proposed Resolution authorizes bonds which allow for the compounding of interest.

7.2 **Public Notice and Disclosure:** of Proposed Bargaining Unit Agreement between Mendota Unified School District (MUSD) and the Confidential Classified & Management for the 2017/2018 fiscal school year.

8.0 REPORT(S) - INFORMATION ONLY

❖ **Teacher Orientation**

**Mr. Manuel Bautista**  
Mr. Bautista presented to the Board that this year there was three days of New Teacher Orientation instead of one day (from previous year). He explained that they took the new teachers through the own to show them where our students come from. He expressed that is would help the new staff get an idea of what life is like out here compared to bigger districts. He felt that is made a big difference adding two additional days, he got positive reviews from

**the staff members. The Board expressed appreciation for the efforts being made to welcome and prepare new staff members for the upcoming year.**

**9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(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.)*

Mr. Kirby informed the Board that during the half time of the first home football game the District wanted to recognize the Valley Championship team as well the Board.

Mr. L. Gutierrez presented to the Board (3) different drawings of a Crest for the soccer team. They would like to use the Crest to place on merchandise for fundraising. He explained that Mr. Valencia was asked to create something for the team to use alongside our standard Aztec logo and that the students would vote on which crest to use.

Students Maricruz Guillen & Daniela de La O informed the Board that they were in the Ivy League Club and are hoping the District would be able to help sponsor them for an Ivy League trip to East Coast colleges.

**10.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

*(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 payment to Lozano Smith, LLP, Attorneys at Law, for services rendered not to exceed \$3,175.40.

**10.2 Approved of Warrants:**

#512032436-#512032455	#512037103-#512037134	#512039801-#512039815
#512035914-#512035929	#512038364-#512038393	
#512035139-#512035165	#512039087-#512039107	

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS -** Lupe Flores made a motion to approve Items 11.1 to 11.6, Adrian Perez seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed, 7-0.

**11.1** Approved to hire Jazmine Jackson on a Variable Term Waiver to teach Agriculture/Agricultural Science for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by the site principal.

**11.2** Approved of Letter of Resignation of Michael A. Martinez, II a 6 hour/10 month Instructional Aide at Mendota High School effective July 30, 2017.

**11.3** Approved to hire Martha Gonzalez as a 4 hour/10 month Instructional Aide at Mendota Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.

**11.4** Approved to hire Esthela Acevedo as a 6 hour/10 month Instructional Aide at Washington Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.

**11.5** Approved of the Mendota Junior High School Coaches for 2017-2018 schoolyear.

**11.6** Approved of agreement between Mendota Unified School District and the Confidential Classified and Management for the 2017/2018 fiscal school year.

- 11.7 **RESOLUTION # 253-1718:** of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District Authorizing the issuance and sale of 2017 General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 to refund outstanding General Obligation Bonds and approving related documents and actions.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo Y L. Flores Y; I Maldonado Y;  
A. Perez Y; D. Toscano Y; R. Varela Y; J. Zavala Y
- 11.8 **RESOLUTION # 254-1718:** of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District Authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series B, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 and approving related documents and actions.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo Y L. Flores Y; I Maldonado Y;  
A. Perez Y; D. Toscano Y; R. Varela Y; J. Zavala Y
- 11.9 **RESOLUTION # 255-1718:** of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District Authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2012, Series C, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 and approving the execution and delivery of related documents and actions.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo Y L. Flores Y; I Maldonado Y;  
A. Perez Y; D. Toscano Y; R. Varela Y; J. Zavala Y

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.*

Adrian Perez was able to attend “Back to School Night: but was disappointed that he could not attend all events because they were all on the same evening. In the future he hopes the events will be more spread apart. He also questioned why the District did not allow some staff members to use the solar eclipse as a teaching lesson by allowing the students and teachers outside during the event. Dr. Lopez pointed out that there were reports of faulty solar eclipse glasses circulated and did not want to rick our children’s well-being. Dr. Lopez noted that all staff and students had access to the internet which was broadcasting the event as it unfolded. Thus, the staff could still complete lessons about the eclipse from a safe place. Alma Durazo thanked Dr. Lopez for being through and Isabel Maldonado agreed that the safety of our students comes first.

Lupe Flores asked if the orientation was for teachers only or for departments too. Robert Gonzales explained that they have training for his department depending on the chemicals they are using, and to any new hires. She also asked if there was a handbook from H.R. with procedures and policies. Dr. Lopez stated he would look into this for the Board.

Isabel Maldonado asked if the bright yellow base at the preschool had been covered and Dr. Lopez let her know that it would be taken care of that weekend.

Raul Varela asked if there was any way we could help the two students that spoke during the public comment section. Perhaps we could help with fundraising ideas: Mr. Kirby said he would call them in to his office Thursday to speak to the girls. He also visited the Mendota Elem. site and is pleased to report a noted police presence patrolling the site. Mr. Varela also asked if we could speak to the cheer coach about our squads’ enthusiasm level at games, more animated.

Diana Toscano stated that the Mendota Elem. “Back to School” event was very nice but the classrooms were very packed. She liked how the teachers were introduced per grade level. She also commented that the high school counselors are here to guide the students towards the path for their future and that

sometime our families depend on the District to know what courses need to be taken for college and that more needs to be done by the counselors. She referred to the A-G courses for college and some students and parents don't know what classes need to be taken. Mr. Kirby produce the Student Handbook and it has all classes need for A-G requirements clearly listed to help students take responsibility as well get used to keeping track of their courses. Mrs. Toscano also addressed a parent concern regarding the way Board members are treated compared to a non-member. The parent expressed that she felt ignored by staff when Board members are present at public functions. Isabel Maldonado stated that it wasn't something the Board expects but perhaps staff does on their own. She and Diana stated that the Board is here to serve not to be served. Dr. Lopez expressed his appreciation to the Board for stating this in front of staff members present so they know special treatment is not expected for Board members.

**13.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Lopez reported that things were going smoothly; he has almost visited all classrooms at the school sites. He stated that there is a great feeling throughout the District. Dr. Lopez noted that Board support is critical and greatly appreciated. Enrollment is up by 100 students so far. It's a challenge but a good challenge to have. He also let them know the date for the new staff/retirees dinner to be held on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the MHS Cafeteria; noting that the Board meeting for that day will start at 6:30pm. Dr. Lopez also let the Board know that he would be taking a personal day on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**14.0 CLOSED SESSION - 7:27pm**

**14.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

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

**14.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT/TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT**

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

**14.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/EMPLOYEE LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

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

❖ California School Employees Association (CSEA)

❖ Unrepresented Employees: Administration/Management/Confidential Classified

**15.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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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.*