

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of September 13, 2005.

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25634 Alessandro Boulevard
Moreno Valley, California**

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the Regular meeting 5:14 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Special Education Private School Placement Cases; Hearing Officer Recommendations; Public Employee Employment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with CSEA, MVEA and AMVMP Labor Negotiator; Conference with Real Property Negotiator; and Personnel Complaints.

Members Present

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

Administration

Pat Chandler
Bob Crank
Ollie Hershey

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: The Board of Education, by a 3-2 vote, amended Hearing Officer Recommendation Case No. 299-04-05 to one semester instead of two. There is no other reportable action on the Closed Session agenda.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dave Swift, Director, Facilities/Maintenance & Operations
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment, and Training
Ann Vessey, Director, SELPA
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
John Baldaray, Director, Warehouse
Vanez Butler, Coordinator, Staff Development
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Moreno Valley
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago
Debbie Fay, Principal, Mountain View

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Administration Present (Cont.)

Karen Tomei, Administrator, Arnold Heights
Patty Rucker, Assistant Coordinator, Student Services
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Marciela Hinds	Ann Adler	Katherine Underwood
Naomi Mimi Yanez	Gilbert Arias	Kimberly Noble
Mark Steadfast	Qawanda Williams	Sheryl Kilpatrick
Raul Wilson	Annette Zelolis	Debora Navoy
Reynes Flores	Scott Johnson	Darryl Beamon
Emil Dragovich	Helga Brown	Celeste Interante
Lequice Juckes	Denise McCrea	Belinda Childrey
Keith Thomas	Tanya Johnson	

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Coz.

INSPIRATIONS: Board Member Sayre was thankful for the opportunity to start a new school year with another generation of children entering into our schools. He asked that they be protected, are provided a safe learning environment, and that they are provided the proper tools and motivated instructors to make them better citizens for the future of our country.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

September	27, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
October	11, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
October	25, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Ms. Mimi Yanez, Wal-Mart, presented the Moreno Valley Unified School District Board of Education with a check as part of its literacy program.

The Board of Education recognized the following retirees not in attendance:

- Curtis Batchelder, Canyon Springs teacher, effective June 23, 2005
- Lucy Duffley, Canyon Springs teacher, effective June 23, 2005
- John Torres, Head Custodian, Creekside, effective September 1, 2005
- Joyce Campos, Library Media, March Mountain, effective June 20, 2005
- Sandra Miller, Instructional Assistant, Moreno, effective June 23, 2005
- Patricia Arnold, Health Technician, Sunnymead Elementary, effective June 27, 2005
- Sandra Harter, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective July 1, 2005
- Sandra Holloway, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective July 1, 2005
- Janet Castro, Registrar, Vista del Lago, effective August 1, 2005
- Nancy Stimson, Counselor, Vista del Lago, effective June 23, 2005

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The Board of Education brought forward Action Item 227 – Resolution No. 2005-06-28 – Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness/Prevention Week (September 18-24, 2005); and Action Item 228 – Resolution No. 2005-06-29 – Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31, 2005).

It was moved by Richard Coz and seconded by Rick Sayre that Action Items 227 through 228 be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Patty Rucker, Assistant Coordinator, Student Services, was presented a copy of the resolution recognizing September 18-24, 2005, as Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness/Prevention Week, and a copy of the resolution recognizing October 23-31, 2005, as Red Ribbon Week.

SCHOOL REPORTS

None

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ramona parents – Annette Zelolis, Debora Navoy, and Reyes Flores, and Qawana Williams, La Jolla parent, expressed concerns regarding safety issues and readiness of the new elementary school sites. There are no cross walks, crossing guards, or school signs. The playgrounds are not complete.

Celeste Interante, Vista Heights parent, brought forward a concern regarding the construction, safety, demolition of the bicycle area, and the lack of assistance from the SRO when her student's bicycle was stolen. She indicated that the SRO did not investigate or follow up on the incident.

Gilbert Arias, Vista del Lago parent, spoke of his concern about violence and gang activity at the high schools. It is important that this issue be addressed before it escalates to more serious injuries or death of students.

Qawana Williams, LaJolla and Landmark parent, spoke about the lack of transportation for her students because of the distance as stated in Board Policy. She presented the Board with a signed petition of other parents with this same concern.

Kimberly Noble, Arnold Heights teacher; and District parents - Mark Steadfast and Sheryl Kilpatrick, shared concerns regarding transportation for special education students, students not being picked up or dropped off on time, being late to school, and phone calls not being returned.

Raul Wilson, community member, indicated that the District is out of compliance regarding the education of English Learner students. He distributed information on federal law per the No Child Left Behind Act.

Darryl Beamon, District parent, requested that the Board review its policy on the grade point average of incoming freshmen and eligibility of participating in an athletic program. Dr. Chandler indicated that the process has been started to review this Board policy with the various groups involved. A report will be brought to the Board in the future.

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PUBLIC HEARING - Action Item 425 – Disclosure and Adoption of the 2005-08 Collective Bargaining Successor Agreement Between the Moreno Valley Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 410 (CSEA)

This public disclosure of the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement is made in accordance with AB 1200 (Statutes of 1991, Chapter 1213), Government Code Section 3547.5. Government Code Section 3547.5 requires employers to publicly disclose provisions of collective bargaining agreements before such agreements are adopted.

The Board President opened the Public Hearing and ask if there are any public comments on this item.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre that the Public Hearing on Action Item 425 – Disclosure and Adoption of the 2005-08 Collective Bargaining Successor Agreement Between the Moreno Valley Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 410 (CSEA), be closed with action being taken during the Action portion of the agenda.

VOTE: AYE – 5 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN – 0

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, pulling Consent Item 418 for a separate vote.

VOTE: AYE – 5 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN – 0

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that Consent Item 418 be approved as presented.

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

ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that the Action Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 5 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN - 0

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 275 First Reading – Board Policy
- BP 0510 – School Accountability Report Card

Dr. Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, stated that with the Williams Settlement, there are some updates that need to be included in the school accountability report card. The current Board policy is being deleted, and is being replaced with the required language to include the various Education Codes and laws that need to be followed. This Board policy is a result of that lawsuit.

- 276 The LEA Plan Addendum Update

Educational Services staff members gave a brief update presentation on the LEA Plan Addendum.

Staffing – Staff development specialists in elementary math, secondary language arts, and special education have been hired, along with the clerical support for this additional staff. The selection of the Director of Program Improvement and English Language Learner specialist is in process.

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Monitoring the Implementation of Core Curriculum – Classroom walk-throughs are being implemented to review the use of adopted textbooks, student work, content standards, and focus walls. The use of hand-held computers (PDAs) for collecting and analyzing data and training of the use of the PDAs is being conducted.

Instructional Materials – The following instructional materials have been purchased: *Avenues*, a program for English Learners program for K-3 students; *Read 180*, an intervention program for middle school students in special day classes; and *Language of Literature* for high school students, which is the new high school core material.

Pacing Guides – At the elementary level, the reading, language, and math pacing guides have three formats which have been revised; middle school pacing guides have been revised in English and math; and at the high school level, initial English pacing guides for new materials have been developed and math pacing guides have been revised. The pacing guides show timeframes to teach chapters, themes, or clusters, as well as the administration of curriculum embedded assessments. Staff is in the process of developing pacing guides for the intervention programs (*Read 180* and *High Point*).

Embedded Assessment – Embedded assessments are unit tests which include theme skills tests in elementary; chapter tests in elementary, middle, and high school mathematics; and cluster assessments for middle and high school English. The embedded assessments come directly from the core curriculum and allow more frequent student assessments. This provides teachers the opportunity to more rapidly change instruction as needed to assure that students are learning the core curriculum.

Professional Development – All language arts and math teachers will receive AB466 training which is a 40 hour, 5-day training, with an additional 80 hours of follow up of activities related to the training they received during the school year. This summer K-12 regular and special education teachers attended language arts and math institutes. To date 570 language arts teachers (out of 949) and 259 (out of 937) mathematics teachers attended training. Of the 570 language arts teachers, 16 attended “Lectura” a Spanish version of Houghton Mifflin adoption. Elementary teachers need to attend both language arts (5 days) and math (5 days).

Administrators will attend AB75 training, which is an intensive 5-day institute. To date all 16 middle school administrators have been trained, and 18 of the 19 high school administrators will have completed training by the end of October. Training for the elementary administrators is being scheduled. Debbie Fay, principal, Mountain View, stated that the AB75 training was very successful. Through this training she has a better understanding of the expectations, and all the components of the adoption. This allows her to be a better coach and more helpful to her teachers as she does her walk throughs. She feels that she is better prepared to assist teachers through the pacing guides and adoption.

Dr. Chandler stated that a presentation by teachers on how they have benefited by attending AB466 training, will be made at the next Board meeting. The original District Assessment Team will continue to meet with the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE). The group will meet bi-monthly beginning September 20. The responsibility of this committee is to oversee implementation of the LEA Plan Addendum and coordinate with RCOE for needed services. There was clarification on teacher feedback and rating the students in a timely manner so the appropriate level of instruction is being provided. A Board member shared a concern about having facilities available for upcoming staff development during the summer, and having the necessary tools available for training for staff.

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The Board President recessed the meeting at 8:28 p.m. for a short break. The meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m. The “Comments from Board Members” section of the agenda was brought forward to respond to parents’ concerns expressed earlier in the Board meeting.

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She thanked the parents that came out this evening. The Board was concerned about transportation issues. It has been a rough few days with the beginning of school and opening of three new schools. The construction of the new schools was delayed because of the weather. We had incredible amounts of rain that we don’t normally have which definitely put construction behind. The District tried to provide the safest possible environment to put the students in. There are still pieces that will be done within the next few months so the schools will be complete. The students have wonderful, new facilities to start off in. There may be some inconvenience until the field work and the play areas have been completed. In the long run these facilities will become great instructional institutions.
- In regard to the parents that shared concerns regarding transportation, she stated that there is no excuse for not calling back parents regarding transportation issues. Customer service is and should always be the number one priority by making sure that parents are communicated with. As a parent herself, she can relate to these parent concerns. If it means longer hours for staff or getting more staff to do the job, this communication needs to be made and a plan of action needs to be put into place. She does not want to hear these issues again at a future Board meeting. She apologized to the parents. The Board will be monitoring these issues starting tomorrow morning. She hopes that the District can expeditiously and effectively address these concerns.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- She apologized to the parents regarding transportation issues and the lack of preparedness in the opening of new schools. She said that District parents should never be underestimated. There are things happening in transportation that are unconscionable. The Board cares about the parents and students. The parents have a right for their child’s education because they are paying through their tax dollars. She does not want to hear of any child being left on a corner because of a lack of compassion. She asked for signs to be placed where they need to be, the water issue addressed, and communication to the parents to give them an update. She asked to have the Board policy that addresses transportation to be brought to the Board for review.
- She suggested that there be some discussion to address concerns, issues, prevention, and intervention regarding violence and gang issues at the school sites as brought forward by a parent this evening.

Rick Sayre

- He was disappointed that there wasn’t a better system in place to communicate any problems with the community. He believes that we can work through this. He appreciates the parents bringing their concerns to the Board. Board Member Vackar hit it right on the head regarding the construction delays. Unfortunately, it looks like the District got too far behind and tried to open up too early. It sounds like there was bottled water at the schools and staff tried to address those issues. He asked what the status was in getting the schools running. Mr. Crank stated that all the schools were safe. There may have been some inconveniences. The cafeterias will be done within the next week to ten days. The playgrounds may take another two months. Everything is safe, the classrooms look great, and the principals are taking this very seriously. In regards to the crosswalks and crossing guards, the District has been in contact with the City. It is a matter of going through the process.

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Rick Sayre (Continued)

- He asked about the status of the bid process that was discussed from the last Board agenda. The original bids were rejected due to some inconsistencies with each bid. Mr. Crank indicated that this is going to be a joint bid with Chino Unified School District as the lead bidder and will be placed on a future Board agenda.
- He congratulated CSEA regarding the bargaining unit agreement that was brought forward tonight. He congratulated all the associations in bringing closure with their agreements for the school year.

Richard Coz

- He shared his concern about the safety issues at the new schools and the construction sites. He asked that the principals inspect and evaluate the sites on a daily basis to ensure the safety of the students.
- He feels that not returning phone calls to parents is not acceptable. The transportation staff needs to be briefed on what the Board heard tonight so they have a better understanding, especially the individual drivers. They are the key to the solution.
- The Vista Heights parent brought forward her concern about the construction at the site, her student's bicycle being stolen and contacting the resource officer to follow up on the stolen bike who did not respond. He sees an issue of lack of communication regarding the construction and the issue of the resource officer not responding. This needs to be followed up on.
- He recalls a memo regarding the reassessment of the District's assets and the issue of qualifying for 100 percent school funding. He feels that this should be a future Board agenda item with a brief presentation and that it would be of some interest to the community.
- He congratulated CSEA. He appreciates the leadership and the fact that everyone came back to the table for resolution.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He feels that the other Board members have said everything very well by the Board members. He also gave his apologies to the parents regarding transportation and safety issues at the new school sites. Staff will be looking at these issues and resolving them as soon as possible.
- He thanked all the staff for all their hard work for getting the classrooms ready to go for the first day of school.

BUSINESS SERVICES

375 Approval of Unaudited Actuals Report for 2004-05

Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, stated that this report is the unaudited financial actuals for the 2004-05 school year for the General Fund. The District filed a report with the state that it lost more than 10 percent of ADA due to the flu epidemic in November/December 2003. This was awarded to the District for a one-time funding of \$6 million at the end of the fiscal year which was called a prior year adjustment.

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Mr. Crank indicated that the beginning balance for 2004-05 was \$26,479,709. The total income for the year (the revenue limit, federal funds, and other state funds) equaled \$244,660,710. The total expenditures equaled \$237,160,769, leaving an ending balance of \$33,979,644 less the restricted balance for categorical projects (\$8,117,311) bringing the ending balance to \$25,862,333. This is equivalent to a 6.56 percent reserve. The State requires school districts to have a two percent reserve.

Mr. Crank reviewed the CFD fund balances. All this money has to be spent on school construction. In the future, a report will be brought to the Board regarding the expenditures of the remaining QZAB funds (\$1 million) and what expenditures will be for the additional funding of \$2.5 million with the new QZAB.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve Discussion/Action Item – 375 – Unaudited Actuals Report for 2004-05 as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

376 Measure A Bond and Facilities Update

Mr. Crank stated that the Community Oversight Committee (COC) for the bond has met on a regular basis. This committee has reviewed the detail of each project. Ms. Crank indicated that in one day, staff prepared for the opening of three new elementary schools and installed ten portables at Vista del Lago. This provided space for an additional 2,700 students. It was a tight schedule and approximately 42 days of rain which caused delay that staff had to deal with to meet the timelines. He introduced Dave Swift, Director, Facilities/Maintenance and Operations.

Mr. Swift made a power point presentation and reviewed the ongoing projects and the status of the projects. There are a total of 508 bond projects. The status of these projects are: 157 completed, five have been deleted, 79 are in progress, 73 are being planned, and there are 194 remaining projects. Of the \$50,000,000 bond funds, \$30,000,000 has been allocated for new school construction and \$20,000,000 is allocated for renovation of existing school sites. To date, the total amount that has been expended or encumbered is \$12,829,784.64. The number of projects is fairly equally distributed among the school sites.

Projects include: abatement; new computers/networking; construction (new lockers, access ramps, white boards, handball courts); electrical/electronics (new lighting, and security and PA systems); upgraded fencing; fire alarm systems; upgraded flooring; refurbishing of grounds (track curb and new shade trees); upgrade and installation of new air conditioning units; lunch shelters; new paint; paving (parking lot and playground upgrades); new playgrounds and equipment; new and upgraded plumbing; new portables; upgraded and new roofing.

The three new elementary schools – Chaparral Hills, La Jolla, and Ramona opened on the first day of school, September 8, 2005, as scheduled. Dave Swift commended all District and school site staff members for their hard work to make this happen. Employees were working over to accomplish this.

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Mr. Swift stated that he appreciates the concerns and comments of the parents and the support of the Board. Staff has met weekly with the contractors and principals. There were areas that were not complete; however, those areas were fenced off to make the campuses safe for the students. The interior portions of the schools were safe and the principals were satisfied. Several parents that shared concerns were amazed at the progress that was made in just a few days. Every new school opened since 1985 has opened without turf. They are in the process of planting, and the turf should be completed within a 90-day period. Reality is that it would be nice for the turf to be complete; however, that is the way the construction schedule is.

Mr. Crank commented that everyone should be proud. The District's schools are looking really good and are well maintained. Work orders are now at an all time low. There is no significant back-log at all. Mr. Swift stated that there were as many as 2,500 outstanding work orders. Staff has "stepped up to the plate" and have done an excellent job to bring everything up to date.

377 First Reading – Board Policy
• BP 3600 - Consultants

Mr. Crank indicated that the District did not have a policy regarding consultants. This policy will tighten up the procedure for consultants. In discussing the policy with the teachers' association president, it was requested that some language be added that when consultants are hired, it does not violate the collective bargaining agreement. This statement can be added and brought back to the Board for a second reading and adoption.

There was Board discussion regarding "spot checking" and a strong auditing process. The request form and payment form will be tightened up. Staff was directed to bring this policy back for second reading and adoption at the September 27, 2005, Board meeting.

Board Member Vackar caught that the language is still incorrect in Action Item 125. The language looks like old language instead of being bolded as it is normally done. She rescinded her motion to approve this item as presented and asked that this be brought back at a future Board meeting. She suggested that the Board President appoint two Board members to review it. She wants to "clean it up."

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to rescind the previous motion on Action Item 125.

VOTE: AYE – 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Board Member Ashe stated that the Board policy on transportation that limits the transportation beyond K-3 needs to be reviewed. She asked that staff bring this Board policy back for Board discussion.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

None

The Board President stated that there will be a Special Closed Session of the Board of Education for Saturday, September 17, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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