

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MAY 11, 2010**

The minutes of the Regular Session of May 11, 2010, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2010. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Session of May 11, 2010.

**THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE AUDIO/VIDEOTAPED PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE §54953.5
AND REBROADCAST TIMEWARNER CABLE CHANNEL 16 AND VERIZON FIOS
CHANNEL 38.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting at 5:08 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Student Discipline Cases; Public Employee Employment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/ Release/Non-Reelects/Reassignments; Conference with Labor Negotiators, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and Personnel Complaints.

Members Present

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

Administration

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

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Aye – Ashe Aye – Baca Aye - Holguin Aye – Sayre Aye – Vackar

**REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:**

By a vote of 3-2, Board members Ashe/Sayre dissenting the Governing Board of Education voted to release to the classrooms 5 Deans of Student for the 2011-12 school year. There were no other reportable actions taken by the Board of Education during Closed Session.

Administration Present

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

Administration Present (cont'd)

Ken Schmidt, Director Student Services
Gary Yetter, Assistant Principal, Vista Del Lago HS
Laura Strachan, Principal, March Mountain HS
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Moreno Valley HS
Bobby Byers, Principal, Bayside/Charter
Kristen Hunter, Principal, Valley View HS
Tony Knapp, Principal, North Ridge ES
Tammy Guzzetta, Principal, Canyon Springs HS
David Nesamony, Assistant Principal, Canyon Springs HS
Robert Gordon, Principal, Hendrick Ranch ES
Ray Burns, Dean, Moreno Valley HS
Debra McQuain, Dean, Moreno Valley HS
Jennifer Zug, Dean, Canyon Springs HS
Patricia Diener, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Janet MacMillan	Lorri Limoges-Kerns	Ann Adler
Librada Murrillo	Beverly Scott	Debra Craig
Linda Pronas	Brittany Davis	Edna Davis
Lyndsey Davis	Marylne Zevada-Corbin	Josiah Wallace
Sue Prows	Carol Wallace	
Lynn Koller	Juliana Murray	Paula Pelton
Chester Neg	April Davis	Charlotte Groty
Nancy Thornton	Maureen Moulihan	Randy Dargitz
Amelia Juarez	Samantha Juarez	Jennifer Covington
Casandra McNair	Angelica Cordova	Lilva Robles
Darlene Schmittle	Jennifer Zug	Rosa Murge
Ivan Borian		

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Gordon, Principal, Hendrick Ranch Elementary School.

INSPIRATION: The Inspiration was given by Robert Gordon, Principal, Hendrick Ranch Elementary School.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- May 18, 2010, Study Session at 5:30 p.m. – Board Room
- May 25, 2010, Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Board Room
- June 15, 2010, Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Board Room
- June 22, 2010, Study Session 5:30 p.m. – Board Room
- June 29, 2010, Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Board Room

The following are responses to Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items which were presented at the April 27th Board Meeting.

Three District teachers spoke to the Reduction in Force notices which were issued to certificated staff and encouraged a resolution to the class size and the issue of furlough days. The District continues to work with the bargaining associations in order to ensure that it can meet its financial obligations over the next three instructional years and continues to discuss the possible options to accomplish this during negotiations with the associations.

Six Valley View High School students participating in Friday Night Live spoke to the danger of energy drinks and advocated for a policy to have the drinks banned from being sold by students at all school sites. They also encouraged disciplinary measures for those who violate the policy. The energy drinks are not sold at school sites and according to administration, if students are seen with a drink, the situation is handled individually, however, the consumption of energy drinks does not appear to be prevalent in our high schools.

Two parents from North Ridge Elementary indicated that they had requested information from the school administration and were referred to the District Office in order to receive the requested information. It was then determined that the budget which was being requested was actually the North Ridge Elementary School Block Grant Budget. The amount allocated to the school per students was provided to the parents by the Business Manager and the school principal following a meeting with one of the parents provided a breakdown of the expenditures from the School Block Grant, its use is locally determined at each school site and in accordance with the bargaining agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The President of Moreno Valley Educators' Association spoke on the final Reduction in Force notices and urged Board of Education and Administration to make negotiations a priority.

A CSEA representative spoke on the 53% increase for employee benefits and urged the Board to find a better solution for district employees.

A community member spoke on parcel taxes for local income for school system. She urged the Board to continue to work together and find ways to bring more money to the school system.

Two North Ridge Elementary School parents spoke on the School Site Budget and seemed unhappy with the information that had been provided to them, which was a single sheet of the School Block Grant Budget; they requested further details of expenditure.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board member Tracey B. Vackar requested that Educational Services Consent Item H-2 (Approval of Overnight Field Trip) be voted separately.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to approve the Overnight Field Trip.

VOTE: -

AYE - 4

NAY – 0

ABSTAIN –1 (Vackar)

- Public Employee Employment
 - Superintendent
 - Assistant Principal 9-12

Superintendent

Mr. Henry Voros, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, stated that he had consulted with Mr. Kenneth Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to meet with Board to discuss Superintendent Search. Mr. Young agreed to meet on Tuesday, May 25, 2010; the Board may choose to meet with him in Closed or Open Session. I would like to seek further clarification, if you would prefer a Closed Session or an Open Session. He did say that he would be available at 4:00 p.m. just in case you would need him earlier or need more time to meet.

Board Discussion:

All Board members agreed to meet with Mr. Young on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Open and at 5:00 p.m. in Closed Session.

Assistant Principal 9-12

Mr. Voros asked Board of Education for the authorization to begin the recruiting and filling of these vacancies.

Board Discussion:

Board member Vackar requested in writing the recommendation for the Assistant Principal position.

Board member Baca requested formal documentation with job description of Dean and Assistant Principal positions and the impact and ramifications it would have should you move the Deans to an AP position and looking at the overall impact for eliminating one or both positions.

Board member Sayre requested to see any positions that are filled and funded and those that will be vacated due to retirement. Are any of these positions to fill (Assistant Principals) held back for salary savings? What is your anticipation on vacancies from employees that are retiring?

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ITEM

- The Williams Act legislation requires the District to report any complaints received to the Board of Education on a quarterly basis. For the period of January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, no complaints were received.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tracey Vackar

Many events are coming up and I want to congratulate students receiving scholarships and students going to universities. Attended the Celebrating Educators Luncheon today, was very proud to be there. I have enjoyed being included in those activities and celebrating those great achievements.

Victoria Baca

Devastated with having to make all the cuts in the district but it's something that has to be done. Remember our mission statement and our vision, to continue to do what we do best; educate our students.

Rick Sayre

No comments

Jackie Ashe

I'm so proud of the Canyon Springs students on their presentation "Victory Over Violence".

Jesus M. Holquin

It was good to see almost 300 students at the AVID Senior Awards; congratulations to all the students. It's the time of year again; and all the achievements that students have accomplished and it's time to celebrate with them as they look forward to graduation. Today, we were at a Celebration luncheon where staff was recognized for their outstanding work. Even with all challenges district is facing, my congratulations to all of them. Thanks to the union representatives for offering suggestions regarding the budget.

Rowena T. Lagrosa

As shared by our Board members this afternoon we attended the Celebrating Educators luncheon sponsored by Riverside County Office of Education where we honored our classified, certificated and management staff. In particular two individuals who competed at the county level and were selected as County Principal of Year and Elementary Principal of the Year; that would be Melissa Bazanos, Principal at Edgemont Elementary and the late Brenda Kincade, Teacher of the Year who succumbed to cancer in March. It was honor to be amongst all those that were honoring them this afternoon. Also this afternoon, staff and I had an opportunity to attend a theatrical performance, at Valley View High School sponsored by International Committee Artist for Peace stressing the importance of students standing up for themselves through non-violent means and the importance of realizing their self worth and to believe in themselves. This was extremely well received. The students at Canyon Springs High School had an opportunity to attend this morning as well. Would like to acknowledge Dr. Darlene Willis and Marcia Dobson, they have been instrumental in helping to engage our parents and helping to develop our college bound and graduation bound program for our high school students which also involved field trips to four year universities for many of our students during spring break. Their work has been instrumental in helping our students on the road to post secondary opportunities.

Board President Holquin reminded everyone – next Tuesday, May 18th Study Session at 5:30 p.m. followed by Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.