

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF APRIL 13, 2010**

The minutes of the Regular Session of April 13, 2010, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2010. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Session of April 13, 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 5:02 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 Real Property Negotiator; Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and Personnel Complaints.

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 Regular Session at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Aye – Ashe Aye - Holguin Aye – Sayre Aye – Vackar
Absent – Baca (Board member Baca went home after Closed Session)

**REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:**

By a vote of 5-0 the Governing Board adopted the Advisory Decision of the Hearing Officer, resulting in the dismissal of one Classified Employee No. 105795. 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
Henry H. Voros, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager, Business Services
Kathy Nordin, Director Elementary Education
Josie Ripoly, Director, Purchasing
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems
Gary Yetter, Assistant Principal, Vista Del Lago HS
Emilio Gallegos, Principal, Seneca ES
Laura Strachan, Principal, March Mountain HS
Dolores Vasquez, Principal, Honey Hollow ES

Administration Present (cont'd)

John Lawson, Principal, Armada ES

Maribel Mattox, Principal, Moreno Valley HS

Patricia Diener, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Janet MacMillan

Ron Millage

Nicole Phillips

Karen Miller

Lorri Limoges-Kerns

Lisa Broomfield

Raul Calexto

Debra Craig

Nichole Smith

Lawrence Christie

Bruce Smith

Carlos Torres

Paula Amaya

Laila Almoussawi

Dora Andrade

Bob LePore

James Boyd

Marla Kirkland

Karen Senger

Ann Adler

Shannon Andrews

Dick Phillips

Enrique Alvarado

Sam Anderson

Amelia Juarez

Ana Quintero

Lauren Hartman

Amber Largey

Alvaro Robles

Kellie Shearer

Beverly Scott

Esther Layne

Bernice Omiwade

Mario Felix

Bertha Zavala

Alejandro Gutierrez

Katie Davis

Greg Morton

Claudine Bond

Tom Mixon

Paula Pelton

John Voddle

Samantha Juarez

Linda Crist

Julianne Burnham

Elizabeth Adams

Rhonda Smith

Lilian Torres

Maria Becerra

Abdul Karim

Luz Delgado

Jesuita Barrega

Juana Escalante

Gabriel Gonzalez

Bertha Bravo

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emilio Gallegos, Principal, Seneca Elementary School.

INSPIRATION: The Inspiration was given by Emilio Gallegos, Principal, Seneca Elementary School.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- April 20, 2010, Study Session at 5:30 p.m. – Board Room
- April 27, 2010, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. & Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Board Room
- May 11, 2010, Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. & Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Board Room

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following Student Board Representatives gave their school reports:

- Jennifer Galvan-Estrada, Bayside and Moreno Valley Community Learning Center
- Kristian Wright, Canyon Springs High School
- Samantha Juarez, Moreno Valley High School
- Geneveive Newman, Valley View High School
- Katrina Honer, Vista del Lago High School
- Sandra Gonzalez, March Mountain and March Valley High Schools

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS (cont'd)

The following are public comments regarding non agenda items which were made at the March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

A Special Education advocate expressed that the District is spending too much money on attorneys. The Special Education Department only secures the services of an attorney when the circumstances merit the services of an attorney. Whenever an expedited hearing is filed, the District will generally obtain legal counsel. A hearing requires preparation of witness documentation, questions and witness testimony added to the fact that all records must be appropriately filed and delivered five days prior to the hearing. Timelines must be strictly adhered to.

A Canyon Springs High School Pep Squad Booster Member expressed a concern regarding the Pep Squad being held responsible for the damages to the gym floor at Canyon Springs High School during a weekend event held in the gym. Based upon the school's investigation, the site determined the damage was caused during the Pep Squad sponsored event. The procedures that are outlined and agreed to on the Facility Use Form which was signed and approved by the District and the Booster Club were followed and the District's Maintenance and Operations staff met with the Booster Club's insurance carrier and their chosen restoration company to inspect the damages; review the repairs and estimate. Both the insurance carrier and their restoration company approved the repair procedures and the cost estimate which Maintenance received. The repairs were scheduled with the site and completed on March 7th. The school site informed the Booster Club of the date when the repairs would be completed.

The President of the Box Springs Elementary Parent Booster Club spoke to allegations regarding inappropriate books and materials being sold during a recent fundraiser. Upon receipt of the allegations, all materials were secured and sales ceased. Upon receipt of a concern regarding the materials being sold, the Elementary Director spoke to and met with the Booster Club parents and worked with the Principal and staff.

A parent spoke to a concern regarding the location of a site for the fifth comprehensive high school and encouraged the Board to consider the distance students would need to walk when considering future action.

The Special Education Director and I met with the parent who expressed a concern regarding her grandson in order to address his academic needs.

Board Member Rick Sayre requested that the Parent Booster Club issue be placed on the agenda to be discussed in closed session.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS – MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Terry Wilhelm, Director II of Educational Leadership Services Division, Riverside County Office of Education recognized Mountain View Middle School and Debbie Fay for their ongoing support of other school's improvement efforts and their exit from SAIT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

A March Mountain teacher spoke on the High School Intervention Models; she thanked the Board for believing in them and allowing March Mountain to become a transformational model. She stated that the staff is dedicated and works hard to see their students graduate. Although the school has been identified as low performing, it is an opportunity for March Mountain to make some changes which will be beneficial at their site to help the students obtain the credits necessary to graduate and receive a

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (cont'd)

high school diploma. We see our students as strong and resilient, they come determined and motivated. These students are not quitters and have not abandoned their dream in receiving a high school diploma, but often run out of time, being behind in credits, and only being able to take three classes, the minimum required by the State. Although it is challenging being identified as low performing, it is also positive and purposeful. Our staff is excited and eager to restructure and ready to make a new beginning. We all make different choices in life, we at March Mountain are happy to take this new path to help our students in becoming better citizens. This opportunity will help our students in achieving their goal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The MVEA President spoke on bargaining and budget issues.

PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH MOUNTAIN INTERVENTION MODEL

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m.

There was a Public Comment on the Public Hearing (please see Public Comments on Agenda Items)

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline Ashe to close the Public Hearing on the March Mountain Intervention Model.

VOTE: AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the Superintendent Consent Items G1 through G6, with item G4 - March 9, 2010 minutes as amended to include the vote tally of 5 Ayes; Educational Services Consent Items H1 through H3; Business Services Consent Items I1 through I8; and Human Resources Consent Items J1 through J18, as presented.

VOTE: - AYE - 4 NAY – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to rescind prior motion.

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the Consent Agenda with the additional modification of pulling Contractual Agreement Number A-09/10-973 under Business Services Consent Item I-5, for future discussion.

Board member Tracey B. Vackar requested that Peggy Reed, Director, SELPA provide an update on this pulled Contractual Agreement.

There was further board discussion.

Board member Rick Sayre requested data on the ParentLink.

Board member Tracey B. Vackar requested that Aaron Barnett, Director of Information Systems to check with the surrounding districts, if a county wide parent link is available and have some of these costs as a consortium cost.

Board President called for a 5 minute break at 8:40 p.m.

Board President reconvened meeting at 8:48 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Tracey Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the Superintendent Action Item K1 and Student Services Action Item L1; Business Services Action Items M-1 through M2; Student Services Action Item N1; and Human Resources Action Item O-1, as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

Educational Services

- Head Start Program – Self Assessment

It was moved by Tracey Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the Head Start Program Self Assessment, as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

- School Improvement Grant for QEIA Schools

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey Vackar to approve the School Improvement Grant.

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

- Title 1 Model Technology Math Classrooms

It was moved by Tracey Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the use of \$500,000 from Title 1 ARRA funds to implement the Model Technology proposed plan in 70 title 1 Math classrooms in grades 4th through 8th.

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

- Identification of March Mountain High School as a Persistently Low Achieving School

March Mountain High School has been identified by the California State Board of Education as a Persistently Low Achieving School. This identification is based on a graduation rate of less than 60% over the past four years. School Improvement Grants are available to fund restructuring. Staff is in the process of identifying which of the four approved models they will plan to implement. Laura Strachan, Principal at March Mountain presented a power point depicting the models available for restructuring and the process and timeline they will follow to submit the grant. Educational Services will return to the Board with a completed grant proposal in May for their approval.

The following items will be discussed at the Adjourned Meeting of April 14, 2010:

- Approval of Expenditures for the Implementation of the Revised Educational Services Plan, Utilizing Tier III Funding

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the expenditures for the Implementation of the Revised Educational Services Plan, Utilizing Tier III Funding.

VOTE: AYE - NAY - ABSTAIN -

Human Resources – hold for 4/14/2010 discussion

- Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-45 Reduction or Discontinuance of certain Children's Center Services for the 2010-11 School year.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-45, as presented.

VOTE: AYE - NAY - ABSTAIN –

- Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-46 Reduction and/or Elimination of Certain Classified Bargaining Unit Positions Effective July 1, 2010.

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-46, as presented

VOTE: AYE - NAY - ABSTAIN –

- Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-49 Reduction and/or Elimination of Certain Classified Management Positions

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve Resolution 2009-10-49, as presented.

VOTE: AYE - NAY - ABSTAIN –

Business Services

- Budget Reduction Recommendations

A power point presentation was given by Lorri Limoges-Kerns, President of California Schools Employee Association (CSEA); Janet MacMillan, President of the Moreno Valley Educators Association (MVEA); and Dolores Vasquez, President of the Association of Moreno Valley Management Personnel (AMVMP) depicting CAMM Agreements for 2010-2011 school year with a total savings of \$3,651,000,00.

EACH ITEM WAS VOTED ON SEPARATELY:

1. Reduce Routine Maintenance contribution 3% to 2.5% with a savings of \$1,223,000

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to approve this item.

VOTE: AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

2. Sweep Deferred Maintenance (prior year ending Fund Balance) with a savings of \$778,000

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar to approve this item.

VOTE: AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

3. Increase walking distance one-half mile, with a savings of \$940,000
Affects: 625 elementary - \$400K; 880 middle - \$540K

THIS ITEM WAS PUT ON HOLD FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Board member Vackar requested that we take this issue back to the PTA Council for discussion and input.

4. Employee paycheck savings use direct deposit to save paper, ink and postage, with a savings of \$10,000.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar to approve this item.

VOTE: AYES - 4 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

5. Summer School reorganization (already instituted), with a savings of \$700,000
It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar to approve this item.

VOTE: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

6. Utilize COPS fund – current balance \$3.4 M (discussions ongoing to determine best use)
THIS ITEM WAS PUT ON HOLD FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Business Services (cont'd)

- Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-57 Supplementary Retirement Plan.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to **NOT** approve Resolution No. 2009-10-57 Supplementary Retirement Plan.

VOTE: AYES - 4

NAYS - 0

ABSENT – 1 (Baca)

Board member Vackar requested a 5 minute break at 9:51 p.m.

Board President reconvened meeting at 9:57 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tracey Vackar:

Sent condolences to the Baca/Wilson family.

Victoria Baca

Was not present.

Rick Sayre

Congratulations to Debbie Fay and Mountain View Middle School.

Jackie Ashe

My condolences as well to Baca/Wilson family

Jesus M. Holquin

My condolences to Baca/Wilson family and congratulations to Mountain View Middle School.

Rowena T. Lagrosa

Thanked staff and community for their input.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was recessed at 11:30 p.m. to be reconvened tomorrow April 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to meet in Closed Session to discuss, Public Employee Employment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects/Reassignment and Conference with Labor Negotiator and at 8:00 p.m. to meet in Open Session to discuss the Approval of Expenditures for the Implementation of the Revised Educational Services Plan, Utilizing Tier III funding and to discuss the approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-45 Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Children's Center Services for the 2010-11 school year; approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-46 Reduction and/or Elimination of Certain Classified Bargaining Unit Positions effective July 1, 2010; and approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-49 Reduction and/or Elimination of Certain Classified Management Positions.