

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MARCH 22, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of March 22, 2005.

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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 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; and Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

Members Present

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

Administration

Nicolas D. Ferguson

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar
Student Board Rep. – Clarissa Hernandez

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action on the Closed Session Agenda items.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
Dave Swift, Director, Facilities/Maintenance and Operations
Carol Allbaugh, Coordinator, Career Development
Jeff Jones, Principal, Moreno
Robert Romero, Principal Sunnymead, Elementary
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago
Tammy Guzzetta, Principal, Canyon Springs
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Marciela Hinds
Cory Brown
Erica Rodriguez

Katherine Underwood
Helga Brown
Marshall Scott

Diana Byrd
Lequice Juckes
Dave Moser

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Vistors (Cont.)

Mike Aikin
David Nesamony
Suzanne Torbert
Scott Carson
Oscar Valdepeña
Ruth Green
Stan Brown
Monnette Miller-King

Christopher Geis
Janet MacMillan
Mary Beth Franz
Belinda Childrey
Ron Visser
Monello King
Scott Johnson

Karie Allen
Dana Lent
Bob Franz
Denise McCrea
Diana Portugal
Emil Dragovich
Kelly Garrett

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

PLEDGE OF

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

INSPIRATIONS: Board Member Coz stated that he was thankful for this great country and the freedoms we enjoy. He asked that the school district and its employees have perseverance to teach our students and to keep all of our children safe.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

April	26, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
May	10, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
May	24, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

There was Board discussion about changing the May 10, 2005, Board meeting to May 11, 2005, due to a conflict with a Board member's calendar. It was the consensus of the Board to make this change. This item will be brought forward for Board action on the April 26, 2005, Board agenda.

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Sunnymead Elementary School students in grades three through five, under the direction of teacher Ms. Monnette Miller-King, performed two musical numbers by singer, songwriter Ray Charles. The numbers were presented during the school's Black History Assembly and will be translated via the use of sign language.

Canyon Springs Girls Varsity Basketball Team were recognized for winning the CIF-Southern Section Division 1A title and the CIF Southern California Regional championship. Head Coach Gail Hale, Assistant Coaches Annette Riggins and Dennis Fitzgerald, and volunteer coaches Adena Scruggs, Donna Woods, and Matt Nottingham coached the team to victory. This is the first time an Inland Empire Girls Basketball team has gone to the State Championship game since 1982.

Community Service Awards for 2004-05 were presented to Mike Aikin, volunteer at Moreno Elementary School, and Oscar Valdepeña, Mountain View Middle School and ACCESS to the Future. A Continuing Services Award for 2004-05 will be presented to Ron Visser, ACCESS to the Future.

The Board of Education brought forward Action Item 326 - Resolution No. 2004-05-69 - Day of the School Bus Driver, April 26, 2005, and Action Item 425 - Resolution No. 2004-05-72 Administrative Professionals Day, April 27, 2005.

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It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre that Action Item 326 and Action Item 425 be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Helga Brown, retired District bus driver, was presented a copy of the resolution in recognition of the Day of the School Bus Driver, April 26, 2005.

Dana Lent, school secretary, Canyon Springs High School, was presented a copy of the resolution, recognizing April 27, 2005, as Administrative Professionals Day.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Cody Brown, Vista del Lago, reported that the speech team participated in its first competition in the "RCC and Friends" speech competition sponsored by Riverside Community College and was awarded several sweepstakes awards. The MESA team competed on March 5 at the regional competition held at California State University, Fullerton. Nick Maggiulli and Alycia Erfud won first place in their categories. The National Honor Society completed its first blood with 180 participants. In honor of Black History Month, the theatre classes produced a play and the Black Student Union hosted a night of celebration which included college participants and featured various performances by students and a theatre group. Counselors visited 9th through 11th grade classes to assist in selection of courses for the 2005-06 school year and visited the 8th classes regarding their four-year plan and to explain the registration process.

Brian McDowell is the first senior who has accepted an offer to attend the University of Nebraska. The Middle College Program continues to grow with 250 students participating and over 60 Middle College students graduating this year. The spring sports teams (boys' baseball, girls' softball, and tract and field) are doing well. The varsity boys' basketball coach, Coach Jones, was selected as the Sunbelt League "Coach of the Year," Anthony Scott was selected as Most Valuable Play in boys' basketball, and Cartier Carter was selected to the Riverside County All-Star basketball team. The senior class is preparing for its first graduating class, while the junior class continues to work on planning for the first junior/senior prom. One of the ASB students is terminally ill and he wished the student and his family the best.

Diana Byrd, Moreno Valley, reported that on March 17, Renaissance held an assembly in recognition of students with a 3.0 or higher grade point average which included student performances, certificates, and prizes. Eugene Cahoon was selected the Most Improved Senior. On March 17, the 8th grade parent orientation was held, which provided parents the opportunity to speak to staff. On March 30, ASB is sponsoring a basketball game with radio station 99.1 KGGI. Moreno Valley staff will play against KGGI staff. The Battle of the Bands competition is also on March 30. The band that takes first place will receive \$350. There will be a special celebration on March 29 to recognize meeting the goal of 95 percent student participation in the California High School Exit Exam.

The boys' varsity baseball team defeated Vista Murrieta with the skilled pitching of Francisco Renteria. The boys' and girls' track and field teams competed at the Valley View Palomino Relays bringing home many medals, third place for the boys, and fifth place overall for the girls' teams. The JROTC basketball team won the championship in the Hemet Basketball Tournament on March 19 beating four different schools. Senior Bethany Peak, placed first and won \$100 cash in a speech competition sponsored by Friends of Forensics at Riverside Community College. Several students from the French Club visited Sunnymead Middle school students and gave a French lesson to students, parents, and teachers. Teacher, Kate Flowers, is doing better and is at home.

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Erica Rodriguez, March Valley, reported that last week students took the high school exit exam – March 15 was the language arts test and March 16 was the math test. May 12 is the next reward day where students will be rewarded for good grades, attendance, and behavior with a trip to Magic Mountain. On March 10, ASB participated in a “Hats On” fund raiser to help kids fight cancer. Over \$200 was raised.

Clarissa Hernandez, March Mountain, reported that on March 11, ASB sponsored the second reward day honoring over 140 students for trying hard in school and earning at least 10 or more credits every 6 weeks. This event included games, prizes, and lunch. Last week, juniors took the California High School Exit Exam. The students who took the test seemed to take it seriously. During the two testing days, March Mountain had a single session where all students attended school in the morning.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Katherine Underwood, president, Moreno Valley Educators Association, spoke about Discussion/Action Item – 375 – 2005-06 Budget Additions. She stated that this item as presented is accurate except for the campus supervision section as listed. The Joint Fiscal Management Committee (JFMC) did not come to consensus on this item. There is support for additional supervisors at the high schools because of the safety issues and number of students on campus. There were several concerns and questions about how this would fit into the classified contract and how the noon-duty aides would be used. She indicated that this information was to be brought back to the JFMC after these issues had been addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Marshall Scott, community and Rotarian member, spoke about Rotary International. He stated that this is a worldwide service organization whose motto is “service above self” and whose goal is world peace. Mr. Scott and Dave Moser, fellow Rotarian, presented Board President, Jesus Holguin, with a plaque. Mr. Holguin was officially inducted into the Moreno Valley Morning Rotary.

PUBLIC HEARING - Educational Services – Public Hearing for Charter Petition

On March 10, 2005, the District received a charter petition from iQ Academies at California, requesting Board approval of a charter school within the boundaries of the Moreno Valley Unified School District. This 9-12th grade charter school will emphasize programs for home schooled students and other youth interested in independent study programs. The charter proposes to provide on-line instruction to approximately 250 students through the use of Distance Learning strategies. This is a time of public hearing to hear comments and concerns regarding this charter petition.

According to Education Code Section 47605 (b), the District has thirty (30) days to hold a public hearing regarding this petition. At this hearing the Board should consider the level of support by the District’s teachers, employees, and parents. The administration requests that the Board conduct the public hearing at this time.

The Board President opened the Public Hearing. Kelly Garrett, iQ Academies International Director, and Christopher Weis, Director, iQ Academies at California, shared some information on the iQ Academies. This item will be brought back to the Board for review and discussion at the April 26, 2005, Board meeting.

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It was moved Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Richard Coz that the Public Hearing regarding the iQ Academies at California petition to establish a Charter School within the District be closed. This

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that the 2005-06 Budget Additions, with the exception of the Campus Supervision section, be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN - 0

376 Williams Act Report

Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, explained that the Williams Lawsuit was filed in May 2000, by the ACLU and other public interest advocates, against the State of California. It claimed that the State failed to provide poor and underprivileged students with equal educational opportunities. The allegations focused on inadequate facilities (lack of heating/air conditioning, unclean restrooms), lack of sufficient educational tools (textbooks, instructional materials), and lack of credentialed teachers.

The settlement covers a broad scope of issues on instructional materials, facilities maintenance, teacher credentialing and assignment monitoring, enhanced public reporting in the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC), and year-round schools operating on the concept 6 calendar.

The lawsuit settlement brought a change in law that now requires that school boards adopt the Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) and UCP notices are to be posted in all classrooms all school districts by January 1, 2005. Once a complaint is filed, the District has 30 working days to investigate and 45 days to respond to the complainant. A quarterly District report to the Board and the County Office of Education on the number of complaints resolved and unresolved also needs to be submitted.

Facilities Inspections – The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has developed an interim evaluation instrument to be used by the County Office of Education (COE) to inspect the decile 1-3 schools. The inspection focuses on emergency needs (gas leaks, nonfunctional HVAC systems, electrical power failure, major sewer line stoppage, major pest or vermin infection, broken windows or exterior doors, and abatement of hazardous materials). Good repair is defined as clean, safe, and functional including drinking fountains, restrooms, electrical, and interior surfaces.

Mr. Crank stated that the following schools have been inspected with no problems found: Moreno Valley and Vista del Lago high schools, Mountain View Middle, and Serrano Elementary. There was only one minor problem found at both Butterfield and at Midland elementary schools. Mr. Crank commended the maintenance and operations staff (custodians, maintenance, and groundskeepers) for keeping the school sites in such good condition.

Instructional Materials – Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, indicated that the COE is responsible for ensuring that all students, (including English Learners), have access to sufficient instructional materials in the four core subjects (language arts, math, history/social science, and science) for use in the classroom and to take home for homework.

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Today the COE began reviewing District schools and found that Edgemont and Badger Springs have sufficient textbooks. The COE will complete a review within the first four weeks of the 2005-06 school year on scheduled or surprise visits. If the District does not have sufficient instructional materials, the COE will submit a noncompliance report to the District within 5 days

of the inspection. The District will be provided the opportunity to remedy the deficiency. Beginning in 2005-06, COE must ensure that deficiencies are corrected no later than the second month of school. If the deficiencies are not corrected, the COE would purchase the textbooks and charge the District for them.

Teacher Credential and Assignment – Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, stated that the COE gives priority to decile 1-3 schools in annual monitoring of District certificated employee assignments. The District has 13 identified schools. The COE will review District efforts to ensure teachers serving in an assignment requiring CLAD and BCLAD certification complete credentialing requirements.

Intervention, in school districts with qualified or negative audit reports would include the assignment of FCMAT to review teacher hiring practices, retention rates, and misassignment. The District was audited last Spring and received a good audit report. Because of the Williams settlement, the requirements are more strict for teachers assigned to teach English Learners. Human Resources is working to make sure that the District meets all of these requirements.

The COE is required to present a report on each decile 1-3 District, to the school Board, County Board, and Board of Supervisors outlining the “state of schools.” The School Accountability Report Card (SARC) will include information should there be any Williams related deficiencies. Districts will receive \$10 per pupil to conduct facility assessments. This is being done by an outside agency (WLC Architects) at less than \$10 per student. Any remaining funds can be used to repair District facilities. Assessments must be completed by January 1, 2006, and the District must provide an interim report to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) on the status of the assessments. The District must report to the OPSC the completed repairs and costs and submit claims for reimbursement for completed eligible repairs.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A Administrative Regulations

- AR 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment
- AR 5116.2 – School Attendance Boundaries/Intradistrict Transfers
- AR 5116.3 – Administrative Transfers
- AR 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance

V-B Administrative Regulation

- AR 0420.4 – Charter Schools

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She asked the Board to recess into Closed Session after the regular meeting to discuss Closed Session Item 905.
- She stated that there are a lot of things coming up that staff will be working on – schools testing, graduation, 90-day District plan, opening of three new school sites, moving several schools from a year-round to a traditional schedule, and the planning of summer school. She knows staff has “their plates full” and she appreciates everything they do.

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Tracey B. Vackar (Cont.)

- She asked if the High School Curriculum Guide could be placed on the website in a PDF file. Dr. Chandler stated that staff will look into doing that.

- She asked the Board members to complete the survey from the Riverside County School Boards Association that is in their packets.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- She had no comments.

Rick Sayre

- He had no comments.

Richard Coz

- He had no comments.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He congratulated the Canyon Springs girls' varsity basketball team on their accomplishments.
- He was thankful for the presentation and his induction to the Moreno Valley Morning Rotary Club. He appreciated the certificate.
- He read a letter that he received from a District student regarding the budget issues, Proposition 98. This student had a strong message on these concerns and made a good point. He asked the Governor to honor Proposition 98.

Nick Ferguson

- He had no comments.

RECESS: The meeting of the Board of Education was recessed at 9:15 p.m. The Board of Education reconvened into Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened into regular session at 10:30 p.m. There was no reportable action on the Closed Session agenda.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Richard Coz, that the Closed Session meeting be recessed until March 24, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

VOTE: AYE – 3 (2 Absent – Ashe, Vackar) NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

The Board of Education recessed at 10:31 p.m.

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