

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OCTOBER 25, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of October 25, 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 5:08 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 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 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar
Student Board Representative – Philip Blackmon

REPORT OUT OF

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

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment, and Training
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
Ann Vessey, Director, SELPA
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Jeffrey Hinshaw, Director, Business Services
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Tammy Guzzetta, Principal, Canyon Springs
Gayle Rellstab, Principal, March Mountain
Bobby Byers, Principal, Bayside
Gitta Williams, Principal, Sunnymead Middle
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

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Visitors

Marciela Hinds	Katherine Underwood	Amelia Juarez
Lequice Juckes	Lia Freeman	Sandee Sapien
Michelle Deyden	Julie Jeffries	Patrick Abram
Andrea Horn	Anthony Lopez	Gil Ocegueda
Bev Williams	Robert Lopez	Karina Lopez
Alexis Correa	Mitch Drummond	Marshall Bradley
Chris Schiermeyer	Fernando Soto	Diane Tudge
Barbara Sorter	Dexssi Murillo	Ramon Carra
Aurora Giron	Masciel Ornelas	Agustin Carra
Jose Bernal	Jessical Bernal	Claribel Bernal
Casandra Bernal	Angelina Dominguez	Denise McCrea
Belinda Childrey	Labrida Murillo	Mark Garcia
Susan Rubin	Raul Wilson	Scott 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 referred to the passing of Rosa Parks. She was a leader and inspiration for those qualities that we are all assured through our Constitution and civil rights. Ms. Parks had a vision and was a great American who changed our roles as American citizens.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

October	31, 2005	5 p.m.	Special Closed Session	Superintendent's Conference Room
November	7, 2005	6 p.m.	Special Closed Session	Superintendent's Conference Room
November	14, 2005	6 p.m.	Special Closed Session	Superintendent's Conference Room
November	15, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Under the direction of Gitta Williams, principal, Sunnymead Middle School, staff, students, and parents performed a dramatic presentation related to the evolution of the school. The focus of the presentation highlighted the various programs and services that have had positively affected the culture, academic success, and community relationships at Sunnymead Middle.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following High School Student Board Representatives gave their school report:

Phillip Blackmon, March Mountain, reported that students went to Knott's Scary Farm on October 14. On October 20, Back-to-School was held with a luau theme. It provided over 350 people who attended, a barbeque and a drawing that was held for Best Buy gift cards. This was the best attended Back-to-School night staff has ever seen. He reported on Red Ribbon Week activities this week, which include handing out "drug-free" bracelets, competitions at lunch, and hanging banners and posters around the school. On October 31, a Halloween costume contest will be held and prizes will be awarded. During lunch from November 7 through 21, March Mountain will host the semi-annual basketball tournament. The winners of the tournament will play a team of staff members. Security on campus has improved and the campus seems to be a little calmer.

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Lia Freeman, Bayside/Charter, reported on the various activities staff provided for Red Ribbon and Yellow Ribbon Week. Back-to-School nights were held on September 21 for Bayside and October 5 for Charter School. Staff was introduced, parents visited the classrooms, and there was discussion about the classroom expectations and requirements. Mr. Byers, principal, and Mr. Crist, counselor, have meetings scheduled to meet with students who have not yet passed the high school exit exam. Information that will assist students to pass this test in math and English will be shared. Bayside and Charter are continually striving to attain gradual academic and social improvement. Increased teacher expectations and goals for student achievement are the emphasis for the current school year.

Sandee Sapien, Valley View, reported on the various activities planned for Red Ribbon Week, this week which include Friday Night Live and Peer Leadership presentations and activities during lunch, and ASB hosting a poster contest. Jordan Popp, has been selected as the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge in recognition of his essay. Jordan is a member of the Valley View AFJROTC. The Annual Fall Choir Concert is scheduled for October 27 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater. November 4, is the fall sports assembly where the fall sports teams will be recognized for their accomplishments for the season. The week of October 10 through 14 was Homecoming week. Chris Fulton and Soncere Popo were selected king and queen. The fireworks during half-time was the highlight of the festivities. The Crimson Regiment hosted its annual Crimson Classic Marching Band Tournament on October 15. The Regiment received the Sweepstakes award for the best unit in competition beating 15 other bands from Southern California.

Michelle Deyden, Canyon Springs, reported that October 14 was Josten's ring day where students could order their class rings. ASB invited the Cougar special education students to a luncheon and movie on October 21. Students and staff have collected numerous bags and boxes of supplies, as well as raised approximately \$1,000 for the Hurricane Katrina victims. This week is Red Ribbon Week which will provide daily announcements and anti-drug skits during lunch. The theme for Homecoming this year is "Around the World." The Renaissance class officers and students are completing their floats. Homecoming activities planned for next week include: Spirit Days all week; a Homecoming assembly, where the prince and princess nominees will be introduced, on November 2; a Homecoming football game is scheduled for November 4, as well as the Homecoming dance. On October 31, Canyon Springs will host its first Blood Drive of the year.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The president of the District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC), distributed additional information on what services it offers English Learner parents and students in the District. Staff will be bringing the District English Learner Advisory Committee back as an agenda item for discussion.

A Landmark parent shared a concern about the distance her two children had to travel to the school. The District is abiding by its existing policy of transporting middle school students only if they live more than 2.5 miles from the school.

Several community members expressed concerns about District personnel and discrimination of English Learner students and parents. Administrative staff has met with parents and community members since last November in an attempt to resolve issues regarding Hispanic and English Learner students. Human Resources has also met with District personnel in question.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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Students who use an accommodation and earn a score of 350 or higher on either section is considered passing. Students who use a modification and have earned an equivalent of a passing score may be eligible for a diploma if a waiver of the requirement to pass one or both parts of the CAHSEE is granted by the school Board.

English learners also have accommodations. All English learner students must pass the CAHSEE in English; may use flexible setting or schedule or add extra time to complete the examination; and may hear the test directions in their primary language or use a translation glossary. To assist students in passing the CAHSEE, the District provides all students course work covering skills required to pass the CAHSEE. Students not passing in 10th grade, are scheduled into CAHSEE English language arts and math courses. CAHSEE preparation is a focus in summer school. Sites offer CAHSEE interventions such as tutoring before and after school, and during lunch, and courses providing test taking skills embedded in instruction.

In communicating with parents regarding the CAHSEE requirements, the District provides the following:

- All incoming 9th grade students receive an initial letter regarding the CAHSEE requirements.
- The student/parent handbooks contain reference to CAHSEE requirements.
- All 9th grade students receive a curriculum guide, which covers the CASHEE requirements.
- Test dates and requirements are communicated in principal newsletters.
- CAHSEE requirements and results are reviewed during individual counseling sessions.
- Passing the CAHSEE is a required component of each student's 4-year plan.
- CASHEE is discussed with parent groups.
- A letter from the Superintendent is sent to parents to remind parents and students of the upcoming CAHSEE examinations and the importance of participation.
- Student results from each test administration are mailed home to parents/guardians.

The District is awaiting the testing results of the non-passing seniors who took the CASHEE in September. It is anticipated that the District will receive these test results in mid-November. Students who still have not passed will work with the guidance staff to identify barriers to passing the CASHEE, plan activities/interventions to assist in preparation for the February and May 2006 test examinations, and will be scheduled into mandatory interventions to receive focused assistance to CAHEE English/Language Arts or math skill areas.

The high school principals shared strategies being used at their sites to assist students (regular education, special education, and English learner students) in passing the CASHEE. The high school sites are doing the same interventions on all campuses. This provides consistency when students move from one site to another. By providing CAHSEE classes during summer school, staff feels that the students were well prepared for the September CASHEE exam.

There was Board discussion and clarification on parent communications, the English learners, the State providing the test results in a more timely manner, and what the plan was for students who did not pass. There was discussion about future strategies the District is developing to assist students in more specific areas, where they may be deficient to pass the CASHEE. A Board member asked about the Board policy regarding a student receiving a diploma or a certificate of completion. Staff will revisit this issue.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

None

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She had no comments.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- Ms. Ashe asked staff to address concerns brought forward tonight.

The Board of Education reconvened into Closed Session at 8:36 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 8:58 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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