

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FEBRUARY 26, 2002**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2002, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2002. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of February 26, 2002.

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

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting 5 p.m. to convene into the Special Board of Directors meeting of the Community Facilities District.

The Board of Education opened the regular meeting at 5:16 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Private School Placements, Hearing Officer Recommendations, Public Employee Appointment, Public Employee Employment, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with CSEA Labor Negotiator, and Conference with MVEA Labor Negotiator.

Members Present

Rick Sayre, President  
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Vice President  
Gary E. Baugh, Clerk  
John Bailey, Member  
Tracey B. Vackar, Member

Administration

Norman L. Chaffin

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present - Ashe Present - Bailey Absent - Baugh Present - Sayre Present - Vackar  
Present - Ramos (Student Rep.)

REPORT OUT  
OF CLOSED  
SESSION:

The Board of Education concurred with staff recommendations on Special Education Private School Placement Cases and Hearing Officer Recommendations, and heard comments on Public Employee Appointments, Public Employee Employment, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with CSEA Labor Negotiator and Conference with MVEA Labor Negotiator with no new information to report.

Administration Present

John Costello, Deputy Superintendent, Schools/Educational Programs  
Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction  
Cindy Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Louise Bigbie, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services  
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education  
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago

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Administration Present (Cont.)

Kim Kruger, Interim Principal, Valley View

Mark Attebery, Principal, Moreno Valley  
Bobbie Byers, Administrator, Bayside  
Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno  
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Karen Rumfolo	Becky Schriener	Katherine Underwood
Ann Adler	Jesus Holguin	Tanya Sierra
Zenia Lowe	Melvin Wilcutt	Louise Palomarez
Mitch Drummond	Albert James	Nancy Penn
Lindsay Robinson	Rhonda Smith	JoAnn Stephan
Deborah Garmoe	Frank Pearson	Agnes Gaertner
Christina Winter	Julie Inouye	Mary Lou Acosta
James Byrn	Jennifer Rivas	Alice Davis
Amanda Alvidrez	Liz Romero	Diane Tudge
Chris Contreras	A. Lopez	D. Alvarez
Gordon Parker	Essence Robinson	Dan Stevenson
Laura Carry		

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Board Representative Ramos.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Board Member Sayre.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings

March	12, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
March	26, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
April	9, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

Special Board Meeting

March	19, 2002	5:30 p.m.	Special Closed Session	Staff Lounge, Second Floor
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There will be a special Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Members and coaches of the Valley View Academic Decathlon Team were recognized for their successes in the 2002 Riverside County Academic Decathlon competition.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Student Board Representatives present reported on the following: Wendy Ramos, March Valley, reported that the second award field trip is scheduled for March 6 to the Pantages Theater to see The Lion King, February 27 there will be a motivational assembly for March Valley and March Mountain students, students are working hard to prepare for spring testing, the high school exit exam dates are March 5-7, and she shared concerns about the reassignment of the principal, Ms. Rellstab.

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Jennifer Rivas, Bayside, reported that on January 31 Back to School was held with a focus on curriculum, student discipline, parent involvement, and student attendance; during February 11-14 various activities were presented in honor of Black History Month; February 14 a jeopardy contest gave the opportunity for students to acquire new knowledge; this year's Principal for a Day participants are

Jerry Connelly, Work Force Program manager, and Ms. Norma Cortez, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

James Byrn, Canyon Springs, reported that a Valentine's Day blood drive was held February 14 and surpassed the goal of 100 donors; and on February 21 an academic assembly was hosted by the Renaissance Program recognizing 163 students having a 4.0 or above grade point average.

Essence Robinson, Valley View, reported that grant funding has been found to assist students in taking multiple advanced placement tests, 250 students will be participating in the March 26 senior trip, and a blood drive is scheduled for March 6 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Chris Contreras, Moreno Valley, reported that the celebrity basketball game was a success with a faculty victory, the Black Student Union painted the rock with an African flag in observance of Black History Month, and Mr. Estes and volunteer students constructed a peace wall in honor of Yellow Ribbon Week to display their written thoughts about peace, on February 20 the leadership groups from Moreno Valley and Canyon Springs organized and presented the annual ASB convention, which provided various workshops.

#### STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Chaffin stated that he is working on Mr. James' concerns.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CSEA'S 2002-2005 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROPOSAL

The Board of Education invited public comments on CSEA's 2002-2005 collective bargaining proposal. There being no comments, the Board of Education closed the public comments section and directed administration to begin the negotiation process.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alice Davis, Sunnymead Middle parent, shared concerns about harassment of her student and husband, which is affecting the whole family.

Lindsay Robinson, March Valley student; Rhonda Smith, March Mountain teacher; JoAnn Stephan, March Mountain parent; Deborah Garmo, March Valley parent; Louise Palomarez, community member; Amanda Alvidrez, March Mountain student; and Mary Lou Acosta, March Mountain parent; addressed the Board about reduction of staff and the reassignment of the principal of March Mountain March Valley High Schools. They asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

Frank Pearson, community member, and Mitch Drummond, Sunnymead Middle campus supervisor, spoke about their concerns regarding the harassment by a parent and the possible explosive situation that may arise.

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Albert James, Midland parent, addressed a concern about the District recruiting process. He indicated that some classrooms had a working intercom and internet access before the modernization, but they are no longer working. He asked if the site would have to pay for the repair costs.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that Consent Agenda Items 001 through 005 under Superintendent, Items 201 through 208 under Curriculum and Instruction, Items

301 through 309 under Fiscal Services, Items 401 through 417 under Human Resources, and Item 501 under Student Services be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 4 (Absent – Baugh)

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by John Bailey that Action Agenda Item 026 under Superintendent, Items 325 through 326 under Fiscal Services, Item 425 under Human Resources, and Items 525 through 533 under Student Services be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 4 (Absent – Baugh)

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN - 0

Action Item - 025 - 2002 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Elections, was pulled for a separate vote. It was motioned by John Bailey and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that the Board vote for Gary E. Baugh, Moreno Valley Unified School District; Virniecia Davis, Perris Elementary School District; Bruce Dennis, Nuview Union School District; and Stewart Morris, Jr., Temecula Valley Unified School District as the 2002 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly members.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

275 First Reading – Board Policy – 6141.32 – English Language Learners

Dr. Chandler stated that this is a new Board policy which addresses new state law. Staff was directed to bring this item back for action on the March 26 agenda.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEM

None

BOARD DISCUSSION

Tracey Vackar brought forward the following items:

- She had the opportunity to visit Canyon Springs Renaissance and academy programs last week.
- She has received numerous communications from staff, parents, and students on her District e-mail address. She suggested that other Board members may be interested in obtaining a District e-mail address.

John Bailey brought forward the following items:

- He stated that there is no agenda to dismantle the March Mountain campus. This school is needed for at-risk students. He indicated that the staffing adjustments being made will be more equitable to staffing ratio formulas. He supports the various programs at March Mountain.

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- Board Member Bailey told Mr. James that he is welcome to attend and speak at any Board meeting. Mr. James has a professional demeanor.

Gary Baugh was absent.

Jackie Ashe brought forward the following items:

- She would be interested in obtaining a District e-mail address.

- She believes the cuts being made at March Mountain will affect the programs.
- She has a concern about the Sunnymeade Middle School situation. She does not want Board meetings to be used as an arena to share problems. The staff needs to deal with this issue.

Rick Sayre brought forward the following items:

- Tonight, the Board made a strong appointment by approving Kim Kruger as principal at Valley View.
- He has a concern about the Sunnymeade Middle School situation. This is a complex problem. He suggested that all the players meet with a mediation group to work out the issues.
- The Board is not singling out any school. March Mountain High School is very important and meets the needs of students by offering various programs. This decision has been a difficult one, but it is necessary to get the District back on line.

Norman Chaffin had no items.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

VOTE:                    AYE – 4 (Absent – Baugh)                    NAY - 0                    ABSTAIN – 0

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