

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DECEMBER 10, 2002

The minutes of the Organizational/Regular Meeting of December 10, 2002, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 2003. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Organizational/Regular Meeting of December 10, 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 at 5:08 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Special Education Private School Placement Cases, Hearing Officer Recommendations, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Conference with CSEA, MVEA, and AMVMP Labor Negotiator, and Personnel Complaints.

Members Present

Rick Sayre, President
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Vice President
Tracey B. Vackar, Clerk
John Bailey, Member
Jesus Holguin, Member

Administration

Nick Ferguson

OATH OF OFFICE: Reelected Board Members Jacqueline L. Ashe and Tracey B. Vackar, and newly elected Board Member Jesus Holguin were officially sworn by the Superintendent.

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present – Bailey Present - Holguin Present – Sayre Present – Vackar
Student Board Rep – Ardalan Azhad

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

The Board of Education concurred with staff recommendations on Special Education Private School Placement Cases and Hearing Officer Recommendations. There was no reportable action on Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Conference with CSEA, MVEA, and AMVMP Labor Negotiator.

OATH OF OFFICE: The newly elected Board members were ceremoniously sworn in as follows: Jacqueline L. Ashe was sworn in by Zenia Lowe, CSEA President and Katherine Underwood, MVEA President. Tracey B. Vackar was sworn in by her son, Ron Vackar. Jesus Holguin was sworn in by the Superintendent, Nicolas Ferguson.

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Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Joe Palomino, Director, Secondary Education
 Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
 Dan Reed, Director, Accountability, Assessment and Training
 Lasandra Josephson, Director, Classified Employee Services
 Willie Hasson, Director, Certificated Employee Services
 Donna Farrell, Coordinator, Accountability and Assessment
 Carol Allbaugh, Coordinator, Career Development
 Evangelina Mirande, Coordinator, Categorical Programs
 Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
 Tammy Guzzetta, Principal, Canyon Springs
 Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
 Georgia Hampton, Principal, Midland
 Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Becky Shreiner	Zenia Lowe	Albert James
Katherine Underwood	Ann Adler	Donna Saldin
Alma Martinez	Emil Dragovich	Ardalan Azad
Nickie Landerose	Andrea Stump	Kristin Stump
Tracey Stump	Marciela Hinds	Beverly Lopez
Marshall Scott	Alma Martinez	Tim Whitton
Juanita Quiroz	Harold Accord	

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Superintendent, Dr. Ferguson.

INVOCATION: Board Member Jacqueline L. Ashe asked the audience to observe a moment of silence.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

December	10, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
January	20, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
February	11, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

None

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Board President Sayre opened the organizational meeting.

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Election of President

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by John Bailey that Tracey B. Vackar be nominated for Board President.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Tracey B. Vackar was elected President of the Board of Education and assumed the duties of the Board President.

Election of Vice President

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded Rick Sayre that Jacqueline L. Ashe be nominated for Vice President of the Board of Education.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Jacqueline L. Ashe was elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Election of Clerk

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Rick Sayre that Jesus M. Holguin be nominated for Clerk of the Board of Education.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Jesus M. Holguin was elected Clerk of the Board of Education.

Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that Rick Sayre be nominated as delegate to the annual meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre that John Bailey be nominated as alternate delegate to the annual meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Rick Sayre was elected delegate and John Bailey was elected alternate delegate to the County Committee on School District Organization.

2003 Proposed Board Meeting Dates

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that the 2003 Proposed Board Meeting Dates be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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ELECTION OF DAY AND TIME OF MEETINGS

The calendar of Board Meetings for 2003 is as follows:

January	21, 2003*	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
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February	11, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
	25, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
March	11, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
	25, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
April	15, 2003*	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
May	13, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
	27, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
June	10, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
	24, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
July	15, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
August	19, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
September	9, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
	23, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
October	14, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
	28, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
November	18, 2003	7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
December	9, 2003	7 p.m.	Organizational/Regular Meeting

Closed Sessions begin at 5:00 p.m. on Regular Meeting dates.

*Date changes because of holidays or graduation

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Policies, Regulations, Practices, and Resolutions of the District

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Jesus M. Holguin that the Organization of the Board of Education; the selection of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the annual meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization; 2003 Proposed Board Meeting Dates; and Policies, Regulations, Practices, and Resolutions 6.1 through 6.27 be approved as presented.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following student Board representatives gave their school reports: Ardalan Azhad, Valley View, reported that the canned food drive was a success with the winning class donating over 300 ounces of food; Valley View turned in more canned foods than any other high school; ASB has decorated the site for the holidays; on December 13 the winter sports assembly is scheduled which will recognize boys' and girls' basketball and soccer teams, and the wrestling teams; ASB has implemented various activities during lunch to promote school spirit. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Alma Martinez, March Valley, reported that the job skills class and mixed media is participating in making crafts for the Olive Grove Convalescent Hospital, the canned food drive, and the Angel Tree Project.

Andrea Stump, Moreno Valley, reported that ASB and Renaissance will be decorating for the holiday and the decorations will be donated to the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital; students have participated in the canned food drive; this week has been spirit week; ASB is planning the midwinter formal dance for January 24 with a theme of At the Stroke of Midnight (Cinderella); ASB is featuring a clothing line for items to purchase; various clubs are assisting in keeping the campus clean; Renaissance is encouraging attendance by offering free pizzas; Friday Night Live is sponsoring a toy drive; several clubs are working with the Optimist Club on the Angel Tree Project and Rose Parade floats; and the basketball and soccer teams are off to a great start.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Two citizens asked whether the three sports (boys' and girls' water polo, tennis, and golf) would be reinstated in the 2003-04 school year or not.

Dr. Ferguson stated that a meeting has been scheduled for December 16 for the high school principals and athletic directors to address this issue. This will take a little bit of time, but parents will be kept informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Katherine Underwood, president of Moreno Valley Educators Association (MVEA), spoke about and the state budget and proposed cuts, which would impact the educational community. She asked everyone to work together to focus on the common interests – the students. MVEA is opposed to any across-the-board cuts in educational funding. Any cuts in education should be targeted as far away from the classroom as possible. MVEA looks forward to working with the Cabinet members and the Joint Fiscal Management Committee during this process. Students are a priority, and those who work directly with the students should be also be a priority. She urged everyone to take a proactive position by writing letters to legislators. She has sample letters available for those who are interested.

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Christine Little, chair of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), gave an update on the activities of the committee. She commended Claudia Gray and Ann Vessey for their assistance with the holiday party planned for December 11. This activity is sponsored by a support group HOPE (Help our People Excel) and CAC. There are over 200 people scheduled to attend. Many donations have been received for this activity by local businesses. On January 8, No Child Left Behind will be discussed. She indicated that a special education calendar is on the web site – www.groups.yahoo.com/moreno.

Louise Palomarez, community member, shared a concern about the conflict in the Board's meeting schedule and the City Council's meeting schedule. She suggested that the Board change its meeting dates to be opposite the City Council's. She also shared a concern about the budget cuts.

Other components of NCLB include additional staff development to train principals and teachers, use of technology to increase student achievement, and funding for innovative education programs. There was some Board discussion and further clarification was made on various issues.

276 Community Service

Joseph Palomino, Secondary Education Director; Donna Farrell, Accountability and Assessment Coordinator; Carol Allbaugh, Career Development Coordinator; and Tammy Guzzetta, Canyon Springs Principal, presented information on having community service as a high school graduation requirement as requested by the Board. A survey showed that currently over 56 percent of high school students are participating in some kind of community service through extracurricular activities, classes, and academies, which meet the requirements of community service.

There was discussion on the three different options regarding community service continuing with the current practice in which students volunteer community service through classes in their school, school or community organizations, or family or church groups; placing an acknowledgement for community service on students' high school transcripts, which would require monitoring and placement of seals; or mandating a community service requirement for graduation, which would require a high level of monitoring, staffing, and funding.

The High School Graduation Committee identified a number of concerns about mandating community service as a graduation requirement and did not recommend such a mandate at this time. Staff was requested to bring back more specific data regarding the monitoring and tracking of students' volunteer activities.

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BUSINESS SERVICES

375 First Interim Financial Report

Robert Crank, Fiscal Services Assistant Superintendent, and Estuardo Santillian, Business Manager, presented information on the First Interim Financial Report. The report shows the best estimate and projections of how much income will be received in the current year, and how much will be spent during the year as of June 30, 2003. It is not known how the state budget will affect the District's budget. This report is based upon current information the District has. At present the District shows a 2.17 percent reserve. There was some Board discussion and clarification of questions.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by John Bailey that the Board approve the First Interim Financial Report as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

None

The following items were brought forward:

John Bailey

- Board members take personal attacks at meetings by the public. It is the right to free speech, whether the information is correct or not. When he came on the Board, he underestimated the depth of the financial crisis and lack of leadership. He feels the Board has brought in new leadership. It was difficult to make those changes in addition to cutting the budget. In order to make progress there has to be open and honest communications. There will be additional budget cuts in the future. Everyone needs to work together to get through this difficult time.

Jesus Holquin

- He thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to serve the District as a Board member.
- He attended the CSBA conference last week. It was an educational opportunity to look at education from a Board member's point of view. This will assist him in his duties as a Board member. He feels he will be able to pay back to the community by being a Board member. Everyone needs to work together and be proactive – community, staff, parents, and the Board.
- He is planning on attending the winter celebration sponsored by the District Learners Advisor Committee (DLAC) on December 11 at Vista del Lago High School from 6 to 8 p.m.

Jackie Ashe

- She attended the Fair Employment Practices Committee meeting last week. As things develop, she will bring information to the Board.
- She visited March Mountain High School.
- She asked the Board to thank Rick for a job well done as Board President for the past two years.

Rick Sayre

- He congratulated Tracey on being elected the Board President. He thanked the Board for the work done last year. He looks forward to the next year. With everyone's guidance and leadership, there are solutions. He feels that the community has demonstrated that problems can be tackled and solved in a positive manner.
- He thanked staff who attend the Board meetings regularly for their support.

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Tracey Vackar

- This has been an interesting year since being reelected to the Board. She thanked everyone for their time to education her on changes that have happened while she was not on the Board. She is thankful that everyone has worked well together as a team. She feels the District has a good leadership team.

Nick Ferguson

- At the last Board meeting, he shared information regarding the state budget. The state has overappropriated \$1.9 billion to education in the current fiscal year. This would calculate to approximately \$350 per student or \$12 million for this District. Since then, there have been many contacts made by various organizations to get the message to the legislators that these proposed reductions are not doable.

This proposal has been adjusted to \$300 per student, which would result in \$10 million cuts for the District. Although this is a proposal, these cuts appear to be highly likely. This is the worst budget condition he has seen in his 30 plus years in education. He feels the District will be able to work through this. He looks forward to working with the associations, leadership team, and the Board to come to resolutions.

- He attended the CSBA conference with Board Member Holguin. It was a good conference in spite of the bad news. He learned that Mr. Holguin is a hard worker and has integrity.
- He wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

VOTE: AYE – 5

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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