

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

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MARCH 9, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Session of March 9, 2010, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2010. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Session of March 9, 2010.

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Board Deliberation Regarding Student Discipline Cases, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/ Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and Personnel Complaints.

PUBLIC
COMMENTS
ON CLOSED
SESSION:

There were no public comments on the closed session agenda.

The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

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 Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

In Closed Session, by a vote of 3 to 2, Board members Victoria Baca and Jacqueline L. Ashe dissenting, the Board of Education approved Certificated Managerial Personnel Release and Reassignment for the 2010-2011 school year as outlined below:

Employee No.
148887

Reassignment
Assistant Principal 9-12

Effective Date
07/01/2010

There was no other reportable action taken by the Board of Education during Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: Aye – Ashe Aye – Baca Aye - Holguin Aye – Sayre Aye – Vackar

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
Kim Kruger, Director, Secondary Education
Josie Ripoly, Director, Purchasing
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment
Peggy Reed, Director, SELPA
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems
Dolores Vasquez, Principal, Honey Hollow
Kristen Hunter, Principal, Valley View
Laura Strachan, Principal, March Mountain/March Valley
Robert Byers, Principal, Bayside/Charter
Betsy Sample, Director, ELL Programs
Gil Ocegüera, Principal, Vista del Lago
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Moreno Valley HS
Jennifer Castillo, Assistant Principal, Valley View HS
Patricia Diener, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Janet MacMillan	Ann Adler	Lorri-Limoges-Kerns
Eudora Mitchell	Socorro Gonzalez	Rury Ruelas
Crystal Gastelum	Rachelle Lao	Mila Gurutg
Ann Viraz	Karol Miller	Beatriz Gaeta
Connie Pruet	Bertha Thigper	Beth Colner
Yolanda Mount	Patrick Mueller	Daisy Mango
Marcia Matus	Darcel Cannedy Jameson	Barbara Rivera
Edward Aceves	Karen Benites	Martha Paige
Braulio R.	Francisco Garcia	Jadarva Jempson
Leonor Espinosa	Imelda Ascencio	Margarita Barrera
Maria Corona	Mariela Damian	Michelle Dotlener
Kirsten Marsh	Jeff Barba	Bernice Gomez
Kameron Smith	Cecilia Fernandez	Audral Castillo
Lucia Vega	Janet Ruffin	Carmen Jimenez
Ruth Zee	Steven Figueroa	Veronica Ramos
Luz Mocete	Alma Rosales	Enrique Rosales
Maria Rosales	Margarita Sanchez	Katherine Unerwood
Josue Sanchez	Crystal Mejia	Monica Molina
Katie Wendre	Ana Escalante	Matilde Suarez
Felicita Madrigal	Jaime Zarate	Roberto Gomez

Visitors – Cont'd

Jaimito Torres	Marisol Magaña	Fransha Hopson II
Mario Estrada	Maria Sanchez	Francisco Mandos
Pedro Genacio	Jose Paredes	Gerardo Curiel
Berto Gutierrez	Aldo Torres	Maria Velasco
Otilio Torres	Gabriel Gonzalez	Maria Mireles
Rocio Edeza	Carlos Tovar	Diana Gonzales
Mariyad Bulla	Miriam Fuentes	Silvia Aleman
Maura Garcia	Laura Beltran	Lidia Caliente
Maria Mendoza	Samas Phanthong	Singkham Sarasri
Jose Morales	Amalia German	Maria Gutierrez
Maria del Carmen	Jaime Rendon	Ruth Martinez
Carlos Gutierrez	Dora Andrade	Claudia Bolaños
Noemi Contreras	Jorge Negrete	Viridiana Cardenas
Jose Luis Zapata	Josefina Mares	Marta Canales
Alexander Rodrigues	Luz Delgado	Azucena Camacho
Angel Ruiz	Juan Castanedes	Jian Hao Zhang
Gilberto Torres	Mayela Hurtado	Guido Maria del Carmen
Lisa Zaffiro	Maritza Cardona	Veronica Gil
Pearl Puentes	Cecilia Arellano	Rene Orellana
Pedro Escobar	Maria Gonzalez	Esther Almarez
Lucia Ruiz	Karina Cervantes	Tracey Dorsey
Maria Bañar	Cathy Fulgenzi	Pat Fulgenzi
Maric Mendieta	Astrea Escobar	Adriana Hernandez
Bertha Arais	Harold Acord	Patricia Gomez
Yesenia Serrano	Beverly Scott	Barry Barrajas
Maria Tayugo	Luz Maria Zambrano	Araceli Cervantes
Maria Arciniega	Judid Camarriga	Lucia Habi
Jennifer Lucha	Ascencion Rivas	Victoria Udeh
Arceliz Maydalena	Jose Navarro	Hector Hugonuño
Lestro Sandino	Adriana Romero	Rumalda Pacheco
Ricardo Serio	Victor Ahumada	Alberto Lucatezo
Humberto Velasco	Jose Castellon	Leticia Alvarado
Roberto Beltran	Alvaro Robles	Graciela Salinas
Maria Herrera	Sandra Drummand	Arturo Quiñones
Rosa Maria Mesa	Armando Meza	Omar Tinoco
Greg Morton	Debra Craig	Bell Corea
Jelin Herrera	Aynad Abuni	Jacqueline Heredra
Karla Michel	Adrian Rancudo	Nuam Rivera
Rodolfo Gutierrez	Sam Yu	Maria Barajas
Valeria Perkins	Norman Russell	Kelly Smith
Maria Martinez	Dolores Gutierrez	Sara Juarez
Laura Del Hoyo	Kathy Grey	Franco Rodriguez
Felipe Soto	Carmen Rodriguez	Ruth LaForce
David Espinosa	Doreen Rules	Diana Gaspar
Maria Salvador Hernandez	Nubia Ordoñez	Luz Veronica
Margarita Ramirez	Pablo Ortega	Ana Quintero

Visitors – Cont'd

Guillermina Pichardo Brian Diaz

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by La Jolla Elementary School Choir.

INSPIRATION: The Inspiration was given by La Jolla Elementary School Choir.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

March 16, 2010	5:30 p.m.	Study Session Topic: Student Discipline Issues	Board Room
April 6, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Special Board Meeting	Board Room
April 13, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
April 20, 2010	5:30 p.m.	Study Session Topic: AVID	Board Room
April 27, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2009-10-47 – Cesar E. Chavez Day, March 31 – Betsy Sample, Director English Language Learner's Program accepted this Resolution.

Cesar E. Chavez spent his lifetime forging a legacy of service, conviction and principal leadership that served as a beacon for Americans. The Moreno Valley Unified School District supports and encourages its District schools to observe Cedar E. Chavez Day by participating in appropriate activities utilizing available curriculum and speakers that teach about contributions he made to this country and its entire people.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Victoria Baca to adopt Resolution No. 2009-10-47 Cesar E. Chavez Day, March 31, as presented.

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN - 0

Resolution No. 2009-10-48 – National Child Abuse Prevention Month – April - Patty Rucker, Coordinator, Student Services accepted this Resolution.

In recognition of the District's responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for children, the Moreno Valley Unified School District supports and encourages District and community activities in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre to adopt Resolution No. 2009-10-48 National Child Abuse Prevention Month of April, as presented.

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN - 0

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following are the responses to the Public Comments which were made at the March 2, 2010 Special Session of the Board of Education.

The President of the Moreno Valley Educators Association spoke to the Association's concerns regarding the resolutions for the certificated reduction in force and a middle school counselor spoke to the importance of the counselors in supporting our students. The District recognizes the role and contributions of all its' employees which is why it has and will continue to work toward making recommendations which will have a minimal impact upon employees and students as the 2010 – 2011 budget deficit of 16 million dollars is addressed.

Fourteen speakers expressed their support for the Adult School Program. Staff has made a recommendation regarding the amount of funding which is needed in order to maintain the same level of service which has been offered during the 2009-2010 school year. A staff presentation related to the funding needed will be made during the Discussion/Action portion of the agenda.

There were no comments on non-agenda items at the March 2, 2010 Special Session of the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (19 Speakers)

There were twelve speakers who spoke against cutting the Adult School Program; they expressed how much the Adult Education Program has helped them to become better parents and citizens; some obtained their GED, others learned to speak and understand English, therefore, able to help their children with their homework.

There were seven speakers who spoke on the budget and asked the Board to keep the cuts out of the classrooms and to look at the administration in the district office instead.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (7 speakers)

A community member spoke on the importance of participating in the census.

A student advocate spoke on Special Education and suggested that the Board conduct an audit in the Special Education Services; he felt that the district was spending too much money on attorney fees for Special Education.

A Canyon Springs High School parent spoke about the defective floor at the high school gym; she has sent emails to Risk Management but it hasn't been addressed as of yet; apparently the floor was damaged back in January.

The President of the Booster Club at Box Springs Elementary School spoke about an article in which the Press Enterprise alleges that inappropriate items were being sold during the book sale. The Booster Club President provided the Board with letters of parents who purchased books during the book sale stating that there were no inappropriate books sold.

The President of the Parent Association spoke about High School No. 5 and asked the Board to consider all the options before building this new high school (transportation and the safety of the students).

As a result Superintendent Lagrosa presented the following information:

Fiscal Year 2010-11 Projected Deficit is \$16,000,000.00

CAMM Agreements:

- ✓ Reduce Routine Maintenance contribution 3% to 2.5% = \$1,223,000.00
 - ✓ Sweep Deferred Maintenance Prior Year End Fund Balance = \$778,000.00
 - ✓ Reorganize Summer School – High School Combine to two sites = \$700,000.00
- TOTAL CAMM Agreements \$2,701,000.00
Deficit Remaining \$13,299,000.00

Budget Recommendations

Reduce District office budgets – 8% excludes school sites = \$1,000,000.00 in savings
District Office Personnel Reductions, 6 management and 14 classified = \$1,245,000.00 in savings
Class Size Reduction – increase class size in Grades 1 -3 from 22:1 to 30:1 and 111 positions = \$5,580,000.00 in savings
TOTAL is \$7,825,000 in savings
Deficit Remaining = \$8,175,000.00

School Site Personnel Reductions

Certificated – General Fund
Deans – High School (5 positions) = \$650,000.00 in savings
Assistant Principals – Middle School (3 positions) = \$367,500.00 in savings
Counselor – High School (4 positions) = \$272,000.00 in savings
TOTAL: \$1,289,500.00 in savings
Deficit Remaining \$6,885,500.00

Remaining Deficit = \$6,885,500.00

Tier III Instructional Package (implementation of cost for Educational Services Plan) = (\$3,248,000.00)
Deficit Remaining = \$10,133,500.00

Additional Ideas (**Requires Negotiations)

General Education Transportation (increase walking distance) - \$1,200.00
**Increase Class Size – High School (+2 students) = \$1,600,000.00
**SERP (95 teachers retiring) - \$760,000.00
**Furlough Days – all employees = \$1,000,000.00 per each day
**Salary Reduction – all employees = \$2,000,000.00 per each 1%
**Freeze Step & Column = \$3,051,412.00
(Certificated - \$2,235,766.00)
(Classified - \$721,485.00)
(Management - \$94,161.00)

There was extensive Board discussion, clarification of each item, and concerns expressed regarding the proposed cuts on the 2010-2011 budget deficit. There was suggestion of increasing class size at high school level; encouraging employees to take the SERP; reduce district office budgets at 10% instead of the suggested 8% and to continue the discussion with the Associations to ensure that we can come up with a solution in order to rescind most if not all positions. This is a catastrophic problem created at the statewide level. Other agencies are doing the same thing, a Board member commented, and against popular belief,

our administration is not sitting fat. Overall, across the board, this district is doing well compared to other districts our size. Several Board members thanked the public speakers for coming and expressed how difficult it is for the Board to make these hard decisions. The Board President thanked the audience for their patience and diligence and for the input of the ideas at the budget meetings; he also thanked the Associations for their input and collaboration. He commented, that the Board was not here to eliminate people's job, but action needs to be taken when the budget is this harsh.

Educational Services

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

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Victoria Baca to bring back at a different board meeting the Expenditures for the Implementation of the Revised Educational Plan, Utilizing Tier III funding.

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN - 0

Human Resources

- Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-43 Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees – Particular Kinds of Services.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-43 Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees – Particular Kinds of Services, as presented.

VOTE: AYES – 4 NAYS – 1 (Ashe) ABSTAIN - 0

- Approval of Resolution No. 2009-10-44 Release and Reassignment of Administrative Certificated Employees.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Victoria Baca to approve Resolution No. 2009-10-44 Release and Reassignment of Administrative Certificated Employees, as presented.

VOTE: AYES – 4 NAYS – 1 (Ashe) ABSTAIN - 0

Business Services

- Second Interim Financial Report was presented by Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager

Board Member Ashe asked if we could end the meeting at 10:30 p.m. to adhere to the board policy.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey Vackar to disregard this policy and extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes in order to continue with the Second Interim Financial Report.

VOTE: AYES –4

NAYS – 1 (Ashe)

ABSTAIN - 0

Board Member Jacqueline L. Ashe left the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tracey Vackar

None at this time.

Victoria Baca

She stated that she was fine with the Second Interim Report as long as the budget was qualified.

Rick Sayre

He requested that Superintendent Lagrosa see what steps could be taken in order to help the budget deficit; and requested for another presentation in three months.

Jackie Ashe

Not present.

Jesus M. Holquin

Thanked Mr. Santillan for the report.

Rowena T. Lagrosa

Thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the regular meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

The Board President asked the Board if they could meet in Closed Session.

The Board of Education reconvened into Open Session at 11:16 p.m.

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

There was no reportable action taken by the Board of Education during Closed Session. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.