

Moreno Valley USD Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

March 14, 2017 5:00 PM
Closed Session: 5:00 p.m.
Open Session: 7:00 p.m.
Board Room
25634 Alessandro Blvd. Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present:

Mr. Gary Baugh
Mrs. Tina Daigneault
Ms. Diane Hellerstedt
Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Dr. Martinrex Kedziora
Mrs. Maribel Mattox
Mr. Evan Morgan
Mrs. Susan Smith
Dr. Robert Verdi

Absent:

Mr. Jesus Holguin

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Jesus Holguin was updated to present at: 5:15 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

The minutes of the Regular Session of March 14, 2017 are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of May 9, 2017. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the board of Education at its Regular Session meeting of March 14, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

A.1. Roll Call

Minutes:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cleveland Johnson, President
Gary E. Baugh, Ed.S., Vice-President
Susan J. Smith, Clerk
Evan Morgan, Member

Diane Hellerstedt, Administrative Assistant, Board of Education

Jesus M. Holguin, was absent from Roll Call. He joined during Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, Superintendent
Maribel Mattox, Chief Academic Officer

Tina Daigneault, Chief Business Official
Dr. Robert Verdi, Chief Human Resources Officer

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

C. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

C.1. Board Deliberation Regarding Student Discipline Cases Pursuant to Education Code 48912 & 48918 - Student Disciplinary Actions

C.2. Public Employee Employment/Appointment Pursuant to Government Code 54957

C.3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects Pursuant to Government Code 54957

C.4. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

C.5. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

C.6. Settlement of Claims Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(b)(1)

D. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Minutes:

The Board of Education reconvened into Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

D.1. Roll Call

Minutes:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cleveland Johnson, President
Gary E. Baugh, Ed.S., Vice-President
Susan J. Smith, Clerk
Jesus M. Holguin, Member
Evan Morgan, Member

Diane Hellerstedt, Administrative Assistant, Board of Education

CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, Superintendent
Maribel Mattox, Chief Academic Officer
Tina Daigneault, Chief Business Official
Dr. Robert Verdi, Chief Human Resources Officer

D.2. Report Out of Closed Session

Motion Passed: Under Settlement of Claims Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (b)(1), approve the denial of Claim No. 535538. Passed with a motion by Mr. Evan Morgan and a second by Mrs. Susan Smith.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Minutes:

President Johnson reported that discussion was held and direction given to staff on Closed Session items - Student Discipline Cases - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with Labor Negotiator; Conference with Real Property Negotiator; and Settlement of Claims.

Report Out - Public Employee Employment/Appointment

President Johnson announced the following managerial appointment to be included in Human Resources Consent Agenda:

- Phillip Peoples, Assistant Principal, Canyon Springs High School

E. OPEN SESSION

E.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stefanie Forcina, Student Board Representative from Canyon Springs. She shared a quote from Winston Churchill regarding the importance of continued effort.

E.2. Dates of Future Board Meetings

Minutes:

Upcoming Board Meeting dates were shared as follows:

- April 11, 2017 - Regular Meeting
- April 25, 2017 - Study Session
- May 9, 2017 - Regular Meeting
- May 16, 2017 - Awards and Recognition Meeting
- May 23, 2017 - Regular Meeting

E.3. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Dr. Kedziora shared the enrollment figure as of March 10, 2017 as 33,504, indicating a loss of 55 students since the last meeting. A report was given on the Mid-Year Leadership Summit, including collaboration with the employee associations. CDE's new evaluation system, the California School Dashboard, was explained, including the letter that was sent to parents/guardians explaining the new system. For the California Standards Update, a video was shared about Read Across America Week and the District's 5th Annual Reading Festival; and information was shared on the implementation and success of FEV Virtual tutoring program at all middle schools.

Events happening in the District include Odyssey of the Mind Tournament; Professional Development with a Math Focus; MRWC Training and the Erin Gruwell Assembly at Sunnymead Middle School. Dr. Kedziora also shared an update regarding the i3 Grants with an increase of 64% since the start of the program. Announcements were shared regarding Middle School Speech Meet and County History Day.

The Facilities Update including information on projects in the District Office Board Room; ERP projects at Butterfield, ERP and Bond projects at Edgemont and ERP and Bond projects at Moreno Valley High School.

As a recognition of Living Legends in the Community and in honor of National Women in History Month, Dr. Kedziora recognized Tina Daigneault, Chief Business Official; Maribel Mattox, Chief Academic Officer; and Susan Smith, Board of Education Clerk.

E.4. School Reports

Minutes:

Canyon Springs Student Board Representative, Stefanie Forcina, called upon the high school representatives to provide their reports of activities as their respective school campuses.

E.5. Recognitions/Communications/Events

E.5.a. Resolution No. 2016-17-57 Cesar E. Chavez Day, March 31, 2017

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 2016-17-57 Cesar E. Chavez Day, March 31, 2017. Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mr. Gary Baugh.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Minutes:

The Board of Education of the Moreno Valley Unified School District acknowledges March 31 as a day to celebrate the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez and proclaims that all Moreno Valley Unified School District schools in observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day will participate in appropriate activities utilizing available curriculum and speakers that teach about contributions he made to this country and to all of its people.

Mario Perez, Principal, Armada Elementary School, accepted Resolution No. 2016-17-57 Cesar E. Chavez Day.

E.5.b. Resolution No. 2016-17-58: National Child Abuse Prevention Month - April

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 2016-17-58 National Child Abuse Prevention Month- April. Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mrs. Susan Smith.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh

- Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
- Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
- Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
- Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Minutes:

The Moreno Valley Unified School District Board of Education designates the month of April as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, and encourages the community to share the responsibility of helping all children to have positive, meaningful life experiences so they may grow to their full potential free from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

Rafael Garcia, Coordinator, Student Services, accepted the Resolution.

E.5.c. Resolution No. 2016-17-59: Adult Education Week - April 2-8, 2017

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 2016-17-59 Adult Education Week - April 2-8, 2017, as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Gary Baugh and a second by Mrs. Susan Smith.

- Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
- Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
- Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
- Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
- Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Minutes:

The Board of Education of Moreno Valley Unified School District proclaims April 2-8, 2017 as "ADULT EDUCATION WEEK" in the city of Moreno Valley, California. We salute the administration, teachers, and students of the Moreno Valley Unified School District Community Adult School and honor their efforts and accomplishments during this week.

Elsa Magaña, Assistant Principal, Adult Education, accepted the resolution.

E.5.d. Recognitions

Minutes:

Maribel Mattox, Chief Academic Officer, led the recognition portion of the meeting, calling up the recipients and their families, along with the associated school site staff to be recognized by the Board.

Riverside County Mock Trial Team Competition

- *Valley View High School Mock Trial Team competed through 4 rounds of competition to reach the final "elite eight" in the County*

Positive Coaching Alliance

- *The Moreno Valley High School Cheerleading Coach was recognized as National Finalist*

National Date Festival/Riverside County Fair Art Exhibit and Competition

- *22 Valley View students and 39 Canyon Springs High School students recognized for their artwork*

Riverside County California Art Education Association Youth Art Month Contest

- 3 Vista Heights Middle School students recognized for awards in the Digital Art category

MVUSD Middle School Speech Meet

- 12 students recognized for 1st through 3rd place awards in 4 speech categories - Informative, Storytelling, Current Events, and "My Hero"

Wrestling Team Recognitions

- Canyon Springs Boys' Wrestling Team recognized for winning their 8th consecutive undefeated league title (Inland Valley League, as well as individual accomplishments at the State level)
- 7 Moreno Valley High School students from the Boy's Wrestling team were recognized for individual accomplishments in CIF competition
- 2 Moreno Valley High School students from the Girls' Wrestling team were recognized for individual accomplishments in CIF competition

Friends of Forensics Speech Tournament

- 3 Canyon Springs students and 2 Valley View students were recognized for awards in the categories of Persuasive, Interpretation and Impromptu speeches, as well as awards for Debate teams

Concordia University Irvine - Distinguished Alumni Award

- Dr. Susan Buster, Director of Professional Development and Digital Learning, was recognized as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award

E.6. Staff Responses to Public Comments Made at Previous Meetings

Minutes:

Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, Superintendent, responded to previous public comments on two topics:

Regarding a question about Matching Funds:

State eligibility for new construction matching funds is based on enrollment, and eligibility for modernization projects is based on age of facility and enrollment.

Since we have had a significant decline in enrollment over the last 10 years, we have very limited "matching funds" available to us at the current time.

Regarding a question about a new pool for Moreno Valley High School:

A list of many projects in progress and planned for Moreno Valley High School was shared, as identified in the Facilities Master Plan. The pool is not part of the Facilities Master Plan. The Pool Mechanical Room is slated for an upgrade, but that is the only project currently identified related to the pool.

E.7. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Minutes:

Several parents from Ramona Elementary spoke in support of Ms. Jarman, a teacher

there. One has a son who is autistic and feels that this teacher is a voice for him. Her son started at Rainbow Springs and now is at Ramona. He left a great team and he is not good with change. Ms. Jarman has helped him acclimate. Ms. Jarman is different than anyone she has met. She rewards for appropriate behaviors and succeeds in challenging situations. One of the parents presented letters of support for Ms. Jarman from other parents, and asked that the District please reconsider their decision. They stated they believe she is an incredible asset for our students.

President Johnson directed staff to meet with Ms. Jarman

E.8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Minutes:

A community member spoke about the focus of the school district stating that the quality of the city is determined by the achievement of students in the district, which he feels is not up to par. Even if we have World Logistics Center with jobs, our students will not be ready for those positions. He stated that they are severely lacking and have been for many years. He also mentioned High School No. 5 which he feels is out in the middle of nowhere with no infrastructure, and is worried about the rising costs. He questions the amount of Bond funding for the project. He believes the community has started a process to change the Board with the newly elected candidates not supported by status quo. He commented it is up to them to make the changes needed.

Another community member wants to focus attention on people sitting on the Board for 10 years or more, stating the Board needs to focus on the kids and not mismanage funds. He further stated the community continually asks for change, but nothing changes. He believes the graduation rates are up because we lowered standards, and in fact our students' achievement is down. He commented that he has asked that Jesus Holguin step down over and over again and that they will be serving recall papers at next meeting.

One community member stated that when coming to meetings, the same concerns are heard over and over again without resolution. She asked for information on what is being done to address the bullying issues. When parents come to ask about a teacher who touches children, the Board needs to listen. College finishing rates are also bad, even if grad rates are up. What is going on? All that is important is to make a difference in lives.

A teacher at Valley View High School, who is also an MVEA representative, grew up near Kennedy High School. He mentioned some other positive activities that were not mentioned during student reports. One is about a great drama teacher who has a proven track record of inspiring students and helping them in competitions. He also encouraged District participation in County History Day. Many MVUSD students were represented. We have great students and teachers who spend countless hours on behalf of kids. He has seen great strides in recent years, and is glad to see collaboration instead of contentiousness on the Board.

One MVUSD teacher was looking at Excellence on Purpose and considering how the District can carry it through. Feeder school students who have come to Canyon Springs are very enthusiastic about high school. She had an encounter with female students who were very polite, and stated, "I am polite on purpose." That is a great example of the message. We need to talk about manners; stop blaming and shouting.

She made compliments about Jesus Holguin saying she knows all the good he does and that he is a good father. She now sees more students in AP courses, and great strides in many areas. She does not like to hear people misstate the truth of performance of the District.

A parent shared information about the problem with the MVHS pool. Unfortunately, Dr. Kedziora said tonight there is no budget for the pool. We are going to continue to fight for this. This is not the teachers who are fighting, but the parents. I connected with the swim teacher and Mr. Morgan, and the principal would not allow me to speak to the teacher. It seems that different people are being treated like first and second class citizens, and it seems that one member of the Board was ignored. Last week California was 46th in science and 40 something in math. In 1988 California was in first place. A lot needs to be done. Special Education children are mistreated; many parents have come to board meetings and expressed their concerns nothing is done. I hope something will be done with the DELAC meetings. Some are not treated as first class citizens and are not allowed to speak - especially those who have different opinions on issues such as political, religions, and sexual Identity.

Another audience member spoke about how much they, the Board, want to help kids, but things get lost in the shuffle. Went to school in another district as a Special Education student. Stop the bickering about the Special Education students and get them the best help when they grow up. IEP certificate did not get me a job. I wish I could go back and get a better chance. All bickering needs to stop; don't let us stagnate. I support World Logistics Center for the opportunity. We need to help each other – we're all human beings working for the common good. The Press Enterprise slanders of our town; we should show good examples so kids can be proud.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approve the Educational Services Items, F.1.a - F.2.d, and the Business Services Items F.2.a. - F.2.s. within the Consent Agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mr. Evan Morgan.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Motion Passed: Approve Human Resources items in the Consent Agenda, amending to add name to Item F.3.a.1, and pulling Items F.3.a.2., F.3.b.9., and F.3.c.2.(line 4) Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mr. Evan Morgan.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Minutes:

Amendments to Human Resources Consent Agenda

Item F.3.a.1 – Approve Certificated Managerial Personnel Employment/Appointment for the 2016-17 School Year (Add Name)

Pull Item F.3.a.2. - Approve Classified Managerial Personnel

Pull Item F.3.b.9. - Non-Reelects

Pull Item F.3.c.2.(line 4) - Ratify Classified Personnel Promotion

F.1. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

F.1.a. Conference Attendance

F.1.b. Amendment of Approved Conference Attendance

F.1.c. Approved Overnight Field Trips

F.1.d. Ratified Approved Overnight Field Trip

F.2. BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

F.2.a. Purchase Order List No. 12

F.2.b. Contractual Agreements

F.2.c. Acceptance of Donations

F.2.d. Declaration of Surplus Property

F.2.e. Out of State Conference Attendance

F.2.f. Authorization to Request Proposals for Collection Services

F.2.g. Authorization to go to Bid for Site Preparation for One Relocatable Classroom - Armada Elementary School Head Start Program

F.2.h. Authorization to go to Bid for Grocery Products and Supplies

F.2.i. Authorization to go to Bid for Repurposing of the Central Registration Building due to the Facilities Department Relocation

F.2.j. Authorization to Piggyback from Fullerton Joint Union High School District's Bid for the Purchase of Frozen Foods with A&R Food Distributors

F.2.k. Award of Bid No. 16-17-22 - District-Wide Web Hosting Services

F.2.l. Award of Bid No. 16-17-23 Kitchen Equipment Repair and Maintenance - Cold Equipment

F.2.m. Renewal of Bid No. 15-16-25 - Arrow Restaurant Equipment and Supplies

F.2.n. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 15-16-37 Modular Kindergarten Building - Butterfield Elementary

F.2.o. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 15-16-38 Portable Classroom Replacement and Sitework - Butterfield Elementary

F.2.p. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 15-16-38 - Four (4) Portable Classrooms - Butterfield Elementary

F.2.q. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 15-16-55 Exterior Stair Repair - Canyon Springs High School

F.2.r. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 16-17-08 ADA Sitework, Concrete, Storm Drain and Restroom Upgrades - Butterfield Elementary

F.2.s. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 16-17-09 Asphalt, Concrete and Trench Work - Butterfield Elementary

F.3. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT ITEMS

F.3.a. Managerial Personnel Report

F.3.b. Certificated Personnel Report

F.3.c. Classified Personnel Report

G. ACTION ITEMS

G.1. Educational Services Action Items

G.1.a. Student Discipline Cases 525-536

Motion Passed: Approve actions on Student Disciplinary Cases as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mrs. Susan Smith.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

G.2. Business Services Action Items

G.2.a. Resolution No. 20016-17-62 - Board Member Absence, Gary E. Baugh

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 2016-17-62, as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mrs. Susan Smith.

Abstain Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

H.1. Business Services Discussion/Action Items

H.1.a. Second Interim Financial Report

Motion Passed: Approve the Second Interim Report. Passed with a motion by Mr. Jesus Holguin and a second by Mr. Gary Baugh.

Yes Mr. Gary Baugh
Yes Mr. Jesus Holguin
Yes Mr. Cleveland Johnson
Yes Mr. Evan Morgan
Yes Mrs. Susan Smith

Minutes:

Pursuant to Education Code Sections 42130 and 42131, no later than 45 days after the January 31 reporting period, the Governing Board shall certify, in writing, the District's ability to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. This certification is done through the interim reporting process. Interim Reports are approved by the Governing Board and then reviewed by the County Office of Education and the State Department of Education in accordance with the state adopted Criteria and Standards, which are contained within the report.

Second Interim Report

- Education Code requires each district to file Interim reports twice each fiscal year
 - First Interim as of October 31, due December 15
 - Second Interim as of January 31, due March 17
- The Reports give the District, County, State and other stakeholders a snapshot of the District's financial status
- The Reports project financial status through June 30

Components of the Interim Report include:

- Actual and projected financial and budget data
- Actual and projected cash flow
- Multi-Year projections
- Criteria and standards
- Certification

Governor's January Budget Proposals

Uncertain Federal Economy

Federal Rates Increasing
Increased Housing Prices
New Administration

Uncertain California Economy

Revenues Not Meeting Expected Targets
CalPERS reducing Investment Returns
Unfunded Liability Continues to Grow

Major Proposals

- \$744 Million for LCFF Gap Closure
 - Closes 23.67% of GAP (Remains at 96% Closed)
 - 1.48% COLA
- \$422.9 Million for Prop 39 – Clean Energy Jobs Act
- \$287 Million for Discretionary One Time
 - \$48 per ADA
- \$200 Million for Career Tech Ed Incentive Grant
- \$58.1 Million for Categorical Program COLA (1.48%)
 - \$28/\$56 per ADA

Another Deferral

Part of June Apportionment to be Paid in July

Major Assumptions

	2016-17 1 st Interim	2017-18 Projected 1.48	2018-19 Projected
COLA	0%	1.48%	0%
GAP Funding rate	54.84%	23.67%	0%
Total Enrollment	33,528	33,128	32,928
Total ADA	31,702.67	31,302.67	31,302.67
Unduplicated Pupil Count	83.604%	83.57%	83.57%
Step & Column		1.50%	1.50%
CalSTRS Employer Rate Increase due to change	12.58%	14.43% \$3,264,162	16.28% \$3,313,124
CalPERS Employer Rate Increase due to change	13.88%	15.80% \$1,809,013	18.70% \$1,836,148

Projected LCFF Funding - Summary

2015-16 LCFF	\$297,466,390
Base Increase	\$15,411,010
Supplemental Increase	\$2,369,004
<u>Concentration Increase</u>	<u>\$1,684,484</u>

TOTAL 2016-17 LCFF \$316,930,888
PROJECTED 2017-18 LCFF \$318,544,315

The history of Proposition 98 Funding was reviewed from 2008-09 to 2017-18, as well as the Department of Finance Forecast for Average Gap Closure Funding Per Pupil for 2016-17 to 2020-21. Per the 2017-18 Governor’s Budget Proposal, there is a significant drop in gap closure funding from \$516 per Pupil in 2016-17 to \$132 Per Pupil in 2017-18.

Current and Multi-Year Projections

<i>Combined General Fund</i>	2016-17 2 nd Interim	2017-18 Projected	2018-19 Projected
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	436,757,039	376,711,482	373,113,570
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	455,335,959	391,341,107	400,548,852
Net Increase (Decrease)	(18,578,919)	(14,629,625)	(27,435,282)
Beginning Fund Balance	99,114,891	72,344,601	57,714,976
Ending Fund Balance	80,535,972	57,714,976	30,279,695
Components of Ending Fund Balance			
Nonspendable - Revolving Cash	50,000	50,000	50,000
Step/Column	4,708,875	4,833,087	4,981,681
Vacation Payable	1,968,235	1,968,235	1,968,235
Textbooks	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Technology Lease	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
STRS Increase	3,215,923	3,264,162	3,313,124
PERS Increase	1,179,992	1,809,013	1,836,148
Reserve for Economic Uncertainties	9,106,719	7,928,144	8,129,045
Unassigned/Unappropriated	33,569,833	22,333,671	0

Current Year General Fund Revenues and Expenses

REVENUE:

LCFF Sources	316,544,734
Federal Revenue	26,657,565
State Revenue	82,214,206
Local Revenue	<u>5,530,590</u>
TOTAL	430,947,095

EXPENDITURES:

Certificated	169,816,436
Classified	60,410,581
Benefits	83,697,972
Supplies	44,902,479
Services	56,944,927
Capital Outlay	36,882,376
Other Outgo	2,134,895
Support Costs	<u>(705,446)</u>
TOTAL	454,084,220

Certification

Based on the current and multi-year projections, a Positive Certification is recommended.

H.2. Human Resources Discussion/Action Items

H.2.a. First Reading - Board Policy 1250 - Community Relations

Minutes:

To bring District policy in alignment with the Education Code, Board Policy 1250, Community Relations, is being revised.

This is the First Reading of the revised Board Policy, which will be brought

forward for Second Reading and approval at a future Board Meeting.

I. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

EVAN MORGAN

Mr. Morgan had no comments this evening.

JESUS HOLGUIN

Mr. Holguin congratulated award recipients for the evening and thanked staff and students for all the efforts that led to the awards. He thought the budget presentation was good and felt the conservative approach is appreciated. It is historical for this district is to work in collaboration with employee associations which keeps all stakeholders informed.

Mr. Holguin appreciated Elvira Zink, Mr. Condor, Greg Solomon for attending the Arts Conference. He mentioned the resolution the Board passed at their last meeting in support of the Arts. At the conference other districts will be asked to adopt the same resolution, but Moreno Valley was first.

National PTA visit to legislators this year included a meeting with Mark Takano and six other legislators. Message delivered is to continue full funding of IDEA – Special Education; do not support vouchers; continue ECE, continue funding parent resource centers. California gets \$1.5 M for those; protection of student rights. Mr. Holguin was happy to report that when MVUSD was mentioned, the name is well known. PTA engages parents and families; also advocate for funding. He stated he will share the documents he received with the other Board members. Grateful he can participate in this on behalf of Board and District, and honored to be able to represent on that level. CA Legislative Day in Sacramento is similar to PTA Legislative Day.

He ended with reviewing upcoming events including Speech, History Day and Women of Distinction.

SUSAN SMITH

Mrs. Smith was impressed with MVHS and with AVID acceptances for students, even more for teachers and staff and offered congratulations to all of them. She enjoyed the Reading Festival at the TownGate Mall, where she saw so many students and parents enthusiastic about reading. It is the most important skill for students.

Mrs. Smith visited Moreno Valley High School and saw some of the projects going on. She agrees that the pool does need work, but understands the District doesn't have the funds right now. Maybe we could find a partnership to assist. She also attended the luncheon honoring the Most Improved students, and she appreciates that effort and recognition. Attended the Open House at Serrano and was impressed with classroom and student projects. Students making a business presentation using technology was great.

GARY BAUGH

Mr. Baugh attended the Student of the Lunch luncheon where he observed that not all the students are 4.0+ and some have other challenging situations. It

touched his heart to see success despite challenges. He commented on the CA Dashboard as a work in progress, but it is better than a single digit score to judge on. He defended the rise in graduation rates, stating it is NOT because we lowered standards, but because the District put things in place to address the problems. We are making progress and continuing Excellence on Purpose.

CLEVELAND JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson encouraged citizens to speak their mind, but does not like it when they make up facts. We provide brochures with accurate data. If you don't believe in what the District provides, then come to District and have staff prove it to you. Graduation rate is one example. College going rates and scholarships have increased. Offers are earned as it is hard just to get into school. Nick Araujo is another example - he wanted to go to Berkeley, and worked to get accepted. He did not have the greatest background; but loved his teachers and thrived. There is a good reason that we have two Schools to Watch.

Mr. Johnson thanked everyone who works in this district including the two bargaining unions. We can work together now to make things better..

Mr. Johnson ended with a quote from General Daniel Chappie James, USAF: "The power of excellence is overwhelming. It is always in demand, and nobody cares about its color."

DR. MARTINREX KEDZIORA

Dr. Kedziora asked that everyone check out the District's Walk of Champions. The legacy that the District has earned since 2011 is on display in the hallways of the District Office – over 25 awards are represented.

Dr. Kedziora announced that Spring Break will be beginning and students will be out for two weeks.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.