

Moreno Valley USD Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

May 23, 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 5:07 PM:

Present:

Mr. Gary Baugh

Mrs. Tina Daigneault

Ms. Diane Hellerstedt

Mr. Jesus Holguin

Mr. Cleveland Johnson

Dr. Martinrex Kedziora

Mrs. Maribel Mattox

Mrs. Susan Smith

Dr. Robert Verdi

Absent:

Mr. Evan Morgan

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Evan Morgan was updated to present at: 5:15 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

The minutes of the Regular Session of May 23, 2017 are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of July 18, 2017. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the board of Education at its Regular Session meeting of May 23, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

A.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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:

A community member spoke regarding C3-Labor Negotiations, stating he has offered several suggestions in the past, even though he was told during a recent Town Hall Facilities Meeting that he does not offer solutions. Regarding negotiations, he noted that he had suggested bidding out some Classified services to determine if there would be cost savings. He also suggested more employee contribution to pensions, in light of statistics indicating a potential crash of the system statewide, with reports indicating 28% of school budgets will consist of pensions by 2021. He believes instead of negotiations being done in closed session and private that all possible should be presented in public and subject to debate. He also stated that he speaks for himself and no one controls him.

The same community member also spoke regarding Item C\$ Property Negotiations. He questioned the APN number listed in the agenda, and whether it is regarding the Canyon Springs stadium. He stated he does not think the District is being very transparent as a public agency and that the public has the right to know what our taxes are funding. He said there are many concerned that questions asked are not being addressed, the time frame to provide input is inadequate. He hopes to rebuild trust with more cooperation between the District, the City and the community.

The CSEA President spoke about an employee matter that will be considered in Closed Session, during which a transcript for the hearing will be shared with new information, and asked that the Board reconsider the proposed action.

A Classified employee addressed the Board regarding his job and actions that will be considered during Closed Session. He explained some of his circumstances including what he believes are discrepancies in information provided by others. He asked that they review the information provided and reconsider the proposed District actions regarding his employment.

C. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m.

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

C.2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects Pursuant to Government Code 54957

C.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

C.4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

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

Minutes:

President Johnson reported that discussion was held and direction given regarding Closed Session items.

Reportable Actions:

Termination of Employee number 195129 passed with a 5-0 unanimous vote with a motion by Gary Baugh and second by Susan Smith.

Termination of Employee number 034722 was passed by a 5-0 unanimous vote with a motion by Evan Morgan and second by Gary Baugh.

E. OPEN SESSION

E.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Viridiana Jauregui, Student Board Representative from Valley View High School. She shared an inspirational quote from Mother Teresa.

E.2. Dates of Future Board Meetings

Minutes:

Upcoming Board Meeting dates were shared as follows:

- June 13, 2017 - Regular Meeting
- June 27, 2017 - Special Meeting
- July 18, 2017 - Regular Meeting
- August 1, 2017 - Regular Meeting

E.3. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Dr. Kedziora shared the current enrollment of 33,226 and provided an update on the current California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing taking place at all school sites during May. He reviewed the information from the High School Student Survey, which included 1,822 self-reporting students and their college/career plans after high school. Total scholarships and grant offers total

\$62,703,700. Dr. Kedziora also reviewed college entrance criteria, which includes Course Grades, SAT/ACT scores, Essays, Involvement, Community Service and Athletics. He was glad to share that 21 students in Middle College earned 50 Associate degrees, and one student earned over 60 college credits during the year.

Dr. Kedziora shared information on some LCAP funded programs, including an upcoming kickoff event for the Summer Reading program with a book give away for all elementary students, and Summer Learning Programs in partnership with Think Together at 10 elementary schools. We are also continuing the Summer Lunch in the Park program, with free meals served for kids and teens under 18. In addition to the five served in previous years, we have also added a new location for meals at the Public Library.

Dr. Kedziora announced that two District programs have been designated as winners of the RCOE "Models of Academic Excellence" award - the A.S.T.E.R.I.S.K. Student Intern program and Project Moving Forward Language Development program. We also had an evaluation visit to Moreno Valley High School for a Partnership for 21st Century Learning.

Dr. Kedziora shared a Program Report on the Think Together Intervention Math Support program and shared that the Valley View Automotive Technician Training Program received Accreditation from the National Automotive Technicians Educational Foundation (NATEF).

A video was shared of the recent Career Camp for Kids held at TownGate Elementary School. Also provided were competition results for groups within the award-winning choral music program at Valley View High School, and information about the Middle School Soccer Program.

The Facilities Update included status and progress for the Edgemont Reconstruction, Serrano new classroom building, Canyon Springs Athletic Complex, Valley View Softball fields, and Moreno Valley Modernization projects.

Finally, the upcoming graduation dates and times were shared for all high school and alternative schools. He congratulated all students who are graduating and thanked families for their support.

E.4. Recognitions/Communications/Events

E.4.a. Educational Services 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.

College Guidance Initiative

- Vista del Lago High School and Mountain View Middle School recognized for highest percentage of participation in the college preparation program

District Art Show Awards

- 15 students recognized for 1st - 3rd place in various categories; elementary, middle and high school levels

Middle College High School Students

- 49 students from all 4 high schools; 15 students recognized for earning Associate's Degrees.
- Julio Gonzales, MV College, provided presentation on the program Leadership Academy
- 7 teachers recognized for completion of District's Leadership Academy

E.5. Staff Responses to Public Comments Made at Previous Meetings

Minutes:

There were no staff responses to previous Public Comments.

E.6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Minutes:

A community member spoke on five agenda items. Regarding information in the Superintendent's Report, he spoke about his unhappiness with the testing data for students not meeting state standards in Math (63%) and English Language Arts (69%). He stated things need to change.

Regarding Staff Responses to Previous Public Comments, he said he is still not satisfied with responses to the public. He said many questions go unanswered, at Board and other public meetings. All the efforts and questions are presented because they want to see the best education for students; they are the most important thing.

Regarding the LCAP Plan and spending, he stated he thinks there should be an investigation of this Board. He referred to unkept promises, such as the building of high school no. 5 and the promise of matching funds for Bond money. He wonders why things were not completely considered at the time decisions were made.

Regarding the Budget, he expressed frustration that that questions posed from the public are not answered, and if the Board doesn't want to hear the public or care about their comments, then they will take it up themselves. He reiterated the unacceptable performance of our District, stating that we are near the bottom in the County in test scores.

Finally, regarding information in the Minutes, he referred to the Board meeting when public speakers waited until 9:30 p.m. and then were not allowed to speak. He has asked for that to be changed. As taxpayers and parents they do not believe it is justified and don't want to accept that type of treatment. He reiterated that he has given many suggestions over the years, and asked questions that are not answered; he said he knows this is happening to other citizens, as well.

E.7. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Minutes:

One community member expressed concern with individuals coming on to campus without background checks. She referred to "Stop the Violence Increase the Peace" group in the past, and now had concerns with some who were visiting Edgemont after their recent incident. She also was concerned that a parent in a wheelchair was denied access to a previous Board meeting, first because of the crowding in the entryway, and then denied re-entrance by officers attending the meeting. She asked that this situation be investigated.

A parent spoke about the lack of security in the schools, which leads to kids fearing to go

to school. She referred to some recent incidents, including kids bringing gun look-a-likes and threatening other students. She stated more attention needs to be paid to the bullying problems, which happen again and again. She questioned the intent of some of members on the Board, and said they should be taking these problems seriously so children can be provided a better education.

Another parent stated he has reported problems with bullying and with Special Education, but it seems as if nobody cares. He stated the District needs to raise the level of education. There are some things done right, but we need more. He stated that if you stay with the same people who don't solve problems, then things won't change. He also expressed his opinion that Security and police officers belong on the street, not at Board and other committee meetings. He stated that the District says they want the participation of parents, but many are intimidated and afraid of the police. He asked that they do something about this.

A grandparent expressed frustration at the environment at Sunnymead Middle School. She recounted a situation where she was didn't get the necessary information regarding a meeting she was supposed to attend. She asked what parents can do to make this school better.

Another parent stated it was the first time to come to a meeting, and is hoping they can take care of her needs. Her daughter is in 6th grade and in a Special Education program, and it seems that not enough is done to assist her with her academics. Parents don't want their kids in jail or on the streets, and need your help with their education. Her daughter is struggling with poor grades and needs more help. She stated the Board has a lot of power to change the community and futures for our children, and she is reaching out for help.

A parent stated she was here to represent the children of this and the next generation. She challenged the Board to consider what good choices they are making for the students, and asked them to do their jobs and give their best for students. She said it is a shame to come and ask questions but get no answers. If they don't do their jobs, the public can take them away.

Eight community members came to speak about the Edgemont incident involving bigotry and use of the word "slave" toward a student in a classroom. Speakers included parents, former school board member, grandparents, community leaders, business owners, and NAACP representatives. They acknowledged the apologies provided to family, but are concerned with what happens next. They want to know that monitoring of actions will occur, and counseling and support provided if necessary. Some asked for the removal of the teacher and principal, citing that the incident was not originally treated as an urgent matter. They are concerned what other actions might be going on that were not in the open. One African American parent spoke in support of the teacher involved based on past experience with him. All in attendance spoke of support for the children and to continue with cultural education. We must continue to develop fairness and deal with equity issues. This is a significant issue for a young person, and the District needs to do their due diligence to investigate, hold educators accountable for their actions, and continue with provide support for the students.

One student spoke in support of the Moreno Valley High School Band teacher, Mr. Zambrano, representing several other students who also stood up as he spoke in a show of support. They are frustrated because they revered him as a teacher and have no information about why he is suddenly gone.

At the end of the speakers, President Johnson thanked them all for coming and thanked the Board for allowing them all to speak.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F.1. Public Hearing - Solicit Feedback Regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Minutes:

Chief Academic Officer Maribel A. Mattox presented the 99-page Draft LCAP Plan.

She explained the presentation is the same as was presented to the Board at the April 25 Study Session, and now sharing the information for public input. She reviewed the eight State priorities and the four goals developed by the District for our LCAP plan - 1) Students proficient in literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking and technology goals; 2) All student graduate high school prepared to successfully enter into higher education and/or pursue a viable career path; 3) Learning environments support all students to thrive academically at the rigor of each grade level; and 4) Parents, Community Members and Labor Groups in Partnership with Staff Support, Student Academic Goals and Career Aspirations.

Ms. Mattox shared the history and extent of stakeholder engagement and explained that this is an ongoing process to analyze and evaluate data. The districtwide Superintendent Goals and expectations were shared with the baselines and targets; and she explained these are set at each school site, as well.

The LCAP Plan format has changed, and as they work on the draft, they receive feedback from the County.

Ms. Mattox reviewed the programs that address each of the four goals, and included three year history of services and support. She reviewed the expanded supports and services for the 2017-18 school year, and stating that the LCAP goals are focused on our Mission Statement, and we will continue to analyze, monitor progress, and adapt with changes as necessary.

Motion Passed: President Johnson called for opening of the Public Hearing on the Local Control Accountability Plan. Passed with a motion by Mr. Gary Baugh 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

Once the Public Hearing was opened, the MVEA President spoke about his excitement about the LCAP Plan, but also his disappointment that only a few people remained at the meeting to hear about it. He talked about the extensive collaboration with certificated, classified, faith and community partners, parents, and students, stating that the inclusion of students was very powerful. He stated it was truly a group effort and the process was open, and invited the public to stay to listen about the plan.

Motion Passed: After the Public Speakers, there was a call to close the Public Hearing. 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

The Board members thanked the Chief Academic Officer and Educational Services Team for the work on the presentation, and discussed components of the plan. In response to a Board member comment, it was clarified that all the information of the LCAP, the entire plan, is available online within the agenda.

F.2. Public Hearing - Discuss the Adoption of the 2017-2018 Budget

Minutes:

The Education Code requires all Districts to adopt a 2017-2018 budget prior to June 30, 2017, following a Public Hearing. The budget was prepared based upon the Governor's May Revise Budget proposal for Education. The budget will be revised after final legislation has been adopted by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor. After approval of the budget, it will be forwarded to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval and then to the California State Department of Education.

Chief Business Official Tina Daigneault provided the entire draft budget, and explained there will be a presentation at the June meeting.

Motion Passed: President Johnson called for the opening of the Public Hearing. 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

Once the Public Hearing was opened, two speakers addressed the Board.

The MVEA president explained that we have good systems in place for looking at budget items, including the JFMC (Joint Fiscal Management Committee). These things are not done in a vacuum but out in the open. He stated he appreciates the opportunity to work together for the students.

The CSEA president said she is proud to be with the District. She stated it is hard work to keep the budget strong. Collaboration and communication have grown, which helps make this work. She appreciates that the District did not hesitate when the LCAP was first introduced to bring in all stakeholders, and we have developed a strong inclusive plan.

Motion Passed: After the public speakers, President Johnson called for the closing of the Public Hearing. 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

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Agenda as amended, pulling item G.4.b. Item 11. Passed with a motion by Mr. Evan Morgan and a second by Mr. Jesus Holguin.

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

Minutes:

Amendment to Consent Agenda included pulling Human Resources Item G.4.b. Item 11 - Certificated Non Re-elects - from the agenda.

G.1. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT ITEMS

G.1.a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 11, 2017

G.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

G.2.a. Conference Attendance

G.2.b. Overnight Field Trips

G.2.c. Amend Approved Conference Attendance

G.2.d. Extra Pay for Extra Duty

G.3. BUSINESS SERVICES CONSENT ITEMS

G.3.a. Purchase Order List No. 15

G.3.b. Contractual Agreements

G.3.c. Acceptance of Donations

G.3.d. Declaration of Surplus Property

G.3.e. Out of State Conference Attendance

G.3.f. Award of Bid No. 16-17-35 - Valley View High School Fire Alarm System Upgrade

G.3.g. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 15-16-27 - Armada Elementary School ERP 110 Portable, Relocation, Parking Lot, and Landscape

G.3.h. Notice of Completion for Bid No. 15-16-30 - Sunnymead Middle School ERP 1910 Piggyback Portables

G.3.i. Renewal of Bid No. 15-16-02 - Charter Bus Services for the Transportation Department

G.3.j. Renewal of Bid No. 15-16-52 - Purchase and Delivery of Relocatable Classrooms for Upcoming Bond, Modernization and/or Growth Projects Approved by the Division of State Architect (DSA)

G.4. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT ITEMS

G.4.a. Managerial Personnel Report

G.4.b. Certificated Personnel Report

G.4.c. Classified Personnel Report

H. ACTION ITEMS

H.1. Educational Services Action Items

H.1.a. Student Discipline Cases 525 - 540

Motion Passed: Approve recommended actions on Student Disciplinary Cases as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Gary Baugh and a second by Mr. Jesus Holguin.

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

H.1.b. Approve the 2017-2018 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives.

Motion Passed: Approve the 2017-2018 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives. Passed with a motion by Mr. Gary Baugh 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:

Each year the California Interscholastic Federation requires that the governing board of a school district approve representatives from each comprehensive high school that fields athletic teams to be representatives to CIF for their school sites.

The Education Code gives the authority for high school athletics to governing boards of school districts. The code also requires that the governing boards, whose schools participate in CIF athletic activities designate their representatives to CIF leagues. (Ed. Code 33353 (a)(1)). The representatives approved are the Principals and Athletic Directors from each of the comprehensive sites; Tamara Kerr, Canyon Springs; Latoysa Brown, Moreno Valley; Karen Johnson, Valley View; and Erik Swanson, Vista del Lago. Staff recommends the Board approve these individuals to represent the District at the 2017-18 California Interscholastic

Federation meetings.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

I.1. Business Services Discussion/Action Items

I.1.a. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-17-78 - Education Protection Account (EPA) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 - General Fund

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 2016-17-78 as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Gary Baugh and a second by Mr. Jesus Holguin.

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

Minutes:

On November 6, 2012, California voters approved Proposition 30, which added the provisions of Article XIII, Section 36, to the California Constitution effective November 7, 2012. The provisions of Article XIII, Section 36(e) create in the State General Fund an Education Protection Account (EPA) to receive and disburse the revenues derived from the incremental increases in taxes imposed by Article XIII, Section 36(f).

Before June 30th of each year, the Chief Business Official shall estimate the total amount of additional revenues, less refunds that will be derived from the incremental increases in taxes made pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36(f), that will be available for transfer into the Education Protection Account during the next fiscal year.

The funds from the EPA are not new funds for the District; rather they are LCFF funds that the District was and always has been entitled to. The State has merely imposed a new reporting requirement for these funds. The EPA funds that are generated from the passage of proposition 30 will now be used to offset the District's regular LCFF from the California Department of Education. The use of these funds helps with the State's cash flow problems but, again, does not generate new funding for districts.

The monies received from the EPA shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36, and the spending determination on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the governing board of the Moreno Valley Unified School District.

Chief Business Official Tina Daigneault explained that this is an annual requirement.

I.1.b. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-17-79 - Education Protection Account (EPA) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 - Charter School

Minutes:

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The monies received from the EPA shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36, and the spending determination on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the governing board of the Moreno Valley Unified School District.

Chief Business Official Tina Daigneault explained that this is an annual requirement, the same as the previous action except this resolution pertains to Charter School.

I.2. Human Resources Discussion/Action Items

I.2.a. Approve Board Resolution No. 2016-17-77 - Reduction and/or Elimination of Certain Classified Bargaining Unit Positions Effective May 24, 2017

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 2016-17-77 as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Evan Morgan 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:

Due to a lack of work and/or lack of funds, Administration recommends the Board of Education adopt Board Resolution No. 2016-17-77 - Reduction and/or Elimination of Certain Classified Bargaining Unit Positions Effective May 24, 2017.

Chief Human Resources Officer, Dr. Robert Verdi, explained that this action does not affect any current employees as it is eliminating a vacant Instructional Assistant position.

J. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

EVAN MORGAN

- Mr. Morgan stated that one thing that was consistent in all the comments tonight was passion. The community has a lot of passion, and that is good to hear and see. He also stated that more than just speaking, it would be great to see people come out with action. He it was nice to see the group out shaking hands of encouragement at Edgemont, so it was sad to hear complaints about those people who were encouraging kids. Kids need positive influence and as much as they can get; more than just from the teachers. Encouragement coming from another direction can help it sink in for children. He stated we should encourage community members to be mentors, tutors, volunteers, help with athletics, and more. Put words into action.

JESUS HOLGUIN

- Jesus Holguin was pleased with the LCAP after hearing the presentation and wants to move forward to the next step in process. Review the list of services and support designated for the next year. He indicated that the Board is engaging community as much as they can and whenever they can. Different groups are interested in difference things and it would be good to bring them all together for discussion. Regarding the earlier comment about the Men Mob and fingerprints; he thinks that is important for safety of the students. This “Mob” group does a lot of work in many districts in San Bernardino as well as Riverside County. It is important for students to see a group of professionals coming to welcome them.
- Mr. Holguin pointed out that April and May are very busy months with lots of events. He highlighted Moreno Elementary’s Memorial Day celebration which will honor a retired Marine.
- Mr. Holguin said that he attended several Open Houses at schools; was at the Friends of Forensics event; and attended the Interact Club dinner. Mr. Holguin said it was great to see students start to learn about careers at the Career Camp for Kids at TownGate Elementary. He was also at the AVID Top Students celebration at UCR, the Art Show at Vista del Lago High School, and Celebrating Educators with our Counselor of Year and Classified employee of Year at the county level. Attended the CAFE regional conference when Dr. Martinrex Kedziora was the keynote luncheon speaker. He also was at the Top Scholars for alternative schools at RCOE program (1st time for this celebration). Some students were from our schools. Their stories had us in tears for all that they’ve gone through. Every student needs support and every student has a story.

SUSAN SMITH

- Board Member Susan Smith spoke about the increase of college going students from Moreno Valley High School. She said it was very different from when her daughter graduated and she was glad to see it. It was also good to see the Middle College Program and opportunities available there. She noted the student with the most credits has a Parent Ambassador as parent which speaks to importance of parental involvement
- Mrs. Smith said she loved the summer reading program noting that the book bags are great to encourage reading throughout summer. She wanted to encourage parents to share with neighbors and trade the books given out. She was also impressed with the summer meal program.
- Mrs. Smith also brought to attention that Landmark’s 8th grade graduation date is the same as Valley View High School graduation, and wondered if there was any remedy for that. Dr. Kedziora explained that it wasn’t too much of a conflict, since Valley View’s main feeder schools are Palm and Mountain View.

- Board member Smith attended the GEMS dinner (United Way) with Maribel Mattox and had a great time. At the dinner they celebrated Pam Klute, a local mathematician and supporter of young girls to be more involved in mathematics. Things have changed now from years ago when boys were more interested in math and girls were not. Now more girls go to college; more men go into STEM careers. Need to encourage girls; capable of succeeding in these fields.
- Something that is of importance to her is parents and others is talking to babies more. She said it is linked to closing the achievement gap and the article she read said that it helps stimulate babies and advances capacity to learn. This is the way language works and the way ideas are put together. She stated she would like to see training for parents with children under age of three.

GARY BAUGH

- Mr. Baugh commented about fingerprinting for Men Mob. He wanted some clarification on our policy and the need for fingerprinting for volunteers. If they are on school grounds or in front of campus, but accompanied by the principal, then the procedure is not mandatory.
- Mr. Baugh reminded the audience that the issue with the Band teacher is a personnel issue and the Board cannot reveal disciplinary issues to public. Dr. Verdi responded and indicated he would not label it as a disciplinary action, but considers it simply a situation that cannot be discussed publically.
- Board Member Baugh commented on contracting out services. He stated that there are so many regulations involved with public education, it is not reasonable. He stated that we follow rules that are well-defined procedurally.
- Referring to the Middle College students at the meeting, he was concerned that he did not see any men. He wants more gender equity. Young men need to be involved in all kinds of things too. Both young men and women. He also addressed the number of students (63%) who do not meet state standards. We need to realistically look at what it takes to educate; it does not mean the District doesn't want to improve. He stated it troubles him to hear from some in the audience regarding what it takes to run a school district. He commended Martinrex Kedziora and CSEA and MVEA on working collaboratively. This collaboration shows in the number of scholarships and the number of students going to college. We need to be proud of the great things the District is doing.

CLEVELAND JOHNSON

- Board President Cleveland Johnson brought up the statistics about the amount of scholarships and grants offered to students in the District, stating it is important to praise the good things happening; praise breeds encouragement. Val Verde Unified School District's Board President, Julio Gonzalez, who attended the meeting tonight commented on how many students here at Moreno Valley that are recognized for their achievements. We are a good example.
- Mr. Johnson said he recently attended another district's Board meeting and he did not see what we have here. He said that with the addition of new staff it is clear that the district is assembling another great team. The Board does not dictate to staff; rather we allow them to do their work which creates a cohesive team. We are here because we want to see all our kids do well. We can take the criticism that is shared.
- Mr. Johnson attended the Top Scholar event for Continuation schools and loved hearing the stories of their lives; learning to live with challenging situations and learning to achieve. One

young man's story brought tears to his eyes; he was headed for gangs and could have been dead. Both speakers were influenced by teachers who saved their lives. I commend teachers for reaching out and mentoring students like this. There are a few teachers who may not work out, but by and large teachers are important and do a good job. He advised parents to find something to praise and thank students for something outstanding or good that they do.

- Mr. Johnson stated awards and recognitions should continue to be first on the agenda, because it is for students. He knows some complain why the audience can't speak first, but he remarked that we are the adults and can stay up later. He likes to see every school and every child get recognition for something they have accomplished.

DR. MARTINREX KEDZIORA

- Superintendent Kedziora thanked the Board for recognizing the good things in this District. We get told frequently what we don't do well and what we do. We know there is work to do. But success breeds success. Some of our students don't come with much, but when they are here they can flourish, and they are reminded of what they can become.
- Dr. Kedziora spoke about his brother who is a doctor in Cancer clinics. He reminds his patients of what they need to do to live; he doesn't remind them of what they don't have. He said he remembers that when he is dealing with kids. 84% of our students are on Free and Reduced lunch; yet we have grown over 22% in graduation rates, and our students have earned \$62 Million in scholarships. That doesn't happen without performance. People need to understand there are multiple measures for students; the CAASPP test scores are not even included on college applications.
- Dr. Kedziora offered thanks to the group that came to speak about the Edgemont incident. They were not here to complain. They wanted to make the students feel better. They are here to support us.
- He announced the upcoming Student LCAP meeting and explained we are looking for their input. We listen to the people we serve.
- Dr. Kedziora was at the Top 10 at Mt View Middle School where he had the opportunity to interview families asking how the District can support them. The parent replied that no one has asked this before and they appreciate what they have here. The reason they are not at the Board Meeting is because they are at home, taking care of kids. He stated he knows the District has a lot more to do, but many parents are appreciative and happy for their child's accomplishments.
- Dr. Kedziora stated that Excellence on Purpose exists because of all of us working together. The students get there because we keep encouraging them.

It was announced that Dr. Kedziora would be attending an upcoming event where he is receiving the 23rd District PTA's Man of the Year award.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

With no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.