

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MARCH 8, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of March 22, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of March 8, 2005.

**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 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Special Education Private School Placement Cases; Hearing Officer Recommendations; Public Employee Employment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with CSEA, MVEA and AMVMP Labor Negotiator; and Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

Members Present

Jesus M. Holguin, President
Richard Coz, Vice President
Rick Sayre, Clerk
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Member
Tracey B. Vackar, Member

Administration

Nicolas D. Ferguson

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar
Student Board Rep. – Dianna Byrd

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action on the Closed Session Agenda items.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Joe Palomino, Director, Secondary Education
Patricia Baird, Director, Purchasing
John Baldaray, Director, Warehouse
Debbie Fay, Principal, Mountain View
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Gayle Rellstab, Principal, March Mountain and March Valley
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Clarissa Hernandez
Dianna Byrd
Katherine Underwood
Scott Carson
Rhonda Smith

Marciela Hinds
Michelle Deyden
Ann Adler
Marisol Salinas
Nannette Smith

Michael Deaton
Erica Rodriguez
Lequice Juckes
Joann Gilbert
Patty Rucker

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SCHOOL REPORTS

Michelle Deyden, Canyon Springs, reported that on March 2, a Career Options Day was held during lunch which provided information to students from 40 colleges and professions. The sports teams are doing well. The girls' junior varsity soccer team became league champions. On March 4, the varsity pep squad placed second in several competitions. On March 5, at Azusa Pacific University, the girls' varsity basketball team won the Division I-A CIF Championship with a final score of 48-44. They now advance to the state playoffs. The first game is being played tonight. The Academic Decathlon completed its season with high achievers. She congratulated all the teams and students on their accomplishments. Today was registration for tenth through twelve grade students to select their classes for next year. The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise made a presentation to perspective students in the Career Center.

On March 9 there will be a spring sport rally during lunch to wish the softball, baseball, golf, swim, and track and field teams good luck in their coming season. Friday, March 11, is the annual Senior Citizen's Prom which will provide celebration and dancing for Moreno Valley senior citizens. Multicultural Week is March 14 through 17. It will provide various activities during lunch. On March 15, a basketball game of Canyon Springs teachers and KGGI 99.1 radio station DJ's will be sponsored. On March 23, the Student Advisory Council will hold elections for the School Site Council representative. Ms. Deyden also provided a calendar of activities for the month of March to the Board members.

Erica Rodriguez, March Valley, reported that on March 15 students will be taking the Language Arts test and on March 16 the math test of the high school exit exam; March 11 is reward day and will provide rewards for students with good grades, attendance, and behavior; on March 10, ASB will be holding a fundraiser, "Hats On" to help kids fight cancer; and ASB is planning a BBQ fundraiser for March 17.

Clarissa Hernandez, March Mountain, reported that on March 3, students from March Mountain and March Valley visited Midland Elementary to read to the students. The Midland students were excited to have them there. It was a good experience and made the older students feel wanted. This gave Clarissa an opportunity to experience this type of environment and working with teachers and students because she plans on becoming a teacher. ASB will be sponsoring a reward fun day on March 11. Any student who has done well by earning credits and good attendance will be recognized. There will be raffles for gift certificates from In-N-Out Burgers and snacks and lunches will be provided.

Michael Deaton, Valley View, reported that the varsity song squad placed ninth and the junior varsity cheer placed first at USA National's last weekend. The varsity track team participated at the Rancho Verde competition. He congratulated all team members and staff which brought home 50 medals. The ROP Floral department has been invited to participate in the Riverside Art Museums "Art Alive" presentation that will feature floral designs on March 29. Valley View's ROP Floral has been the only high school program invited.

March 9, is the multicultural adventure potluck for staff members; on March 5, the MESA teams took first place and he congratulated MESA students and advisor Mr. Peyton. As part of his senior project, Michael is planning an Environmental Fair. His objective is to educate the student body on environmental awareness ideas, conservation issues, and career opportunities. The fair is scheduled for April 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. He provided additional information to the Board Members. The Best Buddies Club went to Castle Park on February 26. This club works with disabled students.

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Dianna Byrd, Moreno Valley, reported that activities for Black History Month concluded with a presentation made by Dr. Daniel Walker who gave inspiring speeches to students during three assemblies. She congratulated Colonel Duckett and the JROTC four-person drill team that placed first at the University of Southern California Drill Meet on March 4. Make-up tests for the high school exit exam will be given on March 15 and 16. Letters have been sent out and phone calls have been made to the parents to encourage their student's attendance. Next week an assembly will be provided to recognize students who have a 3.0 or above grade point average. Students in the AVID Program are successfully working with UCR tutors. Over fifty AVID seniors have received acceptance letters from four-year universities.

In May, ASB will hold the annual Multicultural Week which will provide various activities, ethnic foods, costumes, dance performances, and special speakers and displays. The Black Student Union attended the Black College Expo and received valuable information on black colleges throughout the country. The boys' and girls' track and field teams did an outstanding job competing in the Rancho Verde High School's Relay of Champions on March 5. Both teams combined won well over two hundred medals. Art students competed in the Carol Addiss Poster Contest against other Moreno Valley schools. Moreno Valley students placed in all categories. The art work from the first place winners – Kamron Garner and Keishaunda Lyons; second place winner – Cindy Flores, and third place winners – Akiba Thornton and Courtney Brandl, will be sent to the Riverside County Office of Education to compete at the county level. The Battle of the Bands is scheduled for March 31.

Board Member Sayre asked about the status of the Riverside County Education Office inspection of Moreno Valley. Dr. Ferguson stated that as part of the Williams settlement case, it involves inspection of various schools by the county office. He reported that Moreno Valley was inspected for the District this time and the site passed with "flying colors."

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kathy Henkenius, Midland noon duty aide, thanked the Board of Education for considering the proposed three percent salary increase for noon duty personnel. She said that it makes this group of employees feel valued and respected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended. Consent Item 401 was amended to reflect Jan Donaldson, District office Program Specialist to Assistant Principal Special Education and Program Specialist, Rainbow Springs.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Richard Coz that the Action Agenda Items, except Action Items 125 and 226 which were Board approved earlier in the meeting, be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN - 0

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DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

BUSINESS SERVICES

375 Second Interim Financial Report

Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, presented the Second Interim Financial Report. This report reflects the adopted budget, expenditures and income to date, all the projected expenditures, and income and fund balances being projected through June 30, 2005 and for the next several years.

Mr. Crank reviewed the budget assumptions to arrive at the District's budget. (Most of the District's budget is employee salaries.) The District based its projections on the following assumptions:

- 2.41% COLA increase for the revenue limit and state income for 2004-05 and deficit reduction.
- 3.93% COLA increase for revenue limit and state income for 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- Increase budget ADA by 100 for 2004-05.
- Increase ADA of 600 per year for 2005-06 and 2006-07
- No change in federal and local income.
- Salaries and benefits:
 - Movement on the salary schedule.
 - 3% salary increase in salary schedule for 2004-05.
 - 40 FTE growth teachers for each year
 - One-time increase for 2004-05 (benefits/bonus).
 - New school staffing for each year.
 - 5% utilities increase for each year.

The general fund income dollar amounts include revenue limit, federal and state revenue, and local income. The total projected income is \$239,739,749. The general fund expenditures include certificated and classified salaries, benefits, supplies, services, capital outlay, and other outgo. The total projected expenditures is \$250,718,914. This will result in a 2.39% reserve.

Mr. Crank presented information for the 2005-06 projected income (\$12,589,777) and expenditures (\$9,099,179). This will result in an available amount of \$3,490,598. These projections show that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations through the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Information on the Community Facilities Districts (CFD) and other funds was presented. Community Facilities District funds can only be used to construct new schools. There is a balance of \$3.9 million in CFD 2003-1; \$1.7 million in CFD 2003-2; \$1.4 million in CFD 91-1; \$8.8 million in CFD 88-1; and \$1 million in the QZAB fund. The non-CFD funds have a beginning balance with a zero ending balance: Fund 11 – Adult Education, Fund 12 – Child Development, and Fund 14 – Deferred Maintenance. There is a balance in the following funds: \$33.4 million in Fund 21 – Bonds; \$6.1 million in Fund 25 – Capital Facilities; \$7.1 million in Fund 35 – Construction; and \$7.3 million in Fund 67 – Self-Insurance.

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Mr. Crank stated that after meeting with the Joint Fiscal Management Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee, it was the consensus of both groups to recommend the following

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Richard Coz that the Adoption of the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, be approved as presented, with a report brought back to the Board in six months to show savings, and the processes and procedures used.

VOTE: AYE - 4

NAY- 1 (Ashe)

ABSTAIN – 0

377 First Reading of Board Policies – BP 5116 – School Attendance Enrollment Options; BP 5116.1 – Intradistrict

Bob Crank stated that staff has reviewed these Board Policies and have made appropriate revisions to reflect the District's current practices. These Board Policies will be brought back for adoption at the next Board meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

None

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

She had no comments.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- On March 11 she spoke to 4th and 5th grade classes at Midand Elementary in recognition of Black History Month.
- Dr. Lawrence Carter, Morehouse College professor, spoke to Canyon Springs students on February 25. She and Mr. Holquin were in attendance. Dr. Carver spoke to students about getting along and being connected.

Rick Sayre

- There have been comments in the media regarding snack foods at the school sites. He would like to know what the nutritional value of the food served to the students is.
- During the Budget Advisory Committee meeting, there was discussion about a budget retention savings program. He feels that there needs to be some discussion that about this. Dr. Ferguson stated that this is included in the budget development guide and the practice has been reestablished.

Richard Coz

He had no comments.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He thought Dr. Carter's presentation was very positive. He feels that the students were impressed with what he had to say.
- On February 25, the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE) held its annual conference. The District's District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) members made a presentation about what the District is doing for English Learning students. He congratulated this group of parent volunteers for a job well done.
- On Saturday, the Masonic Lodge sponsored a poster contest addressing violence and drug abuse prevention. District elementary students were recognized with awards and savings bonds.
- Edgemont Elementary hosted a training for parents put together by the Rotary and the Educational Association to address study habits and safety issues.

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Jesus M. Holquin (Cont.)

- He said that the District appreciates all the noon duties due to take care of the students.
- He attended the Canyon Springs High School girls' varsity basketball game at Azusa Pacific University. It was very exciting. They are the champions. As it was stated earlier in the meeting, the team had a game tonight. They have won with a score of 79-56.

Nick Ferguson

- Today there was an inspection of Moreno Valley High School as a result of the Williams case. He complimented the school and congratulated the maintenance and custodial staff for the successful inspection.
- He encouraged Board members to attend the Environmental Fair that Michael Deaton is working on for his senior project. The fair is scheduled for April 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Valley View High School commons area.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further items, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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