

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JULY 21, 2009

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of August 18, 2009. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009.

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

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the Regular meeting at 5:08 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Board Deliberation Regarding Student Discipline Cases; Public Employee Employment/Appointment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with Labor Negotiators; 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 5:09 p.m.

Members Present

Tracey B. Vackar, President (late)
Jesus M. Holguin, Vice President
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Clerk (late)
Victoria Baca, Member
Rick Sayre, Member

Administration

Rowena Lagrosa
Bob Crank
Barbara Davis

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.

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

**REPORT OUT OF
CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board took action on two items. The Board unanimously approved a two day furlough for classified and certificated management personnel and they approved the employment of Laura Strachan as the Alternative Education Principal at March Mountain/March Valley.

Administration Present

Rowena T. Lagrosa, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Barbara Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment, and Training
Betsy Sample, Director, English Language Learners Program
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems
Josie Ripoly, Director, Purchasing

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Administration Present (Cont.)

Willie Hasson, Director, Certificated Employee Services
Lasandra Fairchild, Director, Classified Employee Services
Ken Schmidt, Director, Student Services
Peggy Reed, Director, SELPA
Sergio San Martin, Director, Facilities
Francine Story, Director, Budget
Dulce Leyva-Fernandez, Principal, Adult School
Chris Schiermeyer, Principal, Landmark
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Sheryl Sanford, Administrative Assistant

Visitors

David Cerrillo	Maria Anita Ramirez	Paula Pelton
Guillermina Plata	Bertha Solares	Debra Craig
Librada Murillo		

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Sayre.

INSPIRATIONS: Board President Vackar gave the Inspiration.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

July	28, 2009	5:30 p.m.	Study Session	Board Room
August	18, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
September	1, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
September	22, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
October	13, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
October	27, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
November	17, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
December	8, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Organizational/Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

STAFF RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Following is staff response to public comments made at the June 30, 2009, Board Meeting on agenda and non-agenda items:

A District parent shared a concern about the Consolidated Application which was presented to the DELAC on June 17th and which was approved by the majority of parents who were present at the meeting. She also commented on the lack of programs for English Learners in the application. As a point of clarification, Part I of the Consolidated Application contains the budgetary allocations which are allocated to the District for supplemental programs and does not describe the specific programs which are described under Part II of the Consolidated Application.

A District parent referred to the Adult Education program teaching English as a Second Language. She also indicated that Spanish speaking parents do not understand what is being communicated and decided upon for their students when it is presented in English because there are no translators. The Adult Education program does offer classes in English. Translators are identified by each school site to assist with translations and all schools are aware of the fact that translators are to be available for District parent meetings.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

A District employee, with a proxy, asked the Board to support the use of facility fees being presented. She stated that other districts charge fees. The fees could be used for custodial staff and maintenance of the facilities. Charging fees also encourages the users of the facilities to be more responsible.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Two classified substitutes stated that they have worked for many years as substitute custodians. They have tested to become permanent employees but have not passed the requirements. They stated that they are excellent workers and want help becoming permanent. The Superintendent asked the Director of Human Resources to review the hiring process with the substitute employees.

A District parent shared her concern about her neighbors that are not graduating. She suggested that the Board verify that students at the Moreno Valley Community Adult School are getting an education that is equitable. The parent stated that she saw that they are going to raise the rates. Many people are out of work and going to go back to school. She asked that they use the money that is in the General Fund for adult education.

A District parent reminded the Board of the problems the ELAC was having at Landmark. She shared her concern that the bilingual counselor, that the school was going to get, no longer exists because of seniority and this will affect the children. She stated that the EL teacher is not bilingual. She also stated that the Superintendent could help the children more because she is a Latina and a woman. She also requests that the rules for the election of School Site Council members be verified because current members have three or more years in the position. The parent stated that people have told her that the District is gathering evidence to remove her from ELAC because they don't like her due to the problems she has brought before the Board. All she wants is what is best for the children. She said that she has met the new principal and it seems that he wants to work with them. She asked that the Board support him and the ELAC parents.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Rick Sayre to approve Consent Agenda Section F – Superintendent, Section G – Educational Services; Section H – Business Services, and Section I – Human Resources, as presented. Business Services Item H-4 – Contractual Agreements and Human Resources Item I-11 – Short-Term Classified Personnel Employment for the 2009-10 School Year, was pulled for a separate vote. Board discussion took place regarding bidding on the contracts.

VOTE: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Human Resources Item I-11 – Short-Term Classified Personnel Employment for the 2009-10 School Year

It was moved by Victoria Baca and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve Human Resources Item I-11, as presented.

VOTE: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 (Holguin)

Business Services Item H-4– Contractual Agreements

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jesus M. Holguin to approve Business Services Item H-4, as presented.

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

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ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jesus M. Holguin, to approve Section K – Educational Services, and Section L – Student Services, as presented.

VOTE: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0 ABSTAIN – 0

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Installation of Fees at the Moreno Valley Community Adult School

Dr. Barbara Davis spoke regarding the implementation of a fee structure for the Moreno Valley Community Adult School. She stated that other districts are implementing a fee structure and that our structure is about the average of the surrounding districts. Dr. Davis introduced the Principal of the Adult School, Dulce Leyva-Fernandez. Board discussion took place to clarify some of the fees and to look into credit card or online payments.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jesus M. Holguin to approve Discussion/Action Item M-1, the Installation of Fees at the Moreno Valley Community Adult School, as presented.

VOTE: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0 ABSTAIN – 0

- General Fund Transfer to Certain Categorical Programs

Dr. Barbara Davis spoke regarding transferring some of the Tier III categorical money that is now in the unrestricted General Fund to finance certain programs. Board discussion took place regarding the programs.

It was moved by Jesus M. Holguin and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to approve Discussion/Action Item M-2, the General Fund Transfer to Certain Categorical Programs, as presented.

VOTE: AYES – 3 NAYS – 2 (Baca, Sayre) ABSTAIN – 0

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Use of Facilities Fees

Bob Crank spoke regarding implementing use of facilities fees to sports groups that use our District facilities such as play fields, stadiums, gymnasiums, and swimming pools. In the past, we have waived these fees for youth, adult, and community athletic groups. He stated that charging these fees would generate \$625,000 annually if we use our existing fee schedule outlined in Administrative Regulation 1330. Mr. Crank stated that we could hold a public hearing in October, take action on the item by the end of the year, and implement the fees July 1, 2010 to give the organizations time to adjust. Board discussion took place regarding the implementation of the fees and how the dollar figure was determined. The Board asked that we review the fee schedules from Val Verde School District and the City of Moreno Valley and compare the charges.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ITEMS

- Williams Settlement Quarterly Report Summary

There were no complaints received for the period of April through June, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The following items were brought forward:

Rick Sayre

- None

Victoria Baca

- She congratulated all the graduates and recognized the Summer School graduations on Friday.
- She requested a Study Session to develop a program to decrease the District's dropout rates and to look at alternative education for students that are struggling. She stated that we should begin monitoring students in the eighth grade and flag kids that are at risk for dropping out of high school and begin interventions early.

Jackie Ashe

- She asked to have the dropout rates broken down by ethnicity so that we can target the groups that need help.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He attended the Local Government Summit, a gathering of school board members, city council members, and county supervisors, that was brought together to look at the problems at the government level and try to find possible solutions. He gave the other Board members the information he had received.
- He stated that he was attending two of the Summer School graduation ceremonies and congratulated the students.
- He also stated that he is concerned about the dropout rate and suggests that we work with community groups on a solution.

Tracey B. Vackar

- She suggested that we place a statement in our Contractual Agreements that states that the Board could pull any contract based on our budget situation.

Rowena Lagrosa

- She thanked staff and the community on a successful Summer School at the secondary level and Extended School Year for special needs students. In addition to the students that are graduating, many students were able to take credit recovery classes that will help them toward graduation.
- She stated that the new school year is just around the corner. Certificated staff returns on August 10th for professional development, to prepare their classrooms, and to plan for the successful opening of the new school year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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