

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JANUARY 19, 2010**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010 are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2010. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education opened the Regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Board Deliberation Regarding Student Discipline Cases; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; Conference with Labor 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 5:02 p.m.

Members Present

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

Administration

Rowena Lagrosa  
Barbara Davis, Ed.D.  
Henry H. Voros  
Estuardo Santillan

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:15 p.m.

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

**REPORT OUT OF**

**CLOSED SESSION:** No reportable actions were taken by the Board of Education in Closed Session.

Administration Present

Rowena T. Lagrosa, Superintendent of Schools  
Barbara Davis, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Henry H. Voros, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager  
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education  
Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment  
John Lawson, Principal, Armada Elementary  
Peggy Reed, Director, SELPA  
Kim Kruger, Director, Secondary Education  
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems  
Laura Strachan, Principal, March Mountain  
Patty Rucker, Coordinator, Student Services  
Kristin Hunter, Principal, Valley View  
Gil Ocegüera, Principal, Vista Del Lago  
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Moreno Valley  
Mark Sewell, Assistant Principal, Canyon Springs  
Jill Ozaki, Assistant Principal, Rainbow Springs  
Robert Byers, Principal, Bayside Community Day School  
Patricia Diener, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Janet MacMillan	Vanessa Armas	Emilio Cervantes
Ann Adler	Karina Cervantes	Lisa Broomfield
Clara Garcia	Michael Gaylord	Col.. Wrays
Lt. Col. Cowgill	Merrill Heim	Perry Johnson
Oscar Valdepeña	Maribeth Frye	Debra Craig
Michael Dennis	James Banks	Lorie Moore
Joanne Umezuriki	Tommy Fulton	

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. John Lawson, Principal at Armada Elementary School.

INSPIRATIONS: Dr. Lawson read the poem, *Serenity on the Seas of Life*, by Mary J. Frank.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS – RAINBOW SPRINGS

Rainbow Springs is the school site for the Early Start / Preschool program for children with special needs. Jill Ozaki, school administrator, presented a brief overview of this important intervention program. Including a review of services offered through the school, structure of the preschool plus the infant programs. How California preschool standards are addressed in the classroom and how parent education and inclusion in their child’s education is addressed. A few children from the program attended the board meeting to show some of the work they are doing in school.

RECOGNITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Citizen of the Year - Tracey B. Vackar - Mr. Oscar Valdepeña, President of the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce presented this award.

All-Star Recycling Award - Recognition of District's recycling efforts presented by Julie Reyes, Manager of Waste Management. The District now recycles 75% of the waste. She stated that the school that has made the most impact is Moreno Valley High School.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2009-10-32 - African -American History Month - February - Robert Byers Jr., Principal, Bayside Community Day School accepted this Resolution.

Americans of African-American descent helped developed our nation in countless ways. Moreno Valley Unified School District is committed to supporting and recognizing African Americans, their culture, and their history in the month of February 2010.

Resolution No. 2009-10-33 - National School Counseling Week - February 1-5, 2010 - Merrill Heim, Counselor, Badger Springs Middle School accepted this Resolution.

In an effort to recognize the important contributions and services that school counselors provide to students, the week of February 1-5, 2010, has been designated as National School Counseling Week. The District's counseling staff consists of elementary, middle and high school counselors. To support school counselors, the Board of Education has designated February 1-5, 2010, as School Counseling Week by adopting Resolution No. 2009-10-33.

Resolution No. 2009-10-34 - Career and Technical Education Month - Karla Noonan, Coordinator, Career Technical Education will accept this Resolution.

The Association for Career and Technical Education has designated February 2010 as the Career and Technical Education month. With this proclamation, the citizens of Moreno Valley, California, are urged to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs in this community.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Victoria Baca to approve the above resolutions.

VOTE:     AYES - 5                NAYS - 0                ABSTAIN - 0

PUBLIC HEARING - Connections Technology Academy Charter Petition

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:47 p.m.

On December 8, 2009, the Board of Education acknowledged receipt of a charter petition for Connections Technology Academy submitted by Claretta Diaz. District staff is evaluating the charter petition and will make a recommendation to the Board in February.

There were no Public Comments on the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Victoria Baca to close the Public Hearing on the Charter Petition for the Connections Technology Academy.

VOTE:     AYES - 5                NAYS - 0                ABSTAIN - 0

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

February	9, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
February	23, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
March	9, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
April	13, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
April	27, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
May	11, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
May	25, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
June	15, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
June	29, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

The Board added the following meeting:

- February 11, 2010 5:00 p.m. Closed Session ONLY Board Room

The Board changed the following meeting:

- January 26, 2010 – Study Session time changed to 5:00 p.m. and Closed Session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following Student Board Representatives gave their school reports:

- Kati Lynn Vogelmann, Bayside and Moreno Valley Community Learning Center
- Kristian Wright, Canyon Springs High School
- Bethany Martinez, Moreno Valley High School
- Geneveive Newman, Valley View High School
- Marissa Marin, Vista del Lago High School
- Sandra Gonzalez, March Mountain and March Valley High Schools

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items from the December 8, 2009 Board meeting.

The following are the responses to the Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items at the December 8, 2009, Board Meeting:

A parent expressed her concern regarding the investigation conducted by the District following her complaint of District employees. All complaints are investigated and responses are provided. The allegations of harassment and abuse as stated were not founded. It is the District's expectation that all employees conduct themselves in a professional manner during the course of their duties. However, it is the parent's perception that they are being harassed, the District did not find evidence of that, but we do need to work on improving that relationship if that is their perception.

The MVEA President expressed the Association's desire to maintain a collaborative relationship with the District on budget and curricular issues. The Executive Summary presented to the Board by Educational Services in September was referenced and it was asked how the expenditures listed in the Educational Services plan affected the current budget projections? It is for that purpose that stakeholders are meeting to discuss the instructional priorities which are outlined in the plan.

A parent referenced the formal complaint given by the previous parent regarding their perception of abuse and harassment from district employees. All of us take these allegations seriously and have worked to ensure that at every District meeting, appropriate procedures and protocol are followed. The District employees referenced have and will continue to work diligently to support all parents as evidenced by the recent parent training which these District Office employees assisted in facilitating in cooperation with various parent groups.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vanessa Armas, a Canyon Springs student, wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Superintendent Rowena T. Lagrosa and all Board Members for helping her get back into Canyon Springs.

Maribeth Frye a community member spoke on behalf of residents that reside between Ironwood/Nason and Moreno Beach Blvd. They are opposed to the construction of High School No. 5; it would be costly to residents living in the area and some sewage concerns. Residents have signed petitions and have submitted them to Sergio San Martin, Director of Facilities and have requested to be present at the next community meeting of February 4, 2010.

Mr. Perry Johnson, also a resident residing in the same area, spoke in opposition to the construction of High School No. 5. He requested that the City of Moreno Valley be present at the next meeting of February 4, 2010 to address concerns that the residents in the area of Ironwood/Nason and Moreno Beach Blvd. have.

Superintendent Rowena T. Lagrosa stated that the District will make sure that the City of Moreno Valley is present for support at the February 4, 2010 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Victoria Baca to approve Superintendent Consent Items G-1 through G-2; Business Services Consent Items H-1 through H-15; Educational Services Consent Items I-1; and Human Resources Consent Items J-1 through J-17, as presented.

- ***Pulled: Business Services Consent Item H-5, Contractual Agreement Number A-09/10-1070***

VOTE:           AYES – 5   NAYS – 0   ABSTAIN – 0

ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Victoria Baca, to approve Superintendent Action Item K-1; Educational Services Action Item L –1 through L – 3; and Student Services Action Item M –1, as presented.

VOTE:           AYES - 5   NAYS - 0   ABSTAIN – 0

## DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

### BUSINESS SERVICES

- Audit Report – due to the inclement weather, auditor was unable to attend. This will be placed on the February 9, 2010 Agenda.
- Award of Request for Proposal 09-10-05 Legal Services

Staff is requesting the Board of Education award contracts to the following law firms:

1. Business Services: Geller and Stewart LLP, Hurrell Cantrall LLP, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost LLP, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, and Parker & Covert LLP.
2. Human Resources and Education Services: Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost LLP, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, and Parker & Covert LLP. It is also recommended that the District allow Best, Best & Krieger LLP to provide legal services on existing litigation cases and projects.
3. Facilities and New Construction: Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost LLP, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, and Parker & Covert LLP. It is also recommended that the District allow Bowie, Arneson, Wiles and Giannone to provide legal services on existing CFD's.
4. Worker's Compensation: Parker & Irwin, Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen LLP, Robert Bakke, and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Jesus M. Holguin to approve the Award of Request for Proposal 09-10-05 Legal Services, as presented.

VOTE:     AYES – 3                    NAYS – 0                    ABSTAIN – 2 (Sayre and Vackar)

Board member Vackar requested a five minute break at 9:28 p.m.

Board President Holguin reconvened the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

- Report on Governor's Education Budget was presented.

#### Vackar

No comments at this time, the budget will change again.

#### Baca

We need to "tighten our belts" since the District will need to make more cuts. She looks forward to the budget presentation next Study Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

#### Sayre

The District needs to continue to be frugal and need to somehow establish our relationship with our agencies (MVEA and CSEA).

#### Ashe

Presentation looked very bleak.

#### Holguin

The budget reflects that the Governor is relying heavily on receiving money from the state and federal government, monies that may or may not be there.

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Reinstatement of Physical Education Cross-Credit for Marching Band, Color Guard, Drum Line, and AFJROTC Competitive Drill Team

Education Services is recommending that Physical Education Cross-Credit be reinstated for Marching Band, Color Guard, Drum Line, and Air Force Junior ROTC Competitive Drill Team classes at the District comprehensive high school sites for students enrolled in grades 9-12. Education Code Sections 51220(d) and 33352(b)(7) require that an LEA offer a course of study in physical education that includes instruction in eight areas. The law does not specify that every Physical Education class include instruction in all eight areas, but include portions of the eight areas. Marching Band, Color Guard, Drum Line, and AFJROTC Competitive Drill Team courses of study include multiple sections of the eight required, allowing LEA's to designate these courses as compliant with the Education Code sections listed above.

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the Reinstatement of Physical Education Cross-Credit for Marching Band, Color Guard, Drum Line and AFJROTC Competitive Drill Team, as presented.

VOTE:      AYES – 5                      NAYS – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ITEMS

- Williams Settlement Quarterly Report Summary

The Williams Act legislation requires the District to report any complaints received to the Board of Education on a quarterly basis. For the period of October - December, 2009, no complaints were received.

## COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The following items were brought forward:

### Tracey B. Vackar

On behalf of the California School Boards Association and the Riverside County School Board Association she will be attending the Federal Government Relations Network in Washington, D.C. on January 29, 2010 through February 3, 2010. RCSBA is paying her travel expenses.

### Victoria Baca

Thanked Superintendent Lagrosa, DELAC and the Moreno Valley Parents Association, for their coordinated efforts in putting a parent workshop training on Categorical Programs; it was good to see the three groups working together. She thanked Tracey Vackar and Betsy Sample for helping coordinate this training; was very pleased to see parent participation. Reminded everyone that the new semester started and we need to be sure parents are kept informed; maybe this will reduce the number of complaints the District receives. We need to be more helpful to families and students and save them from having to go to summer school. Let's encourage our student to be prepared for graduation.

Rick Sayre

- Very proud that District is participating in the Recycling Program.
- Proud to say that two of the charter petition speakers had students that graduated from our school district and have moved on to be outstanding citizens.
- Each one of the High Schools is always putting on training for “How to write for receiving grants” or “How to fill out a college application”. He would like to have these posted on District website. Kids will benefit from this information.
- Glad to see parents coming back and let us know how successful their kids are.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- Thanked Superintended and District staff on getting information requested on the student breakdown for ethnic and cultural background.

Jesus M. Holquin

- Thanked high school student representatives for coming
- City to be present at community meeting on High School No. 5 on February 4, 2010
- Riverside County School Boards Association General meeting – January 27, 2010
- Thanked the district Administration and Student Services for the reinstatement of Physical Education Cross-Credit for Marching Band, Color Guard, et al., some students are in school mostly for these activities.
- Thanked those present for coming despite the weather.
- Thanked the student from Canyon Springs for coming out and thanking the Board personally.

Rowena T. Lagrosa

- Due to the weather conditions, a number of schools lost power and telephone contact, she thanked staff for putting student’s safety first and especially transportation for their diligence in ensuring that the buses got to the schools on time and appreciated the effort that everyone collectively made. Maintenance and Operations has done a tremendous job and it really goes to show that everyone has put student safety first.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.