

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OCTOBER 21, 2014**

The Minutes of the Regular Session of October 21, 2014, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2014. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Session Meeting of October 21, 2014.

**THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING AUDIO TAPED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54953.5**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The Board of Education opened the Regular Meeting at 5:55 p.m. to hear public comments and then 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 Negotiator, and Settlement of Claims.

**ROLL CALL**

- Baugh-Present Fleming-Present Holguin-Present Johnson-Present Vackar-Present

**Board Members Present**

Tracey B. Vackar, President  
Denise Fleming, Ed.D., Vice-President  
Cleveland Johnson, Clerk  
Gary E. Baugh, Ed.S., Member  
Jesus M Holguin, Member

**Administration Present**

Judy D. White, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Mays Kakish, Chief Business Official  
Martinrex Kedziora, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. Educational Svcs.  
Robert Verdi, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. Human Resources

**CLOSED SESSION**

- Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda  
There were no public comments on Closed Session agenda items.
- The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 5:56 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

- The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

- Baugh-Present Fleming-Present Holguin-Present Johnson-Present Vackar-Present

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Tim McGillivray, Public Information Officer  
Stan Brown, Director, Maintenance & Operations  
Sergio San Martin, Director, Facilities

**Administration Present (continued)**

Dr. Vicky Dudek, Principal, Landmark M.S.  
 Janelle Woodward, Principal, Vista del Lago H.S.  
 Steve Quintero, Asst. Principal, Moreno Valley H.S.  
 Gary Yetter, Asst. Principal, Vista del Lago H.S.  
 Diane Hellerstedt, Administrative Assistant, Board of Education

**Registered Visitors**

Ann Adler	Harold Acord	Ray Burns	Stephanie Steele
Jeffrey L. Clayton	Charles Moore	Crystal Thomas	Leland Daniels
Maria E. Montiel	Shantal Montiel	George Marks	Allison Geleng
Deirdra Cotton	Rickey Bullard	Fernando Ramirez	Ruth E. Jurado
Hector Orellana	Lauren Dargitz	Keely Bunn	Juliet Paiz
Gwendelyn Orellana	Jen Diffenbacher	Roland Van Slyke	Justin Jackson
Jolynn Neal	Ana Roez	Bertha Thigpen	Tree Lattimore
Angela Evans	Matthew Ross	Cheryl Ross	Brandon Carn
Irma Jimenez	Webe Sharte	Felton Young, Jr.	Jaclyn Thomas
Melvin Thomas	Monique Waithe	V.J. Brocatello	Kalista Combs
Cheryl McCloud	Gloria Verrett	Patricio Calderon	LaDonna Jempson
LaMeera Stewart	Grant Dolan	Randy Dargitz	Bob Heiermann
Carmicha Butler	Maria Mack	Michelle Garet	Jason Lee
Zion Jennings	Valencio Sims	Myesha Dunce	Don Markham
Steve Jiannino	Brent Ayotte	David Roberson	Cheryl Nichols
Alex Lucero	George Martin	Juliet Paiz	Gwendelyn Orellana
Pamela Laudermill			

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

- Board President Vackar reported the Board of Education gave direction to Risk Management Director to continue negotiations on a settlement case.
- No other reportable action was taken. President Vackar announced the Board may return to Closed Session after the Open Session, time permitting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION**

- The Pledge of allegiance was led by DeNarae Stewart, Student Board Representative from Moreno Valley High School. She shared an inspirational quote from Alaya LaBelle about believing in yourself.

**2014 BOARD MEETING DATES**

- Upcoming Board Meeting dates were shared/updated as follows:

November 18, 2014	Closed Session 5:00 p.m.	Open Session 7:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular Meeting
December 2, 2014	Reception 5:00 p.m.	Presentations 6:00 p.m.	Vista del Lago High School	State of the District
December 9, 2014	Closed Session 5:00 p.m.	Open Session 7:00 p.m.	Board Room	Organizational/ Regular Meeting

**RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Dr. White responded to a public speaker's comments about Measure M. As to the request for an Open Forum, she stated that she will have information in the upcoming Superintendent's Report

regarding the many steps that the District has taken, including several surveys and participating in over 25 community meetings regarding the proposed Bond. The District, therefore, will not be having an additional public forum on Measure M.

- Regarding the comment that it was difficult to find details and prioritization, she responded by citing the categories that have been clearly identified as priority areas, including modernizing schools to improve access for students with disabilities, providing facilities and equipment for Career Technical Education classrooms to prepare students for college and advanced career options, funding to protect the quality of instruction in Core subject areas, upgrading classrooms, labs and computer systems to keep pace with technology, and improving safety and security systems for students. She encouraged people to go on our website, as many of the presentations are accessible, as well as the Facilities Master Plan, which is very thorough and very specific.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was one public speaker request submitted to address the Board

MVEA President expressed a concern on the Career Technical Education Committee as presented in the Board Agenda. MVEA is the bargaining unit for certificated employees, and there were teachers on the committee list without consultation of the Association. He cited Education Code and asked that the District address this issue.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were five public speaker requests submitted to address the Board.

- Two fourth grade students from Armada Elementary expressed concerns about the lack of substitute teachers available, and the negative impact on their classes and quality of their education. Intervention teachers who are supposed to work with small groups of students to address specific needs are pulled to provide coverage when there is a shortage. This, in turn, also affects the targeted lessons for the rest of the class. The students explained that they were coming forward because this is happening frequently, not just once in a while.
- The MVEA President and a community member each spoke in favor of Measure M, citing the needs of the students in areas of safety, access, and technology to prepare them for quality jobs and encourage them to return to serve in our community. Also noted was the aged condition of Moreno Valley High School as well as other schools that need to be addressed. They encouraged everyone to vote to pass this important measure that will help the entire community.
- A local business owner provided information on a two day sale on Graduation portraits.
- A community member asked for assistance in submitting a local history coloring book, which he had developed, for use in schools, citing the lack of local history being provided to area students.

### **RECOGNITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS**

**Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services led the recognitions for the evening.**

#### **Honoring Retired Administrators**

The Board of Education recognized the following retired administrators who served in interim capacities as district administrators at the beginning of 2014-2015 school year at Vista Del Lago High School and Palm Middle School.

- Jim Broncatello, Vista Del Lago High School, Interim, Principal
- Patrick Kelleher, Palm Middle School, Interim, Principal

The Board also honored retired administrator Ray Burns for his dedication to the students of Vista Del Lago High School, serving as an Interim Athletic Director.

**DonorsChoose.Org Grants:**

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site, and you can give any amount to the project that most inspires you. The Board of Education recognized Brian Harris, teacher from Valley View High School who has written 23 DonorsChoose.Org Grants, and all were accepted.

**Riverside County Office of Education Models of Academic Excellence**

Riverside County Office of Education Models of Academic Excellence program celebrates innovative district and site-based model programs and practices with proven track records resulting in increased student academic achievement.

- Valley View High School was recently recognized as a 2014 Models of Academic Excellence on their FINAO (Failure Is Not An Option) Program
- Landmark Middle School was recently recognized as a 2014 Models of Academic Excellence on their Families For College I-3 Grant

**Canyon Springs Theatre Department**

Two Canyon Springs High School Theatre students recently auditioned for California Youth in Theatre, thespian scholarships, competing with other students from California to earn a scholarship which would enable them to attend the California Youth in Theatre Day. Only twelve scholarships are awarded and two of our students won: Hayley Selters and Rose Williams. They will receive paid transportation and registration to Sacramento to perform in front of the Lieutenant Governor of California amongst others at the California Youth in Theatre on March 18, 2015. Canyon Springs Theatre Department will also receive an award of Excellence in Theatre.

The Board would like to also honor Ms. Jen Dieffenbacher, theatre teacher at Canyon Springs High School for her dedication to the thespian students at Canyon Springs High School.

**Canyon Springs Color Guard**

The Board of Education would like to recognize the Canyon Springs Color Guard who took first in their division and percussion was the third best out of all the schools, during the 17th Annual Cougarfest Field Show Tournament in which eleven schools from the Inland Empire participated.

**Fine Arts Competition**

The Board of Education would like to recognize Mr. Roland Van Slyke's 3rd grade class at Edgemont Elementary School who took First Place at the Fine Arts Competition at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ITEM F-1: Excel Prep Academy Charter Petition**

Board President Vackar called for a vote to open the Public Hearing for Excel Prep Academy Charter Petition.

It was moved by Cleveland Johnson and seconded by Gay Baugh to open the Public Hearing.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye

- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

Six speakers addressed the Board to express support for Excel Prep Academy and asked the Board to grant the charter petition. The speakers included administrators, staff and parents. They provided insights into their particular experiences regarding curriculum, personnel, small class sizes and resulting ability to individualize lessons and flexibility to respond to student and parent needs. The speakers expressed support to join the District and work together. Other supporters in attendance were asked to stand to signify their support.

Once the speakers were finished, it was moved by Jesus Holguin and seconded by Dr. Denise Fleming to close the Public Hearing.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain - 0

**ITEM F-2: Markham Collegiate Sports Academy Charter Petition**

Board President Vackar called for a vote to open the Public Hearing for Markham Collegiate Sports Academy Charter Petition.

It was moved by Jesus Holguin and seconded by Cleveland Johnson to open the Public Hearing.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye
- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

Seven speakers addressed the Board to express support for Excel Prep Academy and asked the Board to grant the charter petition. Some of the foundation members explained the history of the charter academy, the expertise of founders, prior efforts to join the District, and the efforts undertaken and professional reviews undergone to meet all requirements. Staff and parents explained their belief that the unique attributes of the school are another method to reach students who are not successful in the traditional school setting. They expressed their belief that the extended hours, schedule flexibility and expanded offerings made to meet the needs of some at-risk students. The supporters in attendance were asked to stand to signify their support, and respectfully asked the Board to consider their petition.

One community member spoke in opposition to the school. He lives next door to the property where the school would be located and expressed frustration that he knows nothing about the plans, and has not been able to learn any details.

It was moved by Dr. Denise Fleming and seconded by Gary Baugh to close the Public Hearing.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote:       Ayes – 5       Nays – 0       Abstain - 0

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. White provided the Board of Education with updates on District enrollment, and LCAP and Strategic Plan Rollout efforts, including an upcoming meeting. Common Core update included announcement of a new report card format that will be used for the second trimester and highlights from parent trainings and STEM programs in place. Information was shared on a District Leadership Development program from October through May with 66 participants enrolled. A requested report on Measure M was shared, including a recap of actions taken and outreach efforts made to the community. To date, staff and Board members have participated in over 25 community-based presentations regarding Measure M. Celebrations focused on the three validated Golden Ball awards and the success of the Vista del Lago sports programs, including an undefeated football season.

**Item G-1: CONSENT AGENDA – As detailed in the Board Agenda**

It was moved by Jesus Holguin and seconded by Cleveland Johnson to approve the Superintendent Consent Items H-1 through H-3, Educational Services Consent Items I-1 through I2; Business Services Consent Items J1 through J5,; and Human Resources Consent Items K-1 through K-21.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye
- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote:       Ayes – 5       Nays – 0       Abstain – 0

**ITEM L-1: ACTION AGENDA – As detailed in the Board Agenda**

It was moved by Jesus Holguin and seconded by Gary Baugh to approve the Action Agenda – Educational Services Action Item M1 and Business Services Item N1, as presented.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye
- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote:       Ayes - 5       Nays – 0       Abstain – 0

Later in the meeting, Board President Vackar asked to revisit the Action Agenda to make a change. She requested that Item N-1 – Board Member Absence, be pulled and removed from the Action Agenda, as her absence from the previous meeting was not related to District business. As a point of order, she called for the original motion to be withdrawn. Jesus Holguin and Gary Baugh withdrew their motion and second, accordingly.

It was moved by Jesus Holguin and seconded by Gary Baugh to approve the Action Agenda as amended, including only Educational Services Action Item M1 and pulling Item N-1.

**RECORD OF VOTES:**

- G. Baugh – Aye
- D. Fleming – Aye
- J. Holguin – Aye
- C. Johnson – Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

Vote:        Ayes - 5        Nays – 0        Abstain – 0

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA**

**Superintendent**

**Item O-1 Career Technical Education Advisory Committee**

According to Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) the District is required to appoint a Career Technical Education Advisory Committee. The recommendations for appointment to the committee are indicated on the attached list.

It was moved by Cleveland Johnson and seconded by Gary Baugh to approve the Career Technical Advisory Committee as presented.

There was extensive discussion on this item, and clarification was sought regarding the nature and purpose of the committee/advisory board, its composition, and whether it was subject to Ed Code as questioned by the MVEA President in earlier public comments. Further clarification was discussed in regard to Brown Act requirements for certain types of committees.

Discussion between Board President Vackar and Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Dr. Kedziora provided an explanation of the CTE requirement in regard to the Advisory Board/Committee. It is not so much the list of participants on the Advisory Board that is required, but confirmation that the District has established a process that provides Industry Sector input and review for CTE curriculum used in the District.

For clarification purposes and to allow for further discussion with the employee association, it was noted that this motion would not go forward to vote.

**The original motion was withdrawn and no vote was taken.**

It was noted that this will serve as notification to the Board of Education that the District, in compliance with FPM requirements, has put a process in place to form an Advisory Board to receive input from the Industry Sector regarding CTE curriculum. The composition of the Advisory Board will be addressed at a later time.

**Business Services**

**Item P-1 Business Services Financial Report**

***This item was for informational purposes only***

Chief Business Official, Mays Kakish, called upon Business Manager, Francine Story, to provide the monthly financial report. Board member questions were answered to provide clarification.

Summary Fund 03-Unrestrictd/Fund 06-Restricted – As of 9/30/14

- Total Revenue (Balance): \$238,052,324
- Total Expenditures (Balance): \$211,376,115
- Projected Cash Balance 6/30/15 \$24,922,201

**Item P-2 Recommendation to authorize a short list of Construction/ Program Management services for various projects per Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 14-15-05**

The District received 10 Statement of Qualification packets and interviewed seven (7) firms. Staff is recommending the approval of the following Short List of qualified construction/program management firms for various projects related to potential bond, emergency repair, and Proposition 39 related projects with respect to various District reconstruction, modernization, alterations, portable classroom projects, site work, and/or new construction project services.

Neff Construction, Inc.  
PCM3, Inc.  
Tilden-Coil Constructors, Inc.  
Erikson-Hall Construction

Scope of work, service fees, and experience will determine the construction/program management firm that will be contracted.

There was extensive discussion on this item, regarding the reason for using this process, whether these were subject to a bidding process, and questions on the process used by the District to qualify the vendors on the list.

CBO Mays Kakish explained that these professional services were not subject to the bid process, and that there are advantages to using a short list, but assuring the Board that each project will still come back to the Board at the time of the project. The process was developed by the Business Services administrative staff, basing decisions on reputable local vendors and vetted by review of Business Services administrative staff in their areas of expertise. It was noted that staff was available to answer any specific questions.

There was further discussion and continuing questions, including the timing of this action being taken before the election and before knowing the outcome of the Measure M Bond proposal. It was suggested by Superintendent White that the item be pulled for now, and that more information be provided to the Board to answer questions and alleviate concerns before bringing the item back at a future meeting.

**This item was pulled. No Vote was taken.**



## **ITEM Q – COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### Gary E. Baugh

Mr. Baugh complimented the joint presentation of District management and the Union at the RCOE event in Palm Springs, saying it was well-attended, well-received and typified the relationship. He also was impressed with the Valley View High School presentation and stated we are doing important work.

At the end of the meeting, he added an appeal to the community to vote, noting that important things will be decided, and it is expected that less than 20% of the electorate will participate. He contrasted this to the situation in Europe when 96% voted on whether Scotland should separate from England.

### Jesus M. Holguin

Mr. Holguin noted that the next meeting will be after the Election, and encouraged the community to get informed and vote. He congratulated the District on its three Golden Bell Awards, adding that he will be attending the CSBA ceremony.

### Cleveland Johnson

Mr. Johnson agreed with the comments by Mr. Baugh and Mr. Holguin, expressing his congratulations to all involved and adding that everyone deserves credit.

### Denise Fleming

Dr. Fleming complimented the students involved with the hospice program, which she has seen first-hand, noting their interaction with the patients touches her heart. She expressed pride for the Golden Bell awards and was pleased with the football games and the packed stands. She thanked the associations and administration for their continued work, noting that the work is evident in the students and in the community support. This evening's speakers are examples; the eloquence of the students who addressed the Board, and even the Charter petitioner, in their desire to be part of the District.

### Tracey B. Vackar

Ms. Vackar congratulated the District on the Golden Bell and Models of Excellence Awards, acknowledging the fabulous feedback. She spoke about the Vote America partnership and the extraordinary Get-Out-to-Vote event held at Valley View High School with all the seniors. She enjoyed the Twitter comments shared during the event, noting that we need to better use multimedia. She was impacted by the student and other speakers regarding the privilege to vote and how government can help lives.

### Judy D. White

Dr. White thanked everyone for working so hard on all the new initiatives and mandates. She also stated ACSA has designated September as Principal Appreciation month and to acknowledge any principal you should encounter. She concluded by remarking there is a lot going on, and we need to stay together on one accord.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- Board President Vackar announced the Board would be convening into Closed Session to continue discussions at 9:40 p.m.
- Report Out - The Board gave direction to Board President Vackar to continue negotiations and bring back Cabinet contracts to be placed on the November agenda for consideration and public input.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.