

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JUNE 28, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of July 19, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of June 28, 2005.

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25634 Alessandro Boulevard
Moreno Valley, California**

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting at 5:06 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 Personnel Complaints.

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 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: President Jesus Holguin reported that the employment contract for Dr. Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, was extended until September 30, 2006, on a vote of 5-0.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Willie Williams, Principal, Badger Springs Middle School
Debbie Fay, Principal, Mountain View Middle School
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Edgemont Elementary School
Wade Hamilton, Principal, Ridge Crest Elementary School
Diana Emanuel, Principal, Butterfield Elementary School
Sheryl Sanford, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent

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Visitors

Janet McMillan
Deanna Sands
Robin Sands

Ann Adler
Susan Russell

Lequice Juckes
Debbie Davis

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

PLEDGE OF

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

INSPIRATIONS:

Board Member Sayre addressed the new graduating students who would be leaving high school to become citizens and grow into adults. He hopes they find success and happiness, and will serve their country in multi-faceted ways to become productive, honest citizens to continue the heritage of this great country.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

July	19, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
August	16, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
September	13, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

An additional Board meeting was added on July 29, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. This is a Special Board meeting to address hearing officer recommendations (student cases).

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Marlea Ortloff from the Eastern Municipal Water District recognized Melissa Montes, a first grade student at Ridge Crest Elementary School, as an area poster contest winner. Melissa's winning art work will be on the next calendar produced by Eastern Municipal Water District.

The Board of Education recognized the following retirees:

- Gloria Ammerman, Butterfield teacher, effective June 18, 2005

Retirees not in attendance this evening include:

- Loren Newkirk, Music teacher, Badger Springs, effective June 18, 2005
- Dan Hansen, Canyon Springs teacher, effective June 23, 2005
- Wilmore Williams, Mountain View teacher, effective June 18, 2005
- Janice Johnston, Library Media II, North Ridge, effective July 6, 2005
- Paul Andersen, Counselor, Valley View, effective June 23, 2005
- Karen Lesser, Art teacher, Valley View, effective June 23, 2005
- Frederick Erickson, Mountain View teacher, effective June 18, 2005
- Gail Healey, Sunnymead Elementary teacher, effective June 18, 2005

SCHOOL REPORTS

There were no school reports.

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STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

are making progress or where we need improvement and to report back to the Board of Education on a periodic basis. We will also contract with the Riverside County Office of Education to help in various areas including training, the English Language Learners program, and other areas in which they can provide assistance.

A discussion took place regarding resources and training. The resources are available this year with the expectations of continued funding. Two principals spoke regarding the training they have received. They felt the District could implement the plan, and that the training would help with the adoption of the program by putting all schools on the same core curriculum, testing, and expectations. This program is designed to help students in subgroups that fell short of the Adequate Yearly Progress.

There was some concern regarding funding for the new positions that are being implemented. The District has been very careful to make sure there was ongoing funding for these positions. It is money that was redefined for this purpose. Most of the administrators will have completed the training in AB466, and the District plans to create its own staff development program for the future.

There will be an annual review to see what is working and what should be changed. Some Board policies will need to be reviewed, updated, and approved by the Board of Education. The team was thanked and commended for its hard work.

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Richard Coz that the Discussion/Action Agenda 275 be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

- 276 Approve High School Course
- Introductory to Earth Science

Dr. Chandler indicated that this item is the first reading on a new course they are proposing. It came about through conversations that were held with the Science Subject Advisory Council. They were reviewing the curriculum and requirements for the California Standards test in high school and discovered that the test didn't match our 9th grade science curriculum in Physical Science. We had teachers develop an introductory Earth Science course with appropriate textbooks and which matched the California Content Standards and the Earth Science test that we give at the high school level. We are proposing that we adopt this course in place of a Physical Science course. We are prepared to move forward with this in September.

A discussion took place regarding the costs for a replacement textbook. It would cost about \$150,000 which would be paid for out of the instructional materials funds that are designated for this. This would give a greater opportunity for our students.

Staff was directed to bring back Discussion/Action Item 276 in July for Board approval.

- 277 First Reading – Board Policy
- BP 5113.2 Work Permits

Dr. Pat Chandler indicated a Board Policy on Work Experience Education is being presented for first reading and will be brought to the next Board meeting for adoption with the accompanying Administrative Regulation. The changes reflect the most current State Department of Education requirements for work permits.

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A discussion took place regarding the policy language. The District did not have a Board Policy addressing work permits. It was included in the work experience policy. It is cleaner to separate them. Work Experience Coordinators helped make the changes and made sure the District was in compliance. Most of the changes will be in the Administrative Regulation. The District will no longer be issuing work permits unless the student is enrolled in our district. Private schools will issue their own permits.

This item will be brought back for second reading and adoption in July.

BUSINESS SERVICES

375 Adoption of 2005-06 Budget

Bob Crank presented the proposed 2005-06 budget. The budget is developed through assumptions until the State budget is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

One of the key issues with the budget is that a 20 percent increase could happen if the State shifts the STRS contribution to the school districts. A discussion took place regarding the contribution.

Dr. Ferguson provided some background information. Over 30 years ago, the formula was that the State paid 2 percent for STRS. A couple of years ago in the legislature, the 30-year term expired. The Davis administration continued the formula; however, the new administration said it wanted to charge the 2 percent to the school district for the first time in 30+ years. This would be a \$2.3 million added expense in Moreno Valley that has been funded before. This change was in the Governor's proposal but was not supported by the Democratic Caucus. It will probably wind up in a budget committee.

Board Member Sayre asked the Superintendent if we were aggressively fighting this cut. He suggested we give the Superintendent the authority to prepare a letter to send to the Governor and local legislators that asks them to reconsider this proposal and have it signed by the Board, the Superintendent, and the Associations. He also suggested that other Riverside County school boards get involved. Board Member Coz suggested that a resolution be presented. Board Member Vackar also suggested that supporting documentation from School Services of California be included in the letter so that the legislators really understand the issue.

A discussion took place regarding long term funds that must be set aside. The money is on deposit with the County Treasurer. The District earns interest on it and places the interest into the General Fund. Board Member Sayre had a concern that the employees with accrued vacation time receive raises throughout the years and asked how the District covers this increase. Bob Crank stated that the amount is recalculated each year as people retire or use the vacation time.

Board Member Sayre mentioned that he saw cafeteria tables that were tattered and asked if the cafeteria fund could be used to purchase new tables? Bob Crank will look into it.

Board President Holguin asked about the General Fund unrestricted multi-year projections. He had a concern about how it was being reported and thought that it might be misleading to the public. Bob Crank stated that it was projected that all money would be spent. That will not be a reality, but it is used as assumptions. When the books are closed, it will be set up as deferred revenue or restricted account. The unaudited actuals will provide detail of these funds.

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- He stated that we do not have a State budget, and it really hurts education and society. It is hard to budget without it. It is a shame we have to hold a special election and that we are spending dollars that could be used for education. He hopes that the results are in favor of education and we can move forward and adopt the programs that would benefit our students.
- He appreciates the suggestion of a resolution to fight the STRS shift.
- He knows of several groups in the county and all over the state who are fighting against eliminating Proposition 98 and the items the Governor has been discussing that will affect education. We need to continue working together to find a way to work in favor of education.
- Congratulations to all the students who graduated and were promoted.

Nick Ferguson

- He echoed his appreciation for the leadership Dr. Chandler gave on the LEAP. It was a team effort with Educational Services, MVEA, CSEA, AMVMP, and all our managers. It was impressive.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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