

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2002, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of October 8, 2002. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of September 24, 2002.

**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 5:02 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Special Education Private School Placement Cases, Hearing Officer Recommendations, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, and Conference with CSEA, MVEA, and AMVMP Labor Negotiator.

Members Present

Rick Sayre, President
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Vice President
Tracey B. Vackar, Clerk
John Bailey, Member

Administration

Nick Ferguson

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present - Bailey Present - Sayre Present - Vackar
Present - James Byun, Student Representative

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

The Board of Education concurred with staff recommendations on Private School Placement Cases and Hearing Officer Recommendations. There was no reportable action on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Conference with Labor Negotiator.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Cindy Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education
Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno
Tammy Guzzetta, Principal, Canyon Springs
Georgia Hampton, Principal, Midland
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Edgemont

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Administration Present (Continued)

Paul Rodriguez, Principal, Moreno Valley

Ken Sims, Principal, Seneca
 Kirk Skorpanich, Principal, Sunnymeadows
 Penny Thorn-Macon, Principal, Sugar Hill
 Willie Williams, Principal, Badger Springs
 Suzy Anderson, Assistant Principal, Sunnymeadows
 Joyce Brown, Assistant Principal, Badger Springs
 Bertha Bravo, Program Director, Rainbow Springs Headstart
 Terri Hall, Manager, Nutrition Services
 Margie Breitzkreuz, Executive Secretary

Visitors

Denise Hering	Vicky Fernandez	Richard Clark
Louise Palomarez	Ardelan Azad	May Lary
Karen Gaynor	Katherine Underwood	Darin Isaacs
Andrea M. Stump	Kristin R. Stump	Tracy L. Stump
Helen Johnson	Becky Shreiner	Judy Wolfe
Karen Rumfola	Mary Reveles	LeiAnn Tangren
Jonathan Wood	Teri Beaman	Denise Cardenas
Linda Floreo	Carol A. Lee	Garret Flores
Joe Delgado	Stephen Bishop	Yolanda Delgado
Stephanie Batson	Isabel Bautista	Justin Wood
Lequice Juckes	Carmen Bautista	Jeremy Wood
Marto Bautiste	Carly M. Beaman	Jerime Vallin
Nicole Johnson	Marla Brown	James Byun
Krystal Adams	Alma Martinez	Krystal Arroyo
Casey Ferrell	Eileen Johnson	Ann Adler
George Cox	Rosina Paolino	Darin Isaacs
Dave Boone	Susan Cox	Christine John
Jennifer Cox	Mary Russell	Rosemarie Ledbetter
Jennifer Ledbetter	Barbara Alvarado	Joyce Green
Evelyn Yearsley	Bill Yearsley	Emil Dragovich
Terry Witkowski	Lorri Limoges-Kerns	Sherri Riegel
Anita Pacheco	Paris Ellis	Ron Isaacs
Danette Isaacs	Helga Martin	Maria Torres
Gordon Parker	Zenia Lowe	Patricia Mazur
Matt Ferrell	David Mosby	Phyllis Hurse
Jake Hurse		

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Tracey B. Vackar.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Board Member John Bailey.

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DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

October	8, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
October	15, 2002	5 p.m.	Special Board Meeting with RCC	Moreno Valley RCC Campus

October	22, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
November	12, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Sunnymeadows Elementary School Ballet Folklorico, under the direction of the coach, Lydia Santiago, performed two dances.

Denise Cardenas, Badger Springs Library Media III; Patricia Mazur, Canyon Springs Library Media III; David Mosby, Canyon Springs Custodian II; Karen Rumfola, CSEA President and School Secretary II; Helga Martin, Edgemont Special Education Instructional Assistant; David Boone, Seneca Head Custodian I; Rosina Paolino, Central Kitchen Nutrition Assistant I; Phyllis Hurse, Accounting Technician; and Evelyn Yearsley, Accounting Technician, were recognized for their retirement.

Retirees not in attendance included: Carolyn Anderson, Staff Development Teacher; Charles Caithaml, Painter I; Janie Chenevert, Payroll Clerk; Ronald Christino, Locksmith; Beryl Detrich, Nutrition Assistant II; Maureen Gates, Sunnymeadows teacher; Linda Hardke, School Secretary II; Shirley Lowrance, Special Education Instructional Assistant; Carolyn Morse, Purchasing Technician; Maxine Pierson, Special Education Instructional Assistant; Andrew Theus, Warehouseperson III; and William Thornton, Warehouseperson II.

Judy Wolf, CSEA Public Relations Committee Chairperson, presented the Pen of Distinction Award to Becky Shreiner, CSEA Reporter, for the CSEA Chapter 410 newsletter, *The Sentinel*. Board Member Tracey B. Vackar presented a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Board of Education.

Board Member Jacqueline L. Ashe presented District Council PTA President Donna Cobb with a Board-approved resolution encouraging parent and community volunteer participation through membership.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following student Board representatives gave their school reports:

James Byun, Canyon Springs, acknowledged the retirement of Mr. Mosby, head night custodian, and Ms. Mazur, librarian, citing their dedication and wishing them the best of luck; this was College Week--counselors prepare students for college and, in the process, help all students to develop their individual four-year plans and organize their future beyond the high school level; Club Rush Week will occur the first of October; the varsity football team kicked off with a great start; this year's Homecoming game against Valley View is scheduled for October 25; and ASB is preparing for the Homecoming dance, game, and parade; the Homecoming theme is "Super Heroes."

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Andrea Stump, Moreno Valley, reported that the football team has won both games played; pep rallies are planned for every Friday; the next game is this Friday at 7 p.m. against Rubidoux; recruiters are meeting with the football players; volleyballs record is one win and one loss; Ivy League passes were sent to the Board members; Homecoming will occur on October 4 against Fontana; the theme for Homecoming is "Hey, Hey it is Homecoming"; the dance is this Saturday at 7 p.m.; Mr. Rodriguez will

be the Homecoming Grand Marshall; the College Fair will be held on September 25 at 7 p.m., Back to School Night is October 3.

Ardelan Azad, Valley View, reported last week was Suicide Prevention Week; this week the administrative team has been covering the rules and regulations in student handbooks; the tardy policy has also been revised, students no longer need to get a readmit to get in class--the teacher records tardies on the attendance sheet, thus saving time; this Friday is the first pep rally assembly, some students are disappointed because of budget cuts as they are unable to participate in their favorite sports—for example, Girls' Tennis and Water Polo; Homecoming week festivities start on October 2 with a Disneyland Parade Theme, festivities culminating on October 11 with the Eagles facing Rubidoux; lunch-time activities are planned to promote school spirit.

Krystal Adams, Vista del Lago, reported the students have the opportunity to choose from four career pathways, which consist of telecommunications/multimedia, pre-engineering, performing arts, health services; the Renaissance Program focuses on academics; the first pep rally is scheduled for this Friday; there is currently a basketball and football team; the next game is on September 27; cheerleaders will be selected by Friday; ASB will open a student store; class student body elections will be on October 15; Spirit Week will take place from October 28 through November 1; the fall dance will be held on October 25.

Alma Martinez, March Valley, reported that the Back to School Night would occur on October 2 starting with a barbeque at 5 p.m.

Krystal Arroyo, March Mountain, reported she is replacing Miguel Cortez as Student Board Representative; ROP classes, computer information and child care, are offered in the morning and afternoon sessions--students are excited about the hands-on training and the opportunity to earn elective credits and gain job skills during the school day; the computer information class is newly remodeled, however, the printers are not operational; a memorial service was conducted in remembrance of the terrorist attack last year and a tree was planted in memory of all those who lost their lives.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A new parent to the District expressed a concern about enrolling his student at the registration center in a timely way. The registration center has worked with him to enroll his student. The registration center is supposed to create one-stop "shopping" so that parents can get their students' class assignments, bus passes, lunch certificates, and immunizations records processed in one location.

District staff met with CSEA about its concern regarding payment of overtime. Both parties acknowledge that the District has the right to assign overtime and the employee needs to be compensated accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Louise Palomarez, Mexican Political Association, shared her concern about the effects of the budget cuts; MVEA's endorsement of Board candidates; and releasing teachers who almost had their credentials while maintaining substitutes in the classrooms.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Katherine Underwood, MVEA president, announced that MVEA would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Human Resource Division. By working together, they have been able to level classes at the year- round sites and continue to address the traditional sites.

Canyon Springs students Jennifer Cox, Darin Issacs, Nicole Johnson, Eileen Johnson, and Matt Ferrell; and parents, George Cox, Helen Johnson, and Barbara Alvarado, spoke in support of the band teacher. Nicole Johnson also submitted a petition.

Karen Gaynor stated that her daughter is attending the new high school because of the pre-engineering program. She stated her concerns regarding the combined French 1 and 2 class and the alternatives that were offered by staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Katherine Underwood, MVEA president, addressed the Acknowledgement Item and wanted to clarify the process that MVEA uses to place people on committees.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that all Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 4

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

ACTION AGENDA

Board President Sayre opened the Public Hearing on the Tentative Agreement between the District and CSEA on Article 27, Salaries. There were no requests to speak from the public. Public comments session was closed.

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that all Action Agenda Items, except for Action Item 125, which was amended, be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 4

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT

075 Vacancies on the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization (Second and Fifth Supervisorial Districts and Member-At-Large)

Dr. Ferguson indicated that this item was brought forward at the last Board meeting. At that time, no nominations came forward. Following the meeting a citizen, Ms. Kimberly Naucier, saw a tape of the meeting and expressed interest in being nominated for the position.

SUPERINTENDENT (CONTINUED)

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by John Bailey that Ms. Naucier be nominated for the Riverside County Committee on School District Organization, Fifth Supervisorial District.

VOTE: AYE – 4

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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BUSINESS SERVICES

375 New State Budget

Mr. Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, presented information on the new state budget based on information provided at the 2002 School Finance and Management Conference attended by district staff, CSEA, and MVEA. The District is dependent on the state for funding. The state economy and finances have an impact on education. The current financial problems are a result of the tremendous decline in sales tax revenues and personal income taxes. The state lost about \$10.4 billion in stock options and capital gains income taxes. The state had to close a \$23 billion deficit gap, which involved budget cuts and borrowing from other funds. As a result, education expenditures were delayed. In addition, the COLA of 2 percent was offset by 30 percent as a result of items that were taken away from

schools. The new and expanded programs, eliminated programs, and reduction of programs all impact the amount of funding districts receive. The District currently has the budget in balance despite these changes.

The Board of Education asked if the financing for Vista del Lago of \$3 million would be linked to Proposition 47. Mr. Crank said that if Proposition 47 passes, the debt could be paid off at that time. Several Board members commented that when the QZAB was passed, it was the Board's intent to set aside \$3 million to offset this debt. Dr. Ferguson said he would follow up.

Dr. Ferguson said administration would be presenting the Board with a revised budget reflecting these changes in October.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A Administrative Regulation 7000 – Attendance Boundary Committee
Dr. Ferguson said Administrative Regulation 7000 is presented to move forward with the Attendance Boundary Committee. Typically, there is membership from AMVMP, CSEA, and MVEA. Recommendations for appointments are sought from the three groups. Regulations are brought as informational items regarding the implementation of policy by staff.

John Bailey

- He said the Board has been through some difficult times in the last year and thanked his fellow members for their professionalism. He said they don't always agree, but they disagree professionally. He said it has been a pleasure working with his fellow Board members.

Jackie Ashe

- She visited Midland and said the school is doing great things. She was very impressed with the staff and students. She liked the modifications to the faculty workroom made by a group of parents.
- She attended the DELAC meeting last week. They are doing great things. DELAC is trying to institute the Latino Family Literacy Project at eleven sites, which will include classes for parents.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

VOTE: AYE – 4

NAY- 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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