

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF APRIL 26, 2005**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of April 26, 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 5:01 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 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation.

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 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar  
Student Board Rep. – Diana Byrd

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action on the Closed Session Agenda items.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education  
Joe Palomino, Director, Secondary Education  
John Baldaray, Director, Warehouse  
Carol Allbaugh, Coordinator, Career Development  
Lisa Wilson, Coordinator, Multilingual Programs  
Sandra Potter, Principal, Cloverdale  
Maribel Mattox, Principal, Edgemont  
Kirk Skorpanich, Principal, Sunnymeadows  
Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno  
Bobbie Byers, Principal, Bayside Community Day School  
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago  
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager  
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

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Visitors

Marciela Hinds  
Cody Brown  
Michelle Deyton  
Candy Moke  
Marin Torres  
Belinda Childrey  
Gil Ramos  
Becky Shreiner  
Karen Senger  
Charlene Stinson  
Melissa Bazanos  
Katherine Underwood  
Ramiro Cabral  
Becky Moulthrop  
Jack Hough

Scott Johnson  
Helga Brown  
Michael Deaton  
Amelia Juárez  
Martha Jimenez  
Anna Pino  
Candy Jonasson  
Karen Rumfolo  
Tablia Jackson  
Darrell Ronto  
Martha Wallis  
Ann Adler  
Martha Jiménez  
Geraldine Stilphen  
Debbie Grout

Diana Byrd  
Erica Rodriguez  
Janet MacMillan  
Joel Galvez  
Denise McCrea  
Debra Nettles  
H. Griffin  
Danny Torres  
Paula Trout  
Andrea Aragon  
Tim Nguyen  
Felix Rivera  
Luis Villicaña  
Nora Pena  
Heidi Meadows

**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 asked for the audience to observe a moment of silence for the brave men and women who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, bearing in mind that we lost one of our graduates recently in that conflict.

**DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

<del>May</del>	<del>10, 2005</del>	<del>7 p.m.</del>	<del>Regular Board Meeting</del>	<del>Board Room - Cancelled</del>
May	11, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
May	24, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
June	14, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

**RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS**

Edgemont Elementary School's second and fifth grade students represented Black History with a performance of "Who Am I?" under the direction of Ms. Franco and Ms. Cole-Anderson. "This Little Light of Mine" was performed by Ms. Anderson's and Ms. Shelton-Geeson's third grade classes.

Community Service Awards for 2004-05 were presented to Felix Rivera, Office Depot, and Ms. Gerry Vaughn, Riverside County Regional Medical Center. A Continuing Service Award for 2004-05 was presented to Ms. Leslie Snowball, Costco, and Ms. Debbie Hoffman, Moreno Valley Optimist Club.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Amelia Juárez, Luis Villicaña, Martha Jiménez, Joel Gálvez, and Ramiro Cabral, District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) members, for their presentation at the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) convention and District staff members Lisa Wilson, Nora Pena, and Beverly Lopez.

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The Board of Education brought forward Action Items 228 - Resolution No. 2004-05-73 – School Nurses' Day; Action Item 229 – Resolution No. 2004-05-74 – Educational Options Month; Action Item

230 – Resolution No. 2004-05-75 – Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; Item 425 – Resolution No. 2004-05-78 – Day of the Teacher – May 11, 2005; and Item 426 – Resolution No. 2004-05-79 – Classified Employees Month – May.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that Action Items 228 through 230 and Action Items 425 through 426 be approved as presented.

VOTE:                      AYE - 5                      NAY- 0                      ABSTAIN – 0

Martha Wallis, Head Nurse, was presented a copy of the resolution recognizing School Nurse’s Day, May 11, 2005.

Bobby Byers, Principal, Bayside Community Day School, was presented a copy of the resolution recognizing May as Educational Options Month.

Tim Nguyen, Dean of Students, Valley View High School, was presented a copy of the resolution recognizing May as Asian and Pacific Islander Month.

2005 Moreno Valley Unified School District “Teachers of the Year” - Rebecca Moulthrop, Sunnymeadows Elementary School, Darrell Ronto, Valley View High School, and Katherine Underwood, Moreno Valley Educators Association, were presented a copy of the resolution recognizing May 11, 2005, as the Day of the Teacher.

Rebecca Shreiner, Classified School Employees Association member, was presented a copy of the resolution recognizing May as Classified Employees Month.

#### SCHOOL REPORTS

Cody Brown, Vista del Lago, reported that prom and graduation are rapidly approaching. On April 21 and 22 ASB, in conjunction with the Moreno Valley Police and Fire Departments, sponsored a program called “Every 15 Minutes.” The first day, a fictional 911 call was placed stating that a student had been hit by a drunk driver. The aftermath and how the death of a fellow student was addressed. On Friday, April 22, an assembly was held which featured guest speakers from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The turn out was excellent and the feedback was positive.

Today counselors spoke to senior economics and government classes addressing the fact that if they have a “D” or “F” grade in any of the required classes, they would not graduate. The annual spring sports rally is scheduled for Friday, April 28. In June ASB will sponsor its annual Raven Academy Awards which will recognize students and teachers on campus. The 2005-06 middle college sign-ups were completed on April 14. There are 150 tenth and eleventh graders who will participate in this program next year. Students have been recognized for their academic excellence for third quarter. Seniors are busy in preparing for graduation activities.

Erica Rodriguez, March Valley, reported that students will be taking the STAR tests on May 7 and May 12. May 12 is the next reward day where students with good grades, attendance, and behavior will be recognized. This time the students will be going to Magic Mountain. The students also must have been at school for both days of the California High School Exit Exam. On May 11, ASB will be celebrating the “Day of the Teacher” by giving gifts to the teachers. Juniors and seniors will be attending the prom with Valley View on May 7 at the Doral Desert Princess Resort and Hotel. March Valley’s dance/choreography class will be putting on its annual spring performance on April 28.

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Michelle Deyton, Canyon Springs, reported that on April 20 at approximately 9:45 a.m., Canyon Springs received a bomb threat in the form of a note attached to a locker in the C wing. A lockdown was initiated in accordance with established procedures. Students remained in their third period classes

until 1:10 p.m. when the administration and the Moreno Valley Police Department determined that no explosives or potentially dangerous objects were found. Students were dismissed to lunch and then to their seventh period classes. The lockdown was a proactive procedure to ensure the safety of the students and staff. Although the individual(s) instigating the incident have not been found, anyone who may have information is asked to contact Canyon Springs.

The "Every 15 Minutes" program began today for juniors and seniors. This program is a two-day program to encourage students not to drink and drive. Today a fictional car crash was held at the entrance of the school site in conjunction with the Moreno Valley Police and Fire Departments. Tomorrow an assembly will be held in which a simulated funeral and memorial service will be held. Today, PTSA recognized teachers by providing lunch from the Olive Garden. On April 21, Canyon Springs college quiz bowl team was at the districtwide competition and won the title for the third consecutive year. Prom is scheduled for April 28 at the Sea Cliff Country Club in Huntington Beach from 8 to 12 p.m. The theme is "A Night in Paradise." STAR testing begins next week. Students are encouraged to do their best to meet the API goal of 800. Advanced placement tests begin next week and the week of May 9. Students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for these tests.

Michael Deaton, Valley View, reported that Amber Vincent coordinated the "Every 15 Minute" program at Valley View for her senior project. He congratulated her on a job well done. The varsity and junior varsity song and cheer squads received several first place awards at the Temescal High School competition last weekend. The boys varsity baseball and girls varsity softball teams are doing well in the Mountain View League. Valley View hosted the college bowl last weekend. The Youth Walk is scheduled for April 30 from 8 to 10 a.m. He commended Ms. Allbaugh for coordinating this event on behalf of ACCESS to the Future. The environmental fair was held on April 15 and was a successful senior project. He thanked Ms. Suntree, the staff, and the participants for their support. This event taught students a lot on environmental and conservations issues that need to be addressed in the future.

Diana Byrd, Moreno Valley, reported that this week is multicultural week. She reported on the various activities planned. On April 23, Moreno Valley participated in the college bowl. The team made it into the finals. AVID students Lorena Gonzalez, Daniel Perez, and Dashette Perkins were honored at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Write-Off awards ceremony at the University of Redlands. The students and staff are continuing to work on raising the STAR test scores. Letters to parents and phone calls home the night before the test are being done to encourage the students to do well and attend school on the testing days. The advanced placement tests given this year have nearly doubled from last year. Last year 106 students took 206 exams. This year 193 students took 310 exams. The track team is doing well and are in second place in the Mountain View League. A prom meeting was held where guest speakers from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) were in attendance. Prom is scheduled for April 29 at the Santa Anita Race Track from 7 to 11 p.m.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Danny Torres, Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) Labor Relations Representative, stated that the CSEA and its Moreno Valley Chapter 410 has tendered its initial 2005-06 Successor Proposal which will be an item on the next Board agenda. He spoke about labor relations. He gave a

brief history of labor relations between CSEA and the District. In 1997 the District and CSEA adopted a process referred to as interest based bargaining where management and the union work in a partnership to seek creative resolutions that balance the interest of stakeholders. He stated that CSEA desires to work together with management. On behalf of CSEA, he requested that management be encouraged to pursue partnership labor relations and to discourage to use potential adversarial labor relations.

Heidi Meadows, Youth Facilitator of Moreno Valley Community of Promise, gave a brief history of the Community of Promise and how it was established. She spoke of the Youth Walk scheduled for April 30 as a fundraiser for the youth center. The center has recently found out that the grant funding will be discontinued; however, funding has been provided through December 2005. There are a number of community projects as well as individual projects that are in the process. Ms. Meadows offered her assistance and asked the District to utilize her services.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

Consent Item 401 was amended to reflect the appointment of Karen Senger, Assistant Principal, Cloverdale/Hendrick Ranch/Midland; Cheryl Smith, Assistant Principal, North Ridge/Sunnymeadows; and Candy Moke, 6-8 Assistant Principal, location to be determined.

Consent Item 402 reflects the 2005-06 assignments for Robert Romero from Principal, Sunnymead Elementary to Principal, Creekside; Andrea Aragon, Creekside Assistant Principal to Assistant Principal, Ramona/Edgemont/TownGate; Melissa Bazanos, Assistant Principal, Sugar Hill/Butterfield to Assistant Principal, Butterfield/Creekside; Bruce Hoffman, Assistant Principal, Hendrick Ranch/Bear Valley to Assistant Principal, Bear Valley/Sunnymead Elementary; Kathy Kulsick, Assistant Principal, Honey Hollow/Sunnymeadows/North Ridge to Assistant Principal Honey Hollow/Sugar Hill; and Maria Torres, Assistant Principal, Serrano to Assistant Principal, Serrano/Armada/Chaparral Hills.

Consent Item 403 reflects the appointment of Nancy Hernandez from Secretary II, Career Development to Human Resources Technician.

Consent Item 406 was pulled.

VOTE:                    AYE - 5                    NAY- 0                    ABSTAIN – 0

**ACTION AGENDA**

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that the Action Agenda Items, except Action Items 228 through 230 and Action Items 425 through 426 which were Board approved earlier in the meeting, be approved as presented.

VOTE:                    AYE - 5                    NAY- 0                    ABSTAIN – 0

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA**

None

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS**

- V-A Williams Complaint Report Summary
- V-B Administrative Regulation
  - 7150 – Construction – Site Selection and Development

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The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She was very disappointed that there were no discussion items on the agenda tonight. She feels that there are a number of “hot topics” that need to be discussed. She stated that there is a lot of hard work going on in the District and it merits discussion. This Board owes the District that responsibility to have those discussions.
- She spoke about the program improvement meeting she attended on Friday. This is an opportunity for the District to look into the future on how to provide additional and better services, reevaluate its services, and work with the schools in a crisis situation. It was an in depth meeting with a variety of teams that were incorporated throughout the District from different departments and school sites. This will provide a lot of input as the District develops the 90-day action plan. Under the governing action piece, it talks about the delivery of a new mission statement of a strategic plan. She feels this item should be on-going on the Board agenda as changes are made. She looks at this as an opportunity and challenge for the District.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- She said it was good to hear from Mr. Torres. She welcomed him back.
- She thanked Badger Springs for the plants provided to Board members in recognition of Cesar Chavez Day.

Rick Sayre

- He had no comments.

Richard Coz

- He asked about the status of the “thumb nail” information on the Community Facilities Districts providing an outline of the history and why the District does it.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He thanked staff, parents, and community members who are participating as part of the assessment teams working through the program improvement.
- He thanked the parents working on various District committees. It is important to have parent participation in the schools and committees. This assistance should be welcomed and appreciated. When parents are present the students perform better.
- He asked the Board members what topics they would like to discuss. Suggested topics were updates on Proposition 98, the program improvement plan, the Education Coalition, and the audit. He asked the Board if more meetings need to be scheduled. It was decided that if there is an issue that needs to be address additional Board meetings can be scheduled.

Board Member Sayre asked if there were an adequate number of Board meetings scheduled to cover these various issues. He feels the Board is flexible to meet more frequently when necessary.

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Nick Ferguson

- He responded to Board Member Vackar’s concern about the lack of discussion items. There was a discussion item on the charter petition on the agenda which would have taken a good amount of time. At the last minute, it was requested that the charter petition be pulled. In the past, there was Board discussion that if the Board members had any particular item(s) for discussion, he asked then to let the Board President or him know so they can be scheduled for a future Board agenda or special meeting.

RECESS:                    There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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