

MINUTES

**MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**



Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
Regular Board Meeting Beginning at 6:00 P.M.  
Mendota High School Library  
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640

**MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER 6:04PM**

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

1. Alma Durazo	6:05pm	5. Diana Toscano	Present
2. Lupe Flores	6:06pm	6. Raul S. Varela	Present
3. Isabel Maldonado	Present	7. Jose C. Zavala	Present
4. Adrian Perez	Present	8. Diana Quinteros	Present

**3.0 FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION: Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Villar introduced the students that participated in the Fresno County Spelling Bee Competition to lead the flag salute.**

- ❖ *Spelling Bee Participants*  
*Adam Plasencia, McCabe Elementary*  
*Angelli Trejo-Martinez, Mendota Elementary*  
*15 minute reception followed.*

**4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: January 28, 2018 -Raul Varela made the motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2018 with Jose Zavala seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed with a 6-0-1 absent. D. Toscano.**

February 13, 2018 - Jose Zavala made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 with Raul Varela seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-1 absent. D. Toscano.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR: March 21, 2018 - Raul Varela made the motion to approve the agenda with the correction on Item 10.11- Garcia instead of Ochoa. Jose Zavala seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed with a vote of 6-0-1absent. D. Toscano.**

*(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the District after the posting of this agenda.)*

**6.0 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

*(Any Trustee who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC §87105] NONE*

**7.0 REPORT(S) - INFORMATION ONLY**

- ❖ **School Safety** Officer Cindy Ayala  
Officer Cindy Ayala introduced herself to the board as the SRO for the district. She described her duties as the SRO. She informed the board that she is putting together an actual simulation training for the staff on active shooting safety training. She said it will not take place during school hours.

❖ **Westside Youth Program Update**

**Mr. Dino Perez**

**Mr. Perez gave a brief update regarding his program. He presented summaries of students who are being served at school sites.**

**8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the Board on any matter related to the District. The District Secretary has forms that may be filled out and given back to the District Secretary. In accordance with District Policy, members of the public are asked to keep their comments to four (4) minutes or less.)*

- ❖ Kevin Romero WSL update.
- ❖ Albert Escobedo thanked the board for all their support.
- ❖ Robert Gonzales and Richard Carlos announced they will be having a School Bus Training Class for any in-house employee or substitute who is interested.

**9.0 CONSENT CALENDAR -Raul Varela made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 9.1-9.4 with Jose Zavala seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0.**

*(All Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine action items and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered following approval of the Consent Calendar.)*

- 9.1 Approved of Cal-SOAP Summer Academy for twelve 11<sup>th</sup> grade Mendota High School students to be held at Fresno State from June 9 through June 15, 2018. Participating students will also tour various Universities in Southern California from June 13 through June 15, 2018
- 9.2 Approved of overnight trip for 41 students to attend the MESA Day Regional Competition at UC Santa Barbara, April 20 through April 22, 2018. Students to be accompanied by Mr. Sackrison, Mr. Tamayo, and Chaperones.
- 9.3 Approved of FFA Spring Lock-In for up to 100 high school students on April 6 through April 7, 2018 to be held in the Mendota High Cafeteria.
- 9.4 Approved of Grant Writing Services Agreement between California Consulting and Mendota Unified School District on a month to month basis.
- 9.5 **RESOLUTION No. 270-1718:** Approval to donate old unusable miscellaneous office furniture to Westside Youth, Inc. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo Y L. Flores Y;  
I Maldonado Y; A. Perez Y; D. Toscano Y;  
R. Varela Y; J. Zavala Y

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS - Diana Toscano made a motion to approve Action Items with the exception of items 10.6 and 10.14. Raul Varela seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed with a vote of 7-0.**

- 10.1 Approved/Consideration for the Lease LeaseBack Agreement between Mendota Unified School District and David A. Bush, Inc. for the McCabe Elementary School Modernization Project.
- 10.2 Approved to hire Ramon Vaca as a classroom teacher on a Multiple Subject Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) at McCabe Elementary School for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.
- 10.3 Approved to hire Nancy Perez as a classroom teacher at McCabe Elementary School contingent upon her acquiring the appropriate credential/permit for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.

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- 10.4 Approved to hire Niecky Ovando, a fully credentialed Multiple Subjects teacher at McCabe Elementary School for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.
- 10.5 Approved to hire Jenri Gonzalez as a classroom teacher at McCabe Elementary School contingent upon him acquiring the appropriate credential/permit for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.
- 10.6 Approval to hire Kellie Ann Arnett as a classroom teacher at McCabe Elementary School on a Short Term Staff Permit at McCabe Elementary School for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal. **Taken into Closed Session**
- 10.7 Approved to hire Ramandeep Grewal as a classroom teacher at McCabe Elementary School on a University Internship Permit for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.
- 10.8 Approved to hire Sydney Lustig a fully credentialed English/Language Arts teacher at Mendota High School for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.
- 10.9 Approval of the Letter of Resignation from Lilian Blanco a 6 hour/10 month Instructional Aide at Mendota High School, effective March 24, 2018.
- 10.10 Approved of Letter of Resignation from Amalia Cutts, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at McCabe Elementary School, effective June 9, 2018.
- 10.11 Approved to hire Polly Garcia as a 6 hour/10 month Instructional Aide at Mendota High School to fill a current vacancy due to resignation.
- 10.12 Approved to hire Edith Guzman, a fully credentialed Single Subject Biology teacher at Mendota High School contingent upon her acquiring the appropriate credential/permit for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal.
- 10.13 Approved of the recommended Instructional/Teacher Duty Day Calendar for the 2018/2019 school year.
- 10.14 Consideration/Approval of Retention Incentive Agreement for the Director of Human Resources. **Taken into Closed Session.**

### 11.0 TRUSTEE RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATIONS

*Board Presentation and Recognition is for the purpose of recognizing district staff, parents and community organizations for exemplary services on behalf of our students while sharing school-related activities, school visitations, conference attended, or meetings scheduled. The items discussed will not result in any Board action.*

- *Diana Quintero congratulated Mr. Dutcher for taking for taking 14 students to the state competition.*
- *Raul Varela asked if his title of Dr. was left intentionally out of the signature line of the lease/lease back agreement packet. Dr. Lopez said no it was not. Mr. Varela thanked busdrivers of being aware in the rainy conditions.*
- *Adrian Perez said he was part of the WASC meeting. He said all parents had positive feedback regarding the high school.*
- *Diana Toscano went to the awards assembly at MES. She said it went smoothly. She thanked the community for putting their trust in her and said that all her decisions were always for the students and thanked her family for supporting her. She told the board members to please continue with the vision that they share to best serve the students and district.*
- *Lupe Flores would like to share a moment of silence for Mr. Workman who passed away the night before. She also recognized Mrs. Toscano and thanked her for her contribution to the community and the school district.*

**12.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- WASC thanked Mr. Kirby and his staff for preparing for this visit. He heard positive things about MHS and Mr. Kirby's leadership.
- Spring Break is March 26-April 2, 2018.

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:03pm**

**13.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

**13.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

**13.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

**13.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S)**

Unrepresented Employee(s)

**13.5 The Board will consider the following expulsion case(s):**

Cases #0318-134150 Tabled.

**10.6 Approval to hire Kellie Ann Arnett as a classroom teacher at McCabe Elementary School on a Short Term Staff Permit at McCabe Elementary School for the 2018/2019 school year as recommended by the site principal. Jose Zavala made a motion to approve with Diana Toscano seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion passed with a vote of 6-1.**

**D. Toscano ---Yes, Raul Varela - Yes, Alma Durazo - Yes, Isabel Maldonado - Yes, Lupe Flores - Yes, Jose Zavala -Yes, Adrian Perez - No.**

**10.14 Consideration/Approval of Retention Incentive Agreement for the Director of Human Resources. Motion was made by Diana Toscano to approve the 1 yr. agreement contingent upon buyout language stricken. Alma Durazo seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed with a vote of 5-1-1. D. Toscano ---Yes, Raul Varela - Yes, Alma Durazo - Yes, Isabel Maldonado - Yes, Lupe Flores - Yes, Jose Zavala -Absent, Adrian Perez - No.**

**14.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT 10:59pm. (MSC; D. Toscano/R. Varela, 6-0)**

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Clerk of the Board

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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