

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

May 13, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Mendota High School Library
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640

MINUTES

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER 6:05pm**

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

1. Lupe Flores	Present	5. Raul S. Varela	Present
2. Isabel Maldonado	Present	6. Jesus Zavala	Present
3. Araceli Perez	Absent	7. Jose Zavala	Present
4. Diana Toscano	Arrived at 6:07pm	8. Marissa Navarro, Student Board Member	Present

3.0 **FLAG SALUTE:** Cintya Elizabeth Trejo, Mendota Continuation High School Graduate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: April 22, 2015 (MSC; Jose Zavala/Raul Varela, 6-0)**

5.0 **APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: May 13, 2015**

(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.) (MSC; Jose Zavala/Raul Zavala, 6-0)

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 **BUSINESS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

(This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the Board on any matter related to the District that is not listed on the Agenda. The District Secretary has forms that may be filled out and given back to the District Secretary prior to the start of the Board meeting. In accordance with District Policy, members of the public are asked to keep their comments to four (4) minutes or less.)

- ❖ Bert Escobedo addressed the board regarding the comment he heard about three of our bus drivers applying at a neighboring district perhaps because that district offers health benefits. He also gave each school site some monies left over from the Measure M campaign.
- ❖ Daniel Gomez permission for a use facility permit to use the cafeteria and stadium for USA Football Clinic, June 27, 2015 for Tri-County Football League.
- ❖ Travis Kirby presented a video of the Mendota Junior High Band it produced and uploaded to You Tube. He also presented a video reply from Enrique Iglesias thanking the Junior High band for their version of his song.

8.0 **CLOSED SESSION (MSC; Jesus Zavala/Jose Zavala, 6-0) at 6:35pm**

8.1 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code) Name of case: Mendota Unified School District v. Sunvista, LLC, et al. (Fresno Superior Court Case No. 13CECG00655) **Approved the settlement. (6-0)**

8.2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 5456.9 (d)(2) Number of Cases: 1 **Authorized the Superintendent to settle claim. (6-0)**

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9.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION 7:20pm

10.0 TRUSTEES RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Board Presentation and Recognition is for the purpose of recognizing district staff, students, 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.

- *Lupe Flores asked Mr. Arredondo when the Baccalaureate Service was scheduled for the graduates and if he had scheduled a keynote speaker for the graduation. Mr. Arredondo replied the baccalaureate was scheduled for May 31st in the high school cafeteria and our Superintendent, Dr. Paul Lopez would be the keynote speaker.*
- *Raul Varela thanked Mr. Arredondo for the walk-thru at his site. Mr. Varela was very impressed with the classrooms.*
- *Diana Toscano recognized Mr. Quetzal Andrade for his excellent job with the Mendota Junior High Band. She also recognized Mendota Elementary for putting on a great school carnival. She also thanked Mrs. Rebecca Gamez for her dedication to her students.*
- *Jesus Zavala concurred with Mrs. Toscano saying Mrs. Gamez is doing a great job.*
- *Marissa Navarro said on Fiesta Friday turned out great. She also mentioned that the issues they students were having with the APT testing were resolved.*

11.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- ❖ **Publically congratulate Mendota High School for their WASC Accreditation.**
- ❖ **Update regarding the SRO. Met with police chief on April 30th to look at scope of work SRO will be doing. Will present more information at next board meeting.**
- ❖ **Received a bond rating of A1. Asked if board will schedule a special board meeting on May 26th to discuss the Washington Modernization Project. Board agreed.**

12.0 CONSENT CALENDAR (MSC; Jose Zavala/Raul Varela, 6-0)

(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.)

- 12.1 Approved of warrants: #511820865 - #511820971
#511822036 - #511822047
#511823787 - #511823875
- 12.2 Approved of payment to Baker, Manock & Jensen for legal services rendered not-to exceed \$3,693.74.
- 12.3 Approved of payment to Atkinson, Adelson, Loy, Rudd & Romo for legal services rendered not-to exceed \$5,436.25
- 12.4 Approved of end of the year field trip for the MHS Senior AVID students on Friday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. and return on Saturday, May 16th.

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- 12.5 Approved of the recommended curriculum for the MHS textbooks
- Halderman, J.D. (2015). *Automotive Technology: Principles, Diagnosis, and Service* (5th Edition). Prentice Hall. ISBN:13:978-0-13399461-2.
 - Althouse, A.D., et al. (2012). *Modern Welding*. Goodheart-Willcox. ISBN: 1605257958.
- 12.6 Approved to contract with BSK & Associates for the Remediation at Washington Elementary at the cost of \$267,622.00 (reimbursable from the State Underground Storage Tank clean-up fund).
- 12.7 Approved of Carlos Arredondo as 2015-2016 CIF League Representative.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 13.0 **Staff Report on School to Work/Independent Living** – Rod Smith (Information Only)
- 14.0 **Staff Report on Illuminate Education** – Manuel Bautista (Information Only) **Tabled.**
- 15.0 **Staff Report on Summer School Program/Staffing** – Joe Ochoa (Information Only)
- 16.0 **PERSONNEL Approved items 16.1-16.3 (MSC; Jose Zavala/Jesus Zavala, 6-0)**
- 16.1 Accepted the letter of retirement/resignation from Ronald O. Eskelsen effective June 6, 2015.
- 16.2 Approved to hire Lori Ruiz as Preschool Teacher at Washington School as recommended by the site Principal.
- 16.3 Approved to hire Bradley Miranda as Mendota High School Agriculture Teacher for the 2015/16 school year as recommended by the interview panel and site Principal, contingent upon the District receiving documentation of the appropriate credential by June 30, 2015.
- 16.4 Approval to hire Evelyn Duran as Mendota High School Social Science Teacher for the 2015/16 school year as recommended by the interview panel and site Principal, contingent upon the District receiving documentation of the appropriate credential by June 30, 2015. ***Taken into Closed Session.***
- 17.0 **Resolution # 215-1415:** Approval of resolution to allow reimbursement of District funds spent on bond projects before issuance of the Series A Bonds. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** L. Flores Y; Jesus Zavala Y; R. Varela Y; I. Maldonado Y; A. Perez ABSENT; Jose Zavala Y; D. Toscano Y. (6-0-1 absent)
- 18.0 **Resolution # 216-1415:** Approval of resolution certifying the results of the November 4, 2014 general obligation bond election. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** L. Flores Y; Jesus Zavala Y; R. Varela Y; I. Maldonado Y; A. Perez ABSENT; Jose Zavala Y; D. Toscano Y. (6-0-1 absent)

CLOSED SESSION 8:42pm (MSC; Jose Zavala/Raul Varela, 6-0)

- 19.0 **CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING EXPULSIONS: FOUR (4) CASES**
- #0415-12383
 - #0415-11893
 - #0415-12379
 - #0415-130317
- 20.0 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

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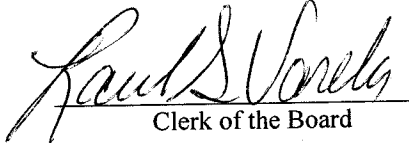
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Negotiator: MUSD Negotiating Team
Employee Agency: (MTA) Mendota Teachers Association
Employee Agency: (CSEA) California School Employee Association

- 21.0 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).
- 22.0 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).
- 23.0 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/RELEASE**
Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).
- 24.0 **ADJOURNMENT 11:30pm (MSC; Lupe Flores/Jose Zavala, 6-0)**

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