

**MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
25634 Alessandro Boulevard  
Moreno Valley, California**

**MINUTES FOR THE STUDY SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

The minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Education of February 17, 2015 are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2015. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Special Study Session of February 17, 2015.

**THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE AUDIO-TAPED PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE §54953.5**

CALL TO ORDER: The Study Session was opened at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present–Baugh Present–Fleming Present-Johnson Present-Holguin

**Board Members Present**

Gary E. Baugh, Ed.S., President  
Cleveland Johnson, Vice-President  
Jesus M. Holguin, Clerk  
Denise Fleming, Ed.D., Member

**Administration Present**

Judy D. White, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Mays Kakish, Chief Business Official  
Martinrex Kedziora, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. Educational Svcs.  
Robert Verdi, Ed.D., Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Tim McGillivray, Public Information Officer  
Diane Hellerstedt, Administrative Assistant,  
Board of Education

**Registered Visitors**

Brian Wood  
Patrick Kelleher  
Ruthee Goldkorn  
Keri Then  
I. Angelov Farooq

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

- Members of the Teamsters spoke on concerns from 138 drivers of Gold Star Foods, who deliver to our District. Concerns included safety concerns, rushed schedules, unfair and discriminatory pay systems and efforts of the company to thwart unionizing efforts. They stated they were bringing this to our attention because they are headed to a labor dispute and strike, and asked for investigation into the issues to possibly help avert this action.

**STUDY SESSION**

**Item B-2: Interview Order of Board Candidates**

The names of each Provisional Appointment Board Candidate will be drawn by random selection. The candidates will be interviewed in the order in which the names are drawn.

Dr. White, Superintendent and Dr. Verdi, Assistant Superintendent provided an overview of the application process that was followed for candidates for the Provisional Appointment to the Board of Education to fill its existing vacancy. All candidates have been verified by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters. Tonight's action will determine the order of the interviews for the verified candidates.

As the names of the candidates were drawn, the order of the interviews was displayed on a screen in the Board Room. The results are listed below. It was explained that a letter will be sent to the candidates to announce the time frame for their interviews.

No.	Last Name	First Name	Occupation
1	Kelleher	Patrick	Retired Administrator
2	Bonafoux Rivera	Esther	Higher Education
3	Johnson	Debby	Self-employed Artist
4	Baca	Jennifer	Director of Policy and Education
5	Farooq	Imran Angelov	Higher Education
6	Then	Keri	Higher Education
7	Anderson	Delorise	Retired Educator

**Item B-3: Study Session Presentation on Nutrition Services**

Chief Business Official, Mays Kakish, introduced the Nutritional Services Director Carla Lyder to lead the presentation on the Nutrition Services. Food samples were provided for the Board members to taste.

Ms. Lyder led a PowerPoint presentation which included the following:

- Informational Videos
- Statistics on Breakfast & Lunch Programs
- Healthy School Meals – New 2010 Law with 5 required components
- Information on Childhood Obesity and Consequences
- Relationship of School Meals and Academic Achievement
- Healthy Food Choice Information
- Specifics about MVUSD Secondary Lunches
- Ideas and Resources to Get Parents Involved

Ms. Lyder also provided copies of brochures and menus for the Moreno Valley Unified School District elementary, middle and high school nutrition programs.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

All Board members expressed appreciation for valuable information and food samples that were provided. They support the efforts of the Nutritional Services Department and know that the services are appreciated, as evidenced by the success of free breakfast and free summer lunch programs. They know our families appreciate these offerings.

Concerns included:

- STATISTICS. The statistics about childhood obesity are alarming, and just as eye-opening is the positive relationship between school lunches and academic performance.
- FOOD WASTE. Observations reveal that a lot of food goes into the trash. Federal regulations dictate the distribution of all food groups required, and student tastes don't necessarily match all offerings, just as happens at home. Business Services is aware of this situation, and is looking into the possibility of finding donation programs that can address this

issue while still meeting Federal guidelines.

- **LACK OF VARIETY.** Several Board members have visited schools and spoken to students, resulting in questions about the perceived lack of variety in foods offered. Ms. Lyder explained the nutritional requirements of new nutrition laws, and stated they are always looking for new food offerings that meet both nutritional requirements and student palates. They do monitor amounts and popularity of foods on an ongoing basis.
- **NEED TO EDUCATE PARENTS.** Board members noted how beneficial it would be to get this important information to parents, so they would have buy-in and support improved nutrition at home. Some suggestions involved including short versions of this type of presentation at school functions and parent meetings, as well as distributing written information in the form of brochures, menus and other formats.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.