

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MARCH 12, 2002**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2002, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2002. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of March 12, 2002.

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25634 Alessandro Boulevard  
Moreno Valley, California**

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AND REBROADCAST ON CHANNEL 25**

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the Regular Meeting at 5:04 p.m. to convene into the Special Meeting of the Moreno Valley Unified School District Community Facilities District 88-1 and 91-1.

The Board of Education reconvened the regular meeting at 5:05 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Private School Placements, Hearing Officer Recommendations, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with CSEA Labor Negotiator, and Conference with MVEA Labor Negotiator.

Members Present

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

Administration

John Costello

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present - Ashe Present - Bailey Absent - Baugh Present - Sayre Present - Vackar  
Present - Chubbs (Student Rep.)

REPORT OUT  
OF CLOSED  
SESSION:

The Board of Education concurred with staff recommendations on Special Education Private School Placement Cases and Hearing Officer Recommendations, and heard staff comments on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with CSEA Labor Negotiator and Conference with MVEA Labor Negotiator with no new information to report.

Administration Present

John Costello, Deputy Superintendent, Schools/Educational Programs  
Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction  
Cindy Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Joe Palomino, Director, Secondary Education  
Kathy Nordin, Director, Elementary Education  
Richard Blakley, Director, Accounting  
Ken Schmidt, Coordinator, Child Welfare and Attendance  
Vanez Butler, Coordinator, Staff Development

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Administration Present (Cont.)

Trish Hatch, Coordinator, Student Services

Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago  
 Kim Kruger, Interim Principal, Valley View  
 Mark Attebery, Principal, Moreno Valley  
 Bobbie Byers, Administrator, Bayside  
 Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno  
 Georgia Hampton, Principal, Midland  
 Jeff Jones, Principal, Cloverdale  
 Penny Thorn-Macon, Principal, Arnold Heights  
 Sandra Somerhalder, Principal, Creekside  
 Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Karen Rumfola	Becky Schriener	Katherine Underwood
Jesus Holguin	Tanya Sierra	Zenia Lowe
Melvin Wilcutt	Louise Palomarez	JoAnn Stephan
Deborah Garmoe	James Byrn	Diane Tudge
Chris Contreras	Larin Lucero	Erica Montano
Gordon Parker	Carol A. Lee	Tammy Guzzetta
Joyce Brown	Jim Brown	D. Eagle
Dottie Gargan	Gloria Rivera	Doug Haynes
Maria Kobayachi	Ramiro Cabral	Guillermina Guillen
Patty Rucker	Paula Gilbert	Mary Perea
Jeanne Hartman	John Zamora	Guy Pierce
Richard Hernandez	Annette Hernandez	Lillian Jenkes
David Jenkes	Rhonda Walsh	Arlene Hudson
Darcel Cannady-Jamerson	Peggy Maim	Robert Ellis
Donna Cobbs		

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Board Representative Chubbs.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Board Member Baugh.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings

March	26, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
April	9, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
April	23, 2002	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

Special Board Meeting

March	19, 2002	5:30 p.m.	Special Closed Session	Staff Lounge, Second Floor
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RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Students of the Renaissance Reward Recognition Program at Moreno Valley High School presented an overview of past, present accomplishments, and future goals.

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Members of the Moreno Valley Unified School District Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) were recognized for their contributions and public involvement in observance of Public Schools Month in April.

Staff was recognized for its responsibility in providing all children with positive, meaningful life experiences so that they may grow to their full potential free from abuse in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

Student Board Representatives present reported on the following: Monique Chubbs, Valley View, reported that the blood drive was a success; the senior paper has been completed; seniors are preparing for their senior projects and AP testing; the senior trip is scheduled for March 19 for a four-hour cruise in the Long Beach Harbor; sophomores have completed their high school exit exam; students and staff are preparing for the Relay for Life event; and the spring sports teams are doing well.

Larin Lucero, March Mountain, reported that on March 6 students participated in a reward field trip to see *The Lion King* play and have dinner at Universal City Walk; on February 11 Jackie Mendoza was murdered and March 1 Chris Vaca was murdered. March Mountain lost two students within the last few weeks. ASB contributed approximately \$300 to the families of Jackie Mendoza and Chris Vaca to assist with burial costs. Larin distributed a copy of the most recent school newsletter.

Chris Contreras, Moreno Valley, reported that the ACE Academy successfully completed its performance of *Oliver* and is preparing for *The Odd Couple*; ASB and Renaissance students visited Creekside Elementary to read to the students; students are preparing for the Relay for Life event with various clubs working on raising funds; he was invited as an Interact Club alumnus to participate in a three day leadership skills camp; he thanked the Noon Rotary for assisting students; and Canyon Springs ASB and Moreno Valley ASB are sponsoring the Senior Citizen's Prom at Canyon Springs on March 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.

James Byrn, Canyon Springs, reported that this week several multicultural activities are scheduled including an assembly on March 13 featuring many performances; he commended the wrestling staff and athletes on their successful win of Ivy League, Riverside County title, and the wrestlers who advanced to CIF wrestling competitions; and the drill team is preparing for several upcoming events and he wished them the best.

Erica Montano, Bayside, reported that five students participated in the RCC leadership breakfast on February 27; March 5, 6, and 7 students completed the high school exit exam; March 12 was a job shadow day at Riverside County Regional Medical Center; two additional job shadowing days are scheduled for March 13 with Costco and March 14 with Moreno Valley Brunswick Bowl; and on March 19 the principal will treat twelve students to lunch for attaining 92 percent attendance with no referrals.

### STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Debbie Fay, president of the Association of Moreno Valley Management Personnel (AMVMP), addressed Action Item 425. She indicated that the association will stand by the Board and understands the difficult times the District is facing with the budget. Ms. Fay requested that when the budget allows, that the Board consider reinstating the employees who were reassigned first.

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Katherine Underwood, president of the Moreno Valley Educators Association (MVEA), shared concerns about the proposed budget reductions and the second interim financial report. She feels that in order for the Board to be able to make good decisions, accurate information needs to be presented. She requested the Board consider the following: involuntary transfers need to occur as far away from the classroom as possible, employee salaries need to be addressed, employees need to feel valued, and take into consideration any contractual ramifications that may occur based on decisions being made.



There was Board discussion, suggestions made for the budget committee to review, and clarification of Board member questions. There was a concern shared about the lost funds in ADA which totaled approximately \$4 million. There is also a concern that with the latest proposed staffing reduction, the figure could increase to an additional \$4 to \$6 million of budget reductions needed to meet the required 2 percent reserve. A request was made that the budget committee keep the Board abreast of any changes instead of being brought after the fact.

It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Gary E. Baugh that the second interim financial report be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEM

None

BOARD DISCUSSION

Tracey Vackar brought forward the following items:

- She suggested that the Board consider changing the April 9 Board meeting due to spring break. She will not be available. Staff will bring back new dates.
- She encouraged Board members to participate in the Relay for Life event.
- She attended the budget committee meeting. She indicated that the committee encouraged any Board member to attend in order to receive Board input. The meetings are scheduled every Tuesday at 3 p.m. The committee members have many ideas. One idea is to develop an attendance committee to address the issue of lost ADA funds.

John Bailey had no comments.

Gary Baugh had no comments.

Jackie Ashe had no comments.

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Rick Sayre brought forward the following items:

- He asked is staff was making any symbolic cuts, i.e., energy, supplies. All the expenditures and programs the District has needs to be evaluated to see if it is needed.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Gary E. Baugh that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

VOTE:

AYE – 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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