

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF DECEMBER 8, 1998

The minutes of the Organizational/Regular Meeting of December 8, 1998, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 1999. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Organizational/Regular Meeting of December 8, 1998.

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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 5:09 p.m. The re-elected and newly elected Board members were sworn in. The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 5:14 p.m. to discuss Private School Placement Case Nos. 24-98-99 through 27-98-99 and 28-97-98; Hearing Officer Recommendations Case Nos. 028-98-98, 037-98-99, 041-98-99, 044-98-99, 048-98-99, and 012-97-98; Public Employee Appointment; Public Employee Discipline; Conference with CSEA Negotiator; Conference with MVEA Negotiator.

Members Present
Jacqueline L. Ashe
Gary E. Baugh
Bernadette Burks
Alex T. Candelaria
Darlene Dolan

Administration
Anita L. Suazo
Jack Clarke, P/T
Linda Wisher, P/T
Suzanne Pickup, P/T

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT
OF CLOSED
SESSION:

The Board of Education approved Private School Placement Case Nos. 24-98-99 through 27-98-99 and 28-97-98; Hearing Officer Recommendations Case Nos. 028-98-98, 037-98-99, 041-98-99, 044-98-99, 048-98-99, and 012-97-98; The Board of Education approved Bruce Jorgensen, Coordinator, Magnet Schools Assistance Program. The effective date is to be determined. There was no reportable action on Public Employee Discipline, Conference with CSEA Negotiator, or Conference with MVEA Negotiator.

ROLL CALL: AYE - Ashe AYE - Baugh AYE - Burks AYE - Candelaria AYE - Dolan

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN - 0

RATIFICATION: It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Gary E. Baugh to ratify the Closed Session discussion.

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Administration Present

Anita L. Suazo, Superintendent of Schools
 Ronald Bennett, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Schools/Educational Programs
 Linda Wisher, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction
 Suzanne Pickup, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 Christine Wallace, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services
 Jeff Okun, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services
 Willie Williams, Director, Facilities Planning
 Lasandra Josephson, Director, Classified Employee Services
 Richard Blakely, Director, Accounting
 Roger Powell, Director, Information Systems
 Wayne Locke, Coordinator, Special Education
 Maribel Anaya-Mattox, Coordinator, Categorical Programs
 Dean Olson, Principal, Moreno Valley High School
 Linda Denver, Principal, March Mountain High School
 Len Anderson, Principal, Community Learning Centers
 Vanez Butler, Principal, Moreno Elementary
 Kathy Nordin, Principal, Creekside
 Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Carl Curling	Jenelle Beard	Gloria Boyd
Ralph W. Smith	Cindi Dolan	Christine Dolan
Bobby Dolan	Robert Washington	Michael McGhee
Johnny W. Welton	Mark Rosenbrook	Janine McCarthy
Dottie Gargan	Carletta Jones	Carolyn Anderson
Mike Sorter	Rick Anderson	Karin Westerling
Rebecca Shreiner	Karen Rumfola	Jesus Holguin
Alan Van Tassel	Katherine Underwood	Paul Wilson
Stephanie Perea	Mary Perea	Barbara Tyree Simon
Gavin Baugh	Joan Baugh	Courtney Baugh
F. S. Butler	Pam Bold	Rudy Solorio
Arlene Hudson	Mary Anne Gill	Denise Gibson
Rocky Gibson	Jon Holtan	Nancy Stuller
Michael J. Cuozzo	John Bailey	

OATH OF OFFICE: Jacqueline L. Ashe, a re-elected Board Member, was sworn in by Deanna Henderickson and Barbara Dressell.

Darlene Dolan, a newly elected Board Member, was sworn in by her grandchildren, Christine Dolan and Bobby Dolan. Ms. Dolan stated her purpose for running for office was to help all of the children in Moreno Valley. She looks to everyone to help her accomplish this goal. She recognized her daughter-in law, Cindi Dolan, a North Ridge teacher, and the mother of her grandchildren.

Gary E. Baugh, a newly elected Board Member, was sworn in by his son, Gavin Baugh, daughter, Courtney Baugh, and wife, Joan Baugh. Mr. Baugh stated he loves children and education. He believes this a good school district. He will work hard, together with the Board, with dignity and respect for one another. He feels there is a change and emphasis on education. It is important to bring out the very best of this district.

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ORGANIZATIONAL/SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOOL FACILITIES CORPORATION

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lasandra Josephson, Director, Classified Employee Services.

INVOCATION: Board President Candelaria asked that a moment of silence be observed to reflect on last year and the hard work for the coming year.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

January	12, 1999	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
January	26, 1999	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
February	9, 1999	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

None.

Board President Candelaria moved Agenda Item F - School Reports forward at this time.

SCHOOL REPORT

Paul Wilson, Canyon Springs High School Board/Student Representative, congratulated Board Members Ashe, Baugh, and Dolan and wished them good luck. He stated that he and Stephanie Perea attended the CSBA Conference on Friday with Dr. Bennett. He enjoyed it and thanked the Board for giving them the opportunity to attend. Paul reported the following activities: December 1 – sock drive; December 3 – Josten’s ring delivery; December 4 – staff dinner and fall sports assembly; December 7-11 winter festival week with various activities planned; December 7 – BSU lunchtime dance; December 11 – Holiday Hawkins dance; December 15 –assisting Headstart students; December 16 – pictures with Santa; and December 17 – kids’ party in the evening. All sports are moving up the ladder and preparing to be the best. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Stephanie Perea, Valley View High School Board/Student Representative, thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the CSBA Conference. Stephanie reported the following activities: Valley View continues to work on the Digital High School plan; December 8 – baseball boosters meeting; December 9 – District Holiday Tea; December 10 – choir performance at Sunnymead Middle School, and holiday caroling at Riverside Community Hospital, December 11 - senior citizen tea and Mu Alpha Theta initiation; December 12 – choir holiday caroling at Mission Grove Plaza; December 13 – choir holiday caroling at Mission Baptist Church; December 14 – volleyball banquet, FHA child development will attend the Entomology Museum at Loma Linda, and faculty meeting in the library; December 15 – pep meeting, the students of the month will be recognized at the ROP restaurant at Moreno Valley High School, and a house and senate meeting; December 16 – PTSA meeting; and December 17 – choir winter concert.

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Chris Neilson, Moreno Valley High School Board/Student Representative, reported the following activities for Brett Turnage: Viking basketball is off to a great start. The boys' basketball team recently won the Serrano tournament, and the girls' basketball is on their path to victory. The boys' and girls' soccer teams have begun their seasons as well as the wrestling and girls' water polo teams. The ACE Academy will feature the winter dance concert on December 10-12. The school participated in collecting food for CAP and this drive has gone well. Staff and students are currently collecting toys for the Santa program. December 11 – Pepsi will kick off its contract at the site with a 15 by 15 foot inflatable twister game to be played by 15 people at a time. This will be accompanied by a DJ and free Pepsi. The ASB Renaissance Program honored the many students with perfect attendance first quarter by taking them to the Viking Inn for breakfast. The students also received a variety of food coupons to local restaurants. Chris congratulated the ROTC program which attended the Lakewood Drill meet on December 5. The cadets earned three first-place trophies including first place overall. On December 17 the choir program will present the winter concert "Tis the Season to be Jolly."

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Board President Candelaria opened the organization meeting.

- Election of President

Darlene Dolan nominated Gary Baugh for Board President.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Alex T. Candelaria that the nominations for Board President be closed. Mrs. Burks stated she would not participate in the election process.

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 (Burks)

Gary E. Baugh was elected President of the Board of Education and assumed the duties of the Board President.

- Election of Vice-President

Gary E. Baugh nominated Bernadette Burks for Vice-President. Jacqueline L. Ashe nominated Darlene Dolan for Vice-President.

It was moved by Alex T. Candelaria and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that nominations for Vice-President be closed.

Vote for Bernadette Burks as Vice-President:

VOTE: AYE - 4 NAY – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 (Ashe)

Vote for Darlene Dolan as Vice-President:

VOTE: AYE - 1 NAY – 4 ABSTAIN – 0

Bernadette Burks was elected Vice-President of the Board of Education.

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- Election of Clerk
Alex T. Candelaria nominated Darlene Dolan for Clerk.

It was moved by Alex T. Candelaria and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that nominations for Board Clerk be closed.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN - 0

Darlene Dolan was elected Clerk of the Board of Education

- Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization
Bernadette Burks nominated Alex T. Candelaria as delegate, and Darlene Dolan nominated Jacqueline L. Ashe as the alternate delegate.

It was moved by Darlene Dolan and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that nominations for delegate and alternate delegate be closed.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY - 0 ABSTAIN - 0

Alex T. Candelaria was elected delegate and Jacqueline L. Ashe was elected alternate delegate to the County Committee on School District Organization.

- Policies, Regulations, Practices and resolutions of the District

The Board of Education of the Moreno Valley Unified School District adopts as continuing the following Policies, Regulations, Practices and Resolutions of the District.

- 5.1 Certification of Signatures for County Schools Office (Warrant Orders, Orders of Salary Payment and Notices of Employment) of Anita L. Suazo, (Deputy Superintendent), Linda Wishe, (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources), Jeffrey A. Okun, and Christine Wallace.
- 5.2 Authorization for Payroll Deductions as authorized in E.C. 45050, Association Dues.
- 5.3 Appointment of Anita L. Suazo, (Deputy Superintendent), Linda Wishe, Christine Wallace, Jeffrey A. Okun, and (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources) as Custodians of Funds.
- 5.4 Authorize any two signatures for Revolving Cash Fund - Anita L. Suazo, (Deputy Superintendent), Linda Wishe, Jeffrey A. Okun, Christine Wallace, and (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources).
- 5.5 Responsibility for Cafeteria Account - Christine Wallace and Jeffrey A. Okun.
- 5.6 Authorized Signatures for Cafeteria Account - Anita L. Suazo, (Deputy Superintendent), Jeffrey A. Okun, Christine Wallace, and Lia Robinson, and that two signatures be required.
- 5.7 Designation of Depository (Valley Bank) for Cafeteria Funds and District Clearing Account.

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- 5.8 One-sixth withheld from teachers' salaries as authorized in Ed. Code Section 45040. One-twelfth advanced toward teachers' salaries for those teaching Track D at year round schools to provide a twelve-month pay schedule.
- 5.9 Notice of the Board of Education's Intention to Provide for Audit, 1998-99.
- 5.10 Resolution No. 1998-99-430 Establishing Revolving Cash Fund.
- 5.11 Resolution No. 1998-99-440 Naming Authorized Agent to Sign Real Estate Forms and Developer Fee Agreements - Anita L. Suazo, Jeffrey A. Okun, and Willie Williams.
- 5.12 Resolution No. 1998-99-450 Appoints Authorized Agents in the following areas: P.L. 874, 815, 98-10, 964 and all other contracts and fiscal documents - Anita L. Suazo, Christine Wallace, and Jeffrey A. Okun.
- 5.13 Resolution No. 1998-99-460 Membership in Educational Organizations.
- 5.13 Resolution No. 1998-99-470 Naming Anita L. Suazo and Christine Wallace, as authorized agents to designate the use of District Credit Cards.
- 5.14 Resolution No. 1998-99-480 Naming Authorized Agents to Acquire Surplus Items - Jeffrey A. Okun, Christine Wallace, and Patricia M. Baird.
- 5.16 Resolution No. 1998-99-490 Exemptions from School Lunch Program Restrictions, Section 39872 Education Code.
- 5.17 Appointment of (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources) and Willie Hasson to be the District's Affirmative Action Officers and to act in matters related to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and California Fair Employment and Housing Act.
- 5.18 Designation of (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources) and Willie Hasson as Section 504 Officers for Office of Civil Rights Compliance regarding the Rehabilitation Action of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991.
- 5.19 Designation of Linda Wisher as District Administrator Liaison, ~~Beatrice Garcia~~ Maribel Anaya-Mattox as District Advisory Committee Liaison, and Beatrice Garcia as District Bilingual Advisory Committee Liaison. **(Amended)**
- 5.20 Designation of Diana Wheeler, Wayne Locke, and Lawrence Christie as District Administrators to Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC).
- 5.21 Designation of Erma Nichols as District Administrator to School Attendance Review Board (S.A.R.B.).

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Organizational Meeting (Cont.)

- 5.22 Designation of Principals of Canyon Springs, Moreno Valley, and Valley View High Schools, as appointee(s) to represent our District schools in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

- 5.23 Designation of Erma Nichols as District Designee, Appeals for Suspensions.
- 5.24 Designation of Anita L. Suazo, Linda Wisher, (Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources), Ralph Dudley, Lasandra Josephson, Christine Wallace, and Jeffrey A. Okun as Custodians of Records.
- 5.25 Adoption of Resolution 1998-99-500 naming Anita L. Suazo, Jeffrey A. Okun, and Willie Williams as authorized to sign all architectural agreements pertaining to building projects funded under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998.
- 5.26 Adoption of Resolution 1998-99-510 naming Anita L. Suazo, Jeffrey A. Okun, and Willie Williams as Authorized Agents/Signatories for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Officers and State Allocation Board.
- 5.27 Adoption of Resolution 1998-99-520 naming Anita L. Suazo, Jeffrey A. Okun, and Willie Williams as Authorized Signatures relating to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act.
- 5.28 Adoption of Resolution 1998-99-530, Board of Education Remuneration.
- 5.29 Adoption of Resolution 1998-99-540, naming Anita L. Suazo, Jeffrey A. Okun, and Willie Williams as authorized representatives for the Land Bank Program.
- 5.30 Adoption of Resolution 1998-99-550, Annual Board Authorization of Parent/Community Booster Clubs.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Alex T. Candelaria that Item(s) 5 through 5.18 and Items 5.20 through 5.30 be approved as presented. Item 5.19 was approved as amended listing Maribel Anaya-Mattox as District Advisory Committee Liaison.

AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Darlane Dolan and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that the Organizational Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

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STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jenelle Beard stated that she had contacted the California Department of Education (CDE) for clarification on the assessment process of students. She was told the CDE would be mandating the

same requirements for implementation as what was being proposed in the multiple measure system for Moreno Valley High School. She asked why the District is going to pay a consultant when it would be receiving this information from the State at no cost. She asked the Board to contact the CDE for clarification. Ms. Beard shared a concern about the information to be used to measure student progress such as attendance records, behavior records, and attitudes towards learning. She feels this is tracking and this is illegal. Board President Baugh asked Dr. Suazo to follow-up.

Dr. Wisher indicated there is a presentation on the multiple measures system on this agenda. The question is timing regarding the elements contained in the multiple measures document. The District is still waiting for materials and clarification from the CDE. This proposal would include many of the CDE measures and measures beyond that. The high school desires to move forward in improving student success as soon as possible.

Board President Baugh asked Mr. Clarke to address Ms. Beard's concern of the legality of tracking. Mr. Clarke stated he would like to see the contents of the presentation before making a general statement about tracking. Dr. Wisher stated the program is proposing to monitor the performance of students in a variety of ways such as attendance, behavior, and academic performance. Students will not be placed in isolation for program reasons. This is tracking. Student information will need to be confidential. The monitoring is currently being done in student discipline and attendance. This information is looked at as the profile of a student rather than a specific student. Darlene Dolan asked if this was not the same criteria the District would need to work with in terms of the social promotion state legislature to be effective, January 1, 1999. Dr. Wisher indicated that this was correct. Mr. Clarke stated that in Dr. Wisher's explanation of the proposal, this would not be considered tracking.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Curriculum and Instruction

Action Item 225 – Renewal of the Charter for the Moreno Valley Community Learning Center

The Moreno Valley Community Learning Center (Charter School) has been in operation since 1994 providing an academic program for expelled students. The school has operated under the jurisdiction and authority of the Moreno Valley Unified School District as outlined in the original Charter School Petition prepared in accordance with SB1148. In 1996 a law was passed requiring that districts provide instruction to expelled students. The Moreno Valley Community Learning Center fulfills this requirement. The law requires that the charter come before the Board of Education for renewal every five years.

Board Member Burks asked if this charter renewal includes the new legislation. She shared a concern about parent involvement. Dr. Wisher stated the charter renewal does include the new legislation. However, this legislation pertains to new charter schools, and this is a renewal of an existing charter school. Dr. Wisher stated that there is a brief presentation on the Charter School which includes parent comments.

Staff, parents, and students gave a brief overview of the components of the Charter School program and services. They urged the Board to approve the Charter renewal.

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Board President Baugh commended staff for such an outstanding presentation and commended Josh Latson, Charter School student, for his accomplishments. Board Member Dolan stated that the Charter School is outstanding, and this is what the Board wants for every student in the District. She commended Josh for his change of heart and mind to become successful.

It was moved by Darlene Dolan and seconded by Alex T. Candelaria that Public Hearing – Renewal of the Charter for the Moreno Valley Community Learning Center be closed, with Board action being taken on the Action agenda this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Alex T. Candelaria and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that Consent Items 201 through 206 under Curriculum and Instruction, Items 301 through 306 under Fiscal Services, Items 401 through 420 under Human Resources, and Items 601 through 602 under Support Services be approved as presented. Consent Agenda Items 101 through 103 under Superintendent were approved under separate vote.

VOTE: AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEMS VOTED ON SEPARATELY

It was moved by Alex T. Candelaria and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that Consent Agenda Items 101 through 103 under Superintendent be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE - 3

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN - 2

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- 101 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of October 27, 1998
- 102 Minutes of the Special Study Session of the Board of Education of October 29, 1998
- 103 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of November 17, 1998

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 201 Extra Pay for Extra Duty – Transition Into Literacy – Teacher Training
- 202 Schoolwide Program – Serrano
- 203 Extra Pay for Extra Duty – Applied Behavioral Analysis
- 204 Overnight Field Trip – Seventh Grade Science Camp – Mountain View
- 205 Out-of-State Conference Attendance – National Association of Bilingual Educators Conference (N.A.B.E.) – Moreno Valley
- 206 Conference Attendance – California Association for Bilingual Education (C.A.B.E.) - Creekside

FISCAL SERVICES

- 301 Direct Purchase List
- 302 Purchase Order List No. 8
- 303 Fiscal Services Document
- 304 Approval of Resolution No. 1998-99-28 to Expend Excess Funds (JROTC)
- 305 Acceptance of Donation/Approval of Resolution No. 1998-99-29 to Expend Excess Funds
- 306 Acceptance of Donation

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 401 Certificated Personnel Non-Paid Leave of Absence for the 1998-99 School Year
- 402 Certificated Personnel Employment on Variable Term Waiver for the 1998-99 School Year
- 403 Short-Term Certificated Personnel Employment for the 1998-99 School Year
- 404 Certificated Personnel Reduced Assignment for the 1998-99 School Year

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HUMAN RESOURCES (CONT.)

- 405 Certificated Personnel Employment for the 1998-99 School Year
- 406 Grade Level Leader Employment (K-5) for the 1998-99 School Year
- 407 Extra Duty Personnel Employment (K-5) for the 1998-99 School Year

- 228 Resolution No. 1998-99-31 – Yellow Ribbon Week
- 229 Flex Day Action Plan – March Mountain High School
- 230 Certification in Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program – Valley View
- 231 Certification in Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program – Canyon Springs
- 232 Certification in Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program – Moreno Valley
- 233 Tenth Grade Counseling

FISCAL SERVICES

- 325 Authorization to Go to Bid for Equipment and Services Related to E-Rate

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 425 1999-2000 Certificated Recruitment Plan

STUDENT SERVICES

- 525 Expulsion Hearing Officer’s Recommendation Case No. 028-98-99
- 526 Expulsion Hearing Officer’s Recommendation Case No. 037-98-99
- 527 Expulsion Hearing Officer’s Recommendation Case No. 041-98-99
- 528 Expulsion Hearing Officer’s Recommendation Case No. 044-98-99
- 529 Expulsion Hearing Officer’s Recommendation Case No. 048-98-99
- 530 Expulsion Re-Entry Hearing Ratification Case No. 012-97-98

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 275 Districtwide Library Plan

Dr. Wisher stated that the District is interested in accessing grant funds. A districtwide library plan is a requirement of the grant. She asked for Board approval to move forward as a portion of the grant package. Board Member Candelaria asked if this would be completed by January 15, 1999. Dr. Wisher indicated that with the January 12, 1999, Board meeting, the timeline would be met. Staff was directed to bring this item back for action on the next Board agenda.

- 276 Multiple Measurement System – Moreno Valley

Dr. Wisher indicated that the Board requested this item be brought back for further discussion. Dr. Dean Olson gave a brief overview of the proposal and information that was distributed to the Board. The goal of the proposal is create a better curriculum for the students and to hold staff accountable for instruction in ways that will make students more successful.

Darlene Dolan asked if this is an attempt to accomplish what the Charter School was doing in terms of meeting the individual needs of students and identifying students at risk earlier. Dr. Olson stated that was correct.

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Board Member Burks asked what type of multiple measures would be developed for administration and teachers and if student grades would be included. Dr. Olson indicated the measures would be imbedded in the ten criteria with any additional items that would be appropriate. Dr. Olson indicated measures would include grades, scores on standardized tests, benchmarks from end of course exams, and student enthusiasm for what they do.

Board Member Burks asked what would be measured with student behavior and if this would increase the number of counselors on campus. Dr. Olson stated strategies would be reviewed regarding what would be done by the teacher to create a positive classroom environment. She asked about additional teacher training and counseling for students. Dr. Olson indicated this would be done through professional development of teachers. This would include more strategies to be more effective in the classroom and to encourage positive student attendance, positive attitude, and positive student achievement by making the curriculum more relevant to real life. Additional counselors includes one categorically-funded position to meet the students' social.

Board Member Burks asked about the District having exclusive rights to all materials developed, if this was discussed, and what was the status. Dr. Olson stated this was discussed with Dr. Petterle. The information is under public domain. There is no ownership by Dr. Petterle. This consultant agreement would be paid for through grant funds.

Board Member Burks shared a concern about the other high schools which also have to implement the proposal because it is required by the State. Dr. Wisher stated that Dr. Petterle's proposal goes beyond the State requirements because additional elements have been added. Dr. Wisher recommended that language regarding exclusive rights be added in the consultant agreement. If a template is developed, this could be shared with the other sites at no additional charge. Dr. Olson indicated this is not a problem with Dr. Petterle.

Board Member Dolan stated the State has only two indicators. This proposal would take the District far beyond that and give the District the ability to assess each student's needs. She recommended all parents and educators read the book. She clarified that the Board would be approving a consultant agreement for Dr. Petterle to work with the staff, but staff would determine what indicators would assist in making students successful.

Board Member Burks asked how staff would be measured to make sure these components are accomplished with the students. Dr. Olson stated that staff would be held accountable for the evaluation of staff.

Board Member Dolan thought that Board Member Burks was asking to see goals and objectives so the Board could measure whether they have been met at the end of the proposal. Dr. Olson indicated that the development of the goals and objectives would be part of the proposal. Staff was directed to bring this item back for action on the next Board agenda.

277 Special Education Audit Report

Mark Rosenbrook encouraged the Board to accept the new process Dr. Welton would present. He indicated that the overall budget could be greatly impacted by a good or bad program in special education. He stated that the paradigm shift to be proposed for the special education program needs to be accepted by everyone to make it work. He feels this will assist in building trust that does not currently exist, reduce the overall legal costs, and offer education programs in special education that parents can have faith in when they put their student in the classroom. He asked the Board to look at Dr. Welton's proposal.

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Johnny Welton reviewed the information on the Special Education Program Quality Review he conducted in the District. He feels the role of parents is very important. The Individuals Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.) is new legislation and reinforces that each student have free appropriate public education, appropriate evaluation of services, and that qualified students have an individualized education program evaluation, a least restrictive environment, parent and

student participation in the decision-making process, and that procedural due process is followed.

It is presumed that all students will be served in a general education setting and have access to the core curriculum. It is the exception that is removed from the general education classroom. All experiences with children show that by strengthening the role of parents, a better job has been done for the children. The IEP process includes an expanded role of the general education teacher. Special factors to be considered now include behavior strategies, language needs, communication needs, assistive technology transition planning at age 14, reporting on student progress, and parent participation in placement decisions.

Dr. Welton stated that the District's special education program quality review is very timely and appropriate. It is an inventory for validation of the things being done and an improvement for things that need to be reviewed. Dr. Welton indicated the District has quality programs and hardworking staff. He stated that communication needs to be improved.

Dr. Welton indicated that the purpose of the program quality review was to address Board issues and concerns, maximize the personnel service, certify operation of special education programs and services, maximize funding, review current service delivery and continuum of services offered, recommend improvements, and validate and improve special education programs and services provided by the District. Dr. Welton met with Board members, community members, and parents. Program certification, expenditure analysis, instructional services analysis, continuum of services, and key indicators of performance were reviewed to provide recommendations.

Dr. Welton addressed the J-50 funding model. He found that as the District provided special day classes, resources specialists, designated instructional services, and instructional assistants. The units from the State are limited. The number of units operated is partially a matter of District choice and partially based on the needs of the students. How the units are reported among the operated units derives the amount of funding received. Funding for units not funded through the State comes from the District's general fund. Sixteen percent of the unfunded units comes from the general fund contribution required by the State.

Dr. Welton indicated that the expenditure analysis shows that the District's accounting practices were appropriately used, funds received were expended for special education purposes, funds expended or accounted for through accurate documentation, and no funds were withheld from the budget process. The District is utilizing special education funds appropriately and is efficiently managing the general fund contribution.

Dr. Welton made the following recommendations:

- Special day classes and labels need to be dropped.
- Severe and non-severe classes should be kept with differentiating class size by providing different levels of staffing.

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- Specific labels should be used to identify structure around specific students, i.e., severely disturbed students should have intensive-counseling; autism classes should provide structured behavioral interventions; and profoundly disabled students require staff trained in medical procedures.

- Differentiation between classes should reflect the level of service provided to the students, i.e., severe classes should have a higher staff ratio, and service specific classes should have additional services and expertise available to provide these services.
- A continuum of age and grade appropriate classes must be available for all ages from three to twenty-two. Classes must be located to allow the population to move with their peers through feeder schools to high school.
- A strategic planning process is necessary so that everyone has a voice and buy-in.
- Parents play a key role in education and participation in staff development and training for a support system.
- Complaint and hearing monitoring to be provided to the Board on a monthly basis.
- IEP needs to be reviewed with parents involved in this process.
- Staff recruitment and training is needed to create better job opportunities and better perception of job opportunities in the District.
- Instructional assistants is a major issue in the District. This position needs to be provided more hours, higher pay, and provide a high level of services. Dr. Welton recommended having several levels of instructional aides positions which would include opportunities for paid time for staff development. Reducing the number of 1-1 assistants provided on IEPs, would generate additional funding.
- Improve the management information system and communication technology. The District needs to have better availability of data.
- Develop a special education marketing plan. It needs to be communicated that Moreno Valley is a good District for students and parents.

Board President Baugh asked Dr. Suazo if the District would be able to meet the goals as outlined by Dr. Welton. Dr. Suazo stated this is an ambitious plan. However, it needs to be implemented to improve the District's special education program. The implementation may need to be done in increments.

Board Member Dolan commended Dr. Welton for the thoroughness of his report. She also commended the previous Board for requesting this report. She feels it is critical that the District move forward. Dr. Welton indicated that with all the individuals he spoke with, he did not speak to one person who did not want the system to work and work well.

Board President Baugh referred to a recent newspaper article on one of the District's families. Several of the children in this family have disabilities. It was a positive article. He is glad to see this recognition in the community. He stated the District does not have throw-away students. The District helps everyone it can.

Board Member Burks thanked Dr. Welton. She stated that some of the components do not require any type of expenditures. She feels the District can start working with the parents by trying to develop better communication. She feels the District needs to reach out to all the parents with special needs students to inform them of their rights and responsibilities. She suggested it begin at the SEPAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 1998.

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FISCAL SERVICES

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Dr. Wallace reviewed several important components of the financial report and the process for new Board members. Dr. Wallace summarized the revenues and expenditure information that was distributed. She presented the first interim financial report for the period ending October 31, 1998. The District has a reserve of 3.08 percent. The State only requires a district to have a 2 percent reserve. Staff has determined that the District would meet the financial obligations for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year.

Dr. Wallace stated that last year, the Board directed staff to have a reserve greater than 2 percent for the District. Dr. Wallace indicated that \$1.7 million is reserved for a 1.5 percent salary increase. After the budget subcommittee met, there was contingency language that these funds would not be released until after the first period attendance report is submitted to the State. She is looking to bring back a request to release these funds to the Board in January. The salary increase would be placed in the employees paychecks, retroactive to July 1, 1998.

Board Member Dolan asked if the budget committee made any recommendations as to the needs of the District regarding the unappropriated money, for example textbooks. Dr. Wallace indicated the committee would not be meeting again until February 2, 1999. She would bring that to their attention at that time. Board Member Dolan asked that input be received from site and District office staff as to prioritize their needs.

It was moved by Alex T. Candelaria and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that the first interim financial report be approved as presented. The Board of Education approved a positive certification.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Gloria Boyd spoke in support of Board Member Burks. She referred to the November 26, 1998, news article in the Valley Times. She hopes the public was not fooled because of the ineptness of the story and the proofing of the article. She requested that the Board emulate the professionalism that Mrs. Burks has shown because she practices nonpartisanship and that is what the Board is about.

Mark Rosenbrook shared a concern about the number of IEP students requiring RSP services at Creekside. Because this is a year round education school site, RSP services need to be available year round if it is stated in the IEP. RSP services at Creekside went through November 30, 1998. These services are not currently available because RSP staff is off-track. He stated a number of parents have receive a phone call from site staff asking if the parent would waive these services. He feels these services need to be provided to these students, and that this is a waste of District funds. He referred to a school psychologist that wanted to expell a student because of the behavior but at the same time have the parents make amends and not hold staff responsible.

Board Member Burks asked if the student was up for expulsion. Mr. Rosenbrook indicated this site would like the student off the site because there is no student behavior plan in place. Mr. Rosenbrook indicated that all the key players were in attendance at the IEP for this student.

Board President Baugh requested Dr. Suazo to follow-up on this matter. Mr. Rosenbrook indicated there is a new psychologist for the District, Brad Rice, and there is a behavior intervention plan in place.

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Dr. Wisner indicated that there has been some adjustment to IDEA legislation. An IEP meeting must be held to determine whether the student should be expelled and if the offense and disability have a relationship or not. The District is doing these determinations on these students instead of waiting until it has gone too far. This has necessitated a lot more meetings with parents. A behavior plan is one

option, though not the only option. In an IEP meeting she attended last week, there was a goal developed that addressed behavior and it had to do with social skills.

Board Member Burks asked how proactive the sites are with a behavior prevention plan that may limit that student in being disciplined or expelled from school, prior to the expulsion for disabled students, especially if the student is receiving special education services. Dr. Wisner stated there continues to be increasing numbers of behavior plans for students.

John Bailey, Moreno Valley Action Committee, indicated that since last April he has requested the Board of Education meetings be televised. In July the Board approved the meetings to be taped and put on the air. It was decided that this would begin after the elections were over in November or December. He had contacted Dr. Suazo. She indicated that there are personnel issues still being worked on and the equipment has been purchased. He shared a concern that this may not begin until June or July. He suggested these meetings be videotaped and aired at an interim location such as the Canyon Springs High School. He believes this is a public interest issue, and it is important for the public to view the Board of Education meetings. He asked that this be brought back for discussion and consideration.

Dr. Suazo indicated the delay was due to the negotiations taking place for a new position. The flex position in the work schedule is a unique position in the District. Mr. Okun stated that there is a tentative agreement with the classified association. A vote will take place on this position in January. Improvements in the Board room have been ordered. All the equipment would be installed and all the authorized modifications would be completed by the next Board meeting. Installation of the cameras would be done during winter recess. Mr. Okun is working on other options for filming until the position can be filled. He suggested several test filming sessions should be done to review the quality of the film and to make any adjustments that need to be done before the actual broadcasting.

Board President Baugh spoke with MV3TV regarding interim personnel that could be utilized for filming. He would prefer to televise the first Board meeting on January 12, 1999. He feels the refinement will come after several sessions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEM

- V-A Review of 1998-99 Financial Statements
- V-B Accounting of Developers' Fees

BOARD DISCUSSION

Jacqueline L. Ashe brought forward the following items:

- She attended the CSBA Conference and the Urban League School luncheon. She would like to bring some information to the Board about the Urban League. This organization has extended an invitation for the District to join their membership. There are several projects the League is working on, one of which is a bond issue. She asked that this be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- She asked for clarification on the joint meeting with the Board of Education and the City Council. Dr. Suazo would address this after the Board member comments.

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- She recently learned there is a plan to lower class size at the ninth grade level. Dr. Suazo indicated the District has that option. Board Member Ashe suggested that a committee be organized with various teachers and site personnel to get direction and input. She asked if this is at individual sites. She asked for information on this be brought to the Board.

Dr. Wisner indicated that the planning is already being done at the sites. Individual sites are looking at recommending the implementation for the 1999-2000 school year. Dr. Wisner stated that all the legislation has been provided to the sites for their review. The District is urging the sites to make this a priority based on maximizing students success and looking at the performance of ninth grade students. Some schools may naturally be eligible, such as the Charter School and the alternative education program. The plan will be brought to the Board once it has been developed. Space is of the utmost consideration and program services need to be identified. An intent would be submitted in the late Spring of next year for implementation in the 1999-2000 school year.

Darlene Dolan brought forward the following items:

- She welcomes the opportunity to serve the District again. She feels like she has come home.
- She extended an appreciation to Board Member Burks and Board Member Candelaria for their graciousness and guidance provided at the CSBA Conference and the meeting tonight. She thanked them both.

Alex Candelaria brought forward the following items:

- He stated that all the Board members attended the annual CSBA Conference. The conference was very interesting. He feels there was a lot learned, and it gave the Board members an opportunity to get to know each other. He feels this is important. A base has been established other than the common interest in education. He feels this would provide a very strong, focused new Board in the coming year.
- The student Board representatives were able to attend the CSBA Conference for one day. He spoke with one of the parents, and the students returned very motivated after having this opportunity. Dr. Bennett stated that the students attended several sessions, a luncheon, and had an opportunity to meet representatives from throughout the state. He indicated that these students may be requesting the Board for the opportunity to sit as a Board member in the future. Dr. Suazo stated that this is a concept that Board Member Burks requested in the past.
- He agrees with Mr. Bailey that the Board meetings need to be televised as soon as possible. He realizes there is a lot of work that has been done and is currently being worked on to accomplish this goal.
- He feels this year has been a rough year with the resignation of the Superintendent and an appointment of a new Superintendent. The special education assessment and audit has gone well because of Board Member Burks' request. He looks forward to working with the new Board members in the new year.

Bernadette Burks brought forward the following items:

- She was happy the students had an opportunity to attend the CSBA Conference. She feels it is important to hear from the students' perspectives about the District services.

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- She attended the GMAC simulation at Valley View High School and luncheon. It was excellent.
- She indicated the District has a teacher who participated in the Underground Railroad Project. This project was started by Cheryl Brown of the Black Voice newspaper, in conjunction with Riverside.

One of the requirements for participation was that a report be presented to the Board as to how the information was disseminated to the sites and how this information was used in the history strand. She asked that this individual give a report to the Board.

Dr. Suazo indicated that this teacher has a slide presentation that has been shared at the middle and high school principals meetings. The District is getting information in order to be more proactive for participation in this project next year.

- In the Spring she attended the Black School Board Caucus meeting. A workshop on the Blueprint was conducted. This workshop provided information on how to educate minority students. Dr. Moore presented at the CSBA Conference. He asked Board Member Burks how the District is applying the information received. He also asked the District to conduct a workshop on implementing some of the strands from the Blueprint.

Dr. Suazo indicated that a number of District staff attended the conference in Manhattan Beach. The District has been developing an action plan using this information. Curriculum and Instruction has been working with principals on a document to discuss articles related to the education of African American students.

- She indicated that the State PTA president attended the assessment and standards multiple measures workshop. She shared information on AB 1665 regarding staff development and the participation of parents in staff development. She asked what the status of the District is on this issue, and if the District is not currently participating, when would it begin.
- She shared allocation of funds for class size reduction. Riverside County will receive approximately \$5 million.
- She represents the 18th region for the Delegate Assembly. This group is responsible for affecting change at the local level and change within legislation in Sacramento.
- She suggested that study sessions need to be scheduled to address subjects such as the new State standards, multiple measures, social promotion, year-round education, and facilities. This would give the Board the opportunity to review more detail on each issues.
- She feels the District should consider a full-time grant writer position. There are many different types of grants and funds available. This would assist in improving services to the students.
- She has received a questionnaire on Improving Americas School Act regarding Title I from Sacramento. It is not known what the new governor will do. There will also be a new five member State Board of Education which would be appointed by the new governor.

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Gary Baugh brought forward the following items:

- He looks forward to working together with the Board members. He appreciated the fellowship shown during the conference. He has a lot of respect for everyone. He believes the five Board members will come together to improve the education of the students. He welcomes the

opportunity and hopes that things will be positive and constructive as policies are set for this District.

Dr. Suazo addressed the subject of the joint meeting with the City scheduled for January 19, 1999. She reviewed the topics to be discussed of – truancy ordinance, crossing guards, and Charter District. City Manager, Mr. Gene Rogers also suggested some additional items – developers’ fees change in legislation, District master plan for change in facilities, and discussion on the existing joint-use issues.

Board President Baugh and Board Member Dolan suggested the charter school issue not be addressed at this time. The California Department of Education is just now reviewing legislation on the Charter School District. It has not been finalized and is still changing. Dr. Suazo stated that there is no District master plan that has been presented to the Board. Therefore, the District is not ready to address this issue. Dr. Suazo asked for clarification on scheduling a location and time with Mr. Rogers for this meeting.

She indicated that other issues for study sessions are: Board orientation by the division heads, 3Rs presentation, goals for the superintendent, superintendent evaluation instrument and process, curriculum and instruction standards and assessment, presentation on the Underground Railroad, 9th grade class size reduction, and bond issues.

Board President Baugh suggested the District invest in the purchase of Willard Daggert’s videotapes. He feels that was the most inspiring presentation he has attended.

Dr. Suazo stated that at the January 12, 1999, Board meeting the Board will begin to calendar and prioritize the study session topics.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Alex T. Candelaria and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the meeting be adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

VOTE: AYE - 5

NAY - 0

ABSTAIN – 0

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There was discussion and clarification of Board Bylaws. Mr. Clarke reviewed the role of the Board in electing officers at the organizational meeting. Seems to suggest that there would be some form of rotation through the membership of the Board. The Board may elect a member who has formerly served as an officer. Logical analysis suggests that the Board wanted to be sure that if there were new members to the Board, the Board had the ability to elect a member with experience. The real question is the election procedure should be suspended. Board Member Burks asked for clarification on "previously." Mr. Clarke stated that the language seems to refer to Board members who are currently on the Board. The next sentence refers to new members on the Board and gives the Board the power to elect a person with former experience if the Board so chose. Mr. Baugh asked if this wording precluded Ms. Dolan and him from being elected to office. Mr. Clarke stated this would not necessarily preclude them because it states the Board "may" elect a member who has formerly served instead of "shall" elect a member who has already served. The language does seem to show a preference to grant the Board to show a preference for those members who are on the Board. The principal is to give effect of every phrase and sentence contained in the Bylaw. Darlene Dolan asked that this was protection against new Board members who may not have any Board experience in any context. Mr. Clarke stated that the Board might want to have someone with experience.

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