

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MAY 24, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of May 24, 2005.

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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 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss Special Education Private School Placement Cases; Hearing Officer Recommendations; Public Employee Employment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; and Conference with CSEA, MVEA and AMVMP Labor Negotiator.

Members Present

Jesus M. Holguin, President
Richard Coz, Vice President
Rick Sayre, Clerk
Jacqueline L. Ashe, Member
Tracey B. Vackar, Member

Administration

Nicolas D. Ferguson

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

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar
Student Board Rep. – Lia Freeman

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action on the Closed Session Agenda items. The Board of Education will return to Closed Session after the regular meeting.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Ann Vessey, Director, SELPA
John Baldaray, Director, Warehouse
Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Mary Jones, Principal, Vista del Lago
Bruce Hemlock, Principal, Hidden Springs
Willie Williams, Principal, Badger Springs
Gitta Williams, Principal, Sunnymead Middle
Penny Macon, Principal, Sugar Hill
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

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Visitors

Marciela Hinds	Scott Johnson	Maria Madrigal
Domonique Luckett	Michelle Deyton	Michael Deaton
Clarissa Hernandez	Lia Freeman	Erica Rodriguez
Katherine Underwood	Lequice Juckes	Becky Shreiner
Art Montoya	Jesus Vazquez	Jaime Perez
Janet Hasson	D. Lopez	Thersa Moguin
Mindy Wagner	Bradley Wagner	Alfonso Patino
Marsha Bradley	Paula Trout	Mario Martinez
Kristi Richardson	Deborah L. Rosa	Sylvia Taylor
Bill Martin	Karen Tomei	Deloris Williams
Joe Koehler	Bruce Hoffman	Gina Callahan
Luetta Clark	Sue Bergmann	Ellen Brody
Lana Groves	Misty Becerra	LaDene Garcia
Ingrid Barge	Cynthia Hamrick	Maria Lawler
Anthony Johnson	Vera Anderson	Yolanda Esquivel
Tatiana Herrerra	Laura Russo	Bob Ellis
D. Cole	Susan Young	Dorothy B. Johnson
Mia Johnson-Creswell	Tommy Johnson	Eileen Potterton
John Abramson	Maria Navarro	Brittani Morris
Douglas Haynes	Joel Galvez	Carmen Galvez
Donna Sewell	Mike Sorter	Barbara Sorter
Alice Harrison	Terry Witkowski	Amelia Juarez
Debra Nettles	Robert Johnson	Stella Cornejo
Clarbel Bernal	Jose Bernal	Carmen Bernal
Jessica Bernal	Laura Gonzales	Priscilla Banks
Albert James	Jeff Nesmith	Lorri Limoges-Kerns
Les Woodward	Vivian Williams	Teresa Heekin
Tom Lenaway	Bob Lepore	Jolen Watanabe
Julie Trebus	Richard Storey	Marie Casuki
Denise McCrea	Belinda Childrey	Helga Brown
Susan Russell	Barry Vogel	Barbie Schaidt
Jill McCarthy	Deysi Munie	Nubia Hermosillo
Reyes Perez	Ashley Van Voorhis	Morgan James
Autumn Earle-Rodriguez	Labrada Murillo	Raul Wilson
Al Bergmann	Britnee James	Elizabeth Romero
Norma Nunoz	Margaret Koehler	

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Sayre.

INSPIRATIONS: Board Member Coz stated that as we head into the summer months and the weather warms up, many of our employees and families will be spending more time in the outdoors. He asked for their care and safety.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

June	9, 2005	7 p.m.	Special Study Session	Board Room*
June	14, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
June	28, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
July	19, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

*The June 9 Study Session was originally scheduled for 5 p.m. There has been a request to change the time to 7 p.m. on June 9.

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RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Sugar Hill Elementary Principal Penny Macon recognized third-grade student Sara Rockvam, as an outstanding young author. Sara's book, "Book of the Planets," is a finalist in the Nationwide Learning Book Challenge. Principal Macon also recognized two fifth-grade teachers, Toni Guy and Kym Aaron, for going above and beyond as Friday Night Live Leaders.

Under the direction of Ms. Autumn Earle-Rodriguez, Vista Heights Middle School students Emily Tseng, Elisha Tseng and Fady Kasbar performed "School House Rock." The trio was one of the top group performances at the Constitutional Rights Foundation History Day Competition, May 5-8. These students were announced as the alternate, placing third, for the National History Day in Washington D.C. Also being recognized was Dominique Macaso for her entry in the Historical Paper category and Joshua Rosa's project board with the topic of Political Cartoons. These two students were under the direction of Mrs. Susan Young. All five students reached the state finals after placing atop their respective category at the Riverside County History Day.

The Board of Education recognized the 2004-05 High School Student Board Representatives for their active participation at Board meetings during the 2004-05 school year – Lia Freeman, Bayside; Michelle Deyton, Canyon Springs; Clarissa Hernandez, March Mountain; Erica Rodriguez, March Valley; Diana Byrd, Moreno Valley; Michael Deaton, Valley View; and Cody Brown, Vista del Lago.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) presented its 2004-2005 awards. Those recognized included: Students – Angela Acosta, Ridge Crest; Angel Ann Gibson-Ransen, Hidden Springs; Joey McLeod, Palm; Precious Marshall, Palm; Travon Lester, Arnold Heights; and Keisha Shaw, Valley View. Teachers – Teresa Carson, Rainbow Springs; Denise Postle, North Ridge; Cynthia Ordonez, Palm; Chris Lorenz, Valley View; Renee Richards, Bear Valley; Barbara Sorter, Sunnymead Middle; John Abramson, Arnold Heights; David Cole, March Mountain; and Sylvia Taylor, Program Specialist.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Maria Madrigal, Moreno Valley, reported that this is a busy month for the graduating seniors – May 17 senior announcements came in; May 20, Josten's ring orders arrived; and May 25 is the senior dinner to be held at Medieval Times. Senior Bethany Peak was selected "Student of the Year" by the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce. She was honored at a dinner held at Val Verde High School and has accepted a full scholarship to UC Berkeley. May 12 and 13 was the annual dance concert. On May 20, the annual blood drive was held. It was successful with over 170 units of blood being donated. The Superintendent also visited Moreno Valley on May 20 and left the school with good feelings. The PTA recognized students Traci Brown and Catherine Williams with \$500 scholarships and Dr. Rousseau with a "Principal of the Year" award. Make-up testing for the STAR has been completed. Renaissance will hold a dodge ball tournament on June 2 and 4. The guidance office is now enrolling students for summer school.

Michael Deaton, Valley View, reported that the girls varsity softball team won the first round in the CIF playoffs against King High School. They are playing the second round tonight. The instrumental music department annual dinner concert was held last Friday and was very successful. He congratulated Matt Witkowski on his senior project -- an instrumental presentation with the drum line performance. He congratulated the many students of the month and Heather Field who was chosen Student of the Year. The annual ACCESS to the Future awards saluting the top educators of the District will take place on Thursday, May 26 at 6 p.m. in the commons. Educators throughout the District will be honored including Valley View's Darrell Ronto, 2005 MVUSD Teacher of the Year; Paul Andersen and Steve Lee – 30 years of service, Susan Phillips – 35 years of service and Tim Nguyen – Board Leadership Award. He provided a copy of the activities calendar.

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Clarissa Hernandez, March Mountain, thanked Valley View for inviting March Mountain to join them in prom. Students who earned 10 or more credits within a six week period, had good attendance, good behavior, and who were at school for the two testing days earned a trip to Magic Mountain on May 12. On May 27 a talent show will be held and will feature singing, dancing, and a display of art work. Talent show winners will receive various gift certificates. May 25 is the Blood Drive. Students who have signed up will donate a unit of blood. Each unit of blood is supposed to save three people's lives.

Dominique Luckett, Vista del Lago, reported that STAR testing was completed last week and make-up testing is being done this week. The Valedictorian for the Class of 2005 is Anhthi Vu and the Salutatorian is Wyvonia Brown. Samantha Jeffery was selected Student of the Year. Many students have received scholarships. Some include: Breanna Braga and Darren Holder, RCC Community Scholar Program; Daniella Reyes, Association Students of RCC Incoming Freshmen; and Damorye Stiger, Vista del Lago PTSA Scholarship. June 2 is the Spring Fling which will feature food booths, games, and a Friday Night Live DJ and live bands. June 3 is the Senior Farewell Assembly. The Raven Academy Awards, recognizing outstanding clubs, teachers, classified staff, and students, will be held on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. Vista del Lago's male and female Athletes of the Year are Cartier Carter and Porsche Green. A.J. Jacobson was selected the Sunbelt League champion in Track and Field.

Erica Rodriguez, March Valley, reported that STAR testing was given on May 5 through 7 and May 10. May 12 was the last reward day for students with good grades, attendance, and behavior for the last grading period. The honored students had to be at school for both days of the California High School Exit Exam. The trip was to Magic Mountain. ASB celebrated the Day of the Teacher on May 11. On May 7, juniors and seniors attended the prom with Valley View at Doral Desert Princess Resort. Students who attended had a great time. March Mountain and March Valley held its Friday Night Live fundraiser at McDonalds and McDonald's Teachers Night was held on May 11. The spring basketball tournament began this week. ASB is working on the 2nd Annual March Valley Academy Awards Assembly on June 16. Grad Night for seniors will be held at Disneyland on June 16. Graduation is scheduled for June 17 at Moreno Valley High School's Rooney Field at 6:30 p.m.

Lia Freeman, Bayside, reported that California Standards testing period is from May 2 through May 20. Make-up testing is being conducted this week. To date, Bayside and Charter have tested 95 percent of enrolled students. Between November 2004 and March 2005, test scores have increased 17 percent in math and 8 percent in English. Various activities are provided each afternoon following testing to encourage students to attend all testing days. A barbeque will be provided for students with perfect attendance during the testing period. On April 22, students with perfect attendance in April attended a field trip to Brunswick Bowl. Bayside students attended prom with Valley View on May 7. Approximately 16 students attended.

Michelle Deyton, Canyon Springs, reported that on May 13 the first food fair was held as a reward for last year's API improvement. Hot Dog on a Stick, Boompa's Pizza, and Jamba Juice, were some of the local vendors who provided refreshments. Another way students are being rewarded is to provide a short break between classes for four days next week. Make-up testing is taking place this week. On May 27 is the Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the community. The end of the year event, "Fun in the Moon," is scheduled June 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. This year's theme is the Wild Wild West. This activity will provide food booths, games, a talent show, and yearbooks will be distributed. Ms. Deyton provided a calendar of events.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

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None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ashley Van Voorhis, Morgan James, Brittani Morris, Canyon Springs students, and Autumn Earle-Rodriguez, Vista Heights music teacher, shared their concerns about the music and arts programs. The students requested that a choral teacher for Canyon Springs be hired and that the choral program be allowed to continue. Ms. Earle Rodriguez spoke about the lack of music and art programs and how important these subjects are in the overall education of students.

Labrada Murillo, Butterfield parent, Maria Navarro, Hispanos Unidos, Alfonso Patino, Sunnymead Middle parent, and Raul Wilson, community member, expressed their concern regarding instructional materials and services for English Learner students, and questioned the appropriate curriculum and funding and District staff that oversee these responsibilities.

Albert James, Vista Heights parent, addressed issues about student behavior he has observed as a parent visiting the classroom. He feels that the parents and students need to be more accountable. He asked about District policies and procedures and what support teachers have.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Moreno Valley Unified School District's 2005-06 Bargaining Objectives (Initial Proposal)

There were no comments.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to close the Public Hearing on the Moreno Valley Unified School District's 2005-06 Bargaining Objectives (Initial Proposal).

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

The California School Employee Association's (CSEA) 2005 Successor Agreement Proposal.

There were no comments.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to close the Public Hearing on the California School Employees Association's (CSEA) 2005 Successor Agreement Proposal.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

High Priority Schools Grant Program Schools Did Not Achieve Growth Targets for Two Years

There were no comments.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to close the Public Hearing on High Priority Schools Grant Program Schools Did Not Achieve Growth Targets for Two Years.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Resolution No. 2004-05-81 – Approving a School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6, 65995.7 Adopting Responses to Public Comments Received, and Making Related Findings and Determinations

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to close the Public Hearing on Resolution No. 2004-05-81.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0
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Dr. Chandler addressed the corrective action recommendations for the following areas: K-12 instructional program in English/language arts and math; K-8 instructional minutes; student access to core curriculum; principal instructional leadership training; credentialed teachers and professional development; student achievement and monitoring system; ongoing instructional assistance and support; monthly collaboration by grade level/department teachers (Professional Learning Community collaboration); K-8 lesson pacing schedule; intervention programs (High point for 4-8th grade and Read 180 for students below grade level 9-12); and fiscal support.

278 High Priority Grant Schools Not Meeting Academic Performance Index Targets - Corrective Actions

Dr. Chandler indicated that a public hearing was presented earlier in the meeting. Part of the requirement of schools that do not meet their target growth is to take an academic program survey and work with consultants from the County Office to develop corrective actions. These corrective actions will be part of the school plan next year.

Staff from Badger Springs and Sunnymead Middle presented the results of their academic program survey, the corrective actions that they expect to include in their plans for next year, and what strategies would be utilized to address this issue.

There was Board discussion and comments made on this presentation. It was suggested that the District look at these programs that are being implemented and standardize them so other schools that might fall into this category will have some place to begin, and staff will not have to "reinvent the wheel." Dr. Chandler stated that the District intends to implement that idea. Staff was commended for their presentation.

BUSINESS SERVICES

375 May Revise – Third Interim Financial Report – Proposition 98

May Revise

Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, stated that the Governor's initial budget was done in January and then updated in May. He reviewed the changes.

- Proposition 98 – the projected cost to the schools over two years has increased from \$2.3 million to \$3.2 million in the May revise.
- The proposed shift of \$469 million in STRS costs to the schools remains the same. This would amount to an additional \$2.5 million for the District.
- The proposed suspension of mental health mandates is now being repealed in the May Revise. The concern is that the District will still be required to provide this service without adequate funding. This would result in an additional \$71 million cost to school districts.
- The Governor has turned in the signatures required for an initiative to be placed on the ballot, which would weaken Proposition 98.
- Full funding of growth (0.79%) and COLA (3.93%) in January will continue. The figures in May have changed slightly to reflect growth (0.69%) and COLA (4.23%).
- State administration in January claimed a 7.1% increase in school funding. In May, administration indicates that the funding is over and beyond Proposition 98 (\$509 million).

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Mr. Crank stated that the projected state general fund budget gap for 2005-06 reflects a \$4.6 billion deficit. This is an increase from \$2.5 million in 2004-05.

Mr. Crank reviewed the new/expanded programs in the Governor's May Revise. They include:

- Class size reduction for schools in Deciles 1-3 as it relates to the Williams-related proposals.
- Teacher and principal recruitment, retention, and rewards.
- Provides funds for beginning teacher support.
- Proposes a one-time additional supplemental instruction for students who have failed or are at-risk of failing the California High School Exit Exam.
- Career technology education in grades 7-8.
- Healthy breakfast initiative.

Deferred maintenance will be fully funded which will mean that the state will match the District's contribution dollar for dollar. Categorical funds will be lumped into six block grants. This will provide the flexibility to transfer funds between the block grants.

Third Interim Report

Mr. Crank stated that the total income projected for this year equals \$240.3 million. He reviewed the expenditures, most of which are spent on teacher salaries, which equals a projection of \$250.7 million. The unrestricted balance is projected to be \$16 million. There are certain expenditures that come out of unrestricted fund dollar amount of \$16 million. Subtracting those out leaves a total of \$2,773,050 in available unrestricted funds. This equates to a 3.11 percent reserve. The state requires school districts to have a two percent reserve. He reviewed the balances on the Community Facilities Districts and QZAB. These funds are restricted and can only be spent on specific items. The District has submitted and has been granted new QZAB funding.

2005-06 Budget

Mr. Crank reviewed additional items for the 2005-06 budget which have been previously proposed and presented to the Board. A presentation on the 2005-06 proposed budget will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Proposition 98

Mr. Crank introduced Katherine Underwood, president, Moreno Valley Educators Association (MVEA), and Lequice Juckes, president, Classified School Employees Association (CSEA).

Ms. Underwood stated that the Governor is still breaking the promise of restoring the \$2 billion that was withheld from last year's budget. There actually should be additional income coming to the schools. With Proposition 98, when the economy improves, funding for education increases. This did not happen in 2004-05. The strategy for balancing the 2004-05 budget included holding back some of Prop. 98 funding.

There was an agreement that was made to lessen the impact on education funding. The Educational Coalition agreed to limit the reduction to \$2 billion with a promise to pay it back. The May Revise did not restore the Prop. 98 base. It does not give public schools the funding to which it is entitled.

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378 Adoption of Resolution No. 2004-05-84 – In Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 8

Mr. Crank stated that a request was made for all the school districts in the state to present a resolution that would amend the State Constitution. It is regarding a parcel tax that currently requires a two-thirds majority vote. This Constitutional Amendment would reduce it to a fifty-five percent majority. There was Board discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to take no action on this item.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A-1 Increase in Parent-Pay Transportation Fees

Board Member Sayre asked about the action taken by the Board on Discussion/Action 175. He thought the percentage of compensation that the Board approved tonight (5 percent) and thought it should be amended.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar to reconsider Discussion/Action Item 175.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

There was Board discussion. It was suggested that this Board Bylaw should be amended to reflect that in subsequent years, the compensation of individual Board members should be equal to what the employee groups negotiate but not more that is allowed by law. Staff was directed to bring this item back with the revised language at the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar to rescind the original motion on Discussion/Action Item 175 asking that the books be cleared and take a new motion which was just stated.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Richard Coz to amend the proposed Board Bylaw to allow for a one-time five percent increase, thereafter, annually as considered, that this adjustment be tied to the law (cap of five percent) or what is negotiated with the employee groups.

VOTE: AYE - 5 NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She had no comments.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- She had no comments.

Rick Sayre

- He thanked all the students and young adults in attendance this evening. It was refreshing to see opportunities that are available – students accepted to UCLA, students attending four-year colleges, and students who are the first in their families to attend college. The District has problems but we have a lot of wonderful, great things going on and we ought to be proud.

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Richard Coz

- He spoke of concerns about the cut in the arts programs. He is a firm believer and supports the concept that when there are good programs of the arts, it directly relates to better test scores and performance in other areas. It is an issue of funding. If public education were to receive the funding that the citizens of this state have asked the legislature to give public education, we would be able to do more. We need to take this into consideration when we go to the polls in November.
- He likes the CFD Pamphlet. He feels that there needs to be a full explanation of the fact that the facilities should be funded by the state, but in reality, the state doesn't even fund 40 percent. He thanked the citizens of Moreno Valley for passing Measure A.
- At the last Board meeting, he brought up the subject of sex offender tracking. There is an Ordinance being brought forward by the County Board of Supervisors to control sex offender placement by state parole. The state parole has a big problem. He spoke with Bill DiYorio, Moreno Valley Chief of Police. The city has an excellent program of monitoring these offenders. The best defense is the eyes and ears of our teachers and parents. When you see something suspicious, first call the police department (911) and then the school.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He thanked all the staff, parents, and students participating in the programs, especially the arts programs.
- He fully supports the AVID Program.
- He shared his concern about the staff being cut in the English Learners. Dr. Chandler indicated that there are several additional specialists being hired. Staff will be looking at the concerns that were voiced regarding the English Learners program this evening.
- He appreciates the work of all the staff at the District office and school and the respect that exists between the parents, students, and staff regardless of what language is spoken.

Nick Ferguson

- He had no comments.

RECESS: The meeting of the Board of Education was recessed at 10:53 p.m. The Board of Education reconvened into Closed Session at 10:53 p.m.

The Board of Education recessed from Closed Session at 11:48 p.m. There was no reportable action on the Closed Session agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

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Public Comments – May 24, 2005 – Board Meeting

Alfonso Patino

Good evening, members of the Board of Education and members of the audience. My name is Alfonso Patino, President of ELAC at Sunnymead Middle School. Which I am very proud to say we are treated with respect and consideration there. Today I am here to speak to you about something every important, but perhaps I should have done this a long time ago. I am referring to the education of our children, the English Learners. The English Learner Program is not functioning well and we believe it is because of the lack of interest of some members of the Board, but especially because of the person who supervises the Multilingual Department and is the Director of Elementary Education. She alone is responsible for the following:

1. Not having an appropriate ELD curriculum in the elementary schools.
2. She destroyed the Bilingual Program without notifying the parents when 227 came into effect.
3. She removed the few bilingual classes that existed.
4. Not informing the EL parents on time or adequately on the EL programs options.
5. Not providing bilingual instruction for EL students who are in levels 1 and 2 of English proficiency.
6. Did not provide bilingual materials to hundreds of EL students when the District had these materials available.
7. Not assuring that an ELAC committee exists in all the schools.
8. Assign EL Specialists more than 1,000 EL students at various sites to the point that it is impossible for them to provide adequate services to students who need it.

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