

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



Wednesday, August 09, 2017
Regular Board Meeting beginning at 6:30 P.M.
Mendota High School Library
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640

MINUTES

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:41pm

2.0 **ROLL CALL**

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| 1. Alma Durazo -6:47pm | 5. Diana Toscano, <i>President</i> - Present |
| 2. Lupe Flores - Present | 6. Raul S. Varela, <i>Clerk</i> - Present |
| 3. Isabel Maldonado - Present | 7. Jose C. Zavala, <i>Vice President</i> -6:55pm |
| 4. Adrian Perez - Absent | |

3.0 **FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION:** Mr. Luis Gutierrez introduced the Girls Softball Team Valley Champions who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A 15 minute Reception was held in recognition of our honorees achievements.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR:** June 28, 2017 (Lupe Flores made a motion to approve the minutes with Isabel Maldonado seconding the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed 6-0, w/ Adrian Perez absent.

5.0 **APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR:** *(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the District after the posting of this agenda.)* August 9, 2017, Item 11.7 Approval to hire Gilbert Gomez as a Mathematics Teacher at Mendota Alternative Education Program for the 2017/2018 school year, contingent upon enrollment in a University Internship program and obtaining a valid Internship Permit, as recommended by the site principal was added(Jose Zavala made a motion to approve with Raul Varela seconding the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed 6 -0, w/ Adrian Perez absent.

6.0 **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** - N/A

(Any Trustee who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter.) [FPPC §87105]

7.0 **REPORT(S) - INFORMATION ONLY**

❖ **Brown Act**

Mr. Dale gave the Board and those in attendance an overview of the Brown Act via a PowerPoint presentation. During and after the presentation, Mr. Dale answered any question set forth by the Board.

Mr. Kevin Dale

❖ **High School Coaches Handbook**

Mr. Kirby and Mr. Gutierrez presented additions to the handbook to the Board.

**Mr. Travis Kirby
Mr. Luis Gutierrez**

8.0 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

8.1 **First Reading:** Hearing and public comment regarding a proposed Resolution of Issuance for Election of 2012, Series C Bonds. The proposed Resolution authorizes bonds which allow for the compounding of interest.

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9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A

(This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the Board on any matter related to the District. The District Secretary has forms that may be filled out and given back to the District Secretary. In accordance with District Policy, members of the public are asked to keep their comments to four (4) minutes or less.)

10.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

(All Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine action items and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered following approval of the Consent Calendar.) Raul Varela made a motion to approve, Isabel Maldonado seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed 6 - 0, with Adrian Perez absent.

10.1 Approved of payment to Lozano Smith, LLP, Attorneys at Law, for services rendered not to exceed \$4,279.15.00.

10.2 Approved of Agreement between Mendota Unified School District and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Services Agreement #90776, for the 2017-2018 school year.

10.3 Approved to contract with Dempsey/Filliger and Associates to update the GASB 45 actuarial valuation Postretirement Health Benefit Program required every two years. Governmental Accounting Standards Based (GASB).

10.4 Approved to purchase a walk in cooler for Mendota Elementary School cafeteria and a cooler/freezer combination for the Mendota Junior High Cafeteria from the Cafeteria Fund. The cost of both units no to exceed \$68,417.54.

10.5 Approved of the TIP Agreement between Mendota Unified School District and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

10.6 Approved of the Master Service Agreement between New Classrooms Innovation Partners, Inc. and Mendota Unified School District for the Teach to One Math Program at Mendota Junior High School.

10.7 Approved of the Charitable Pledge Agreement between The Wonderful Company Foundation, Inc. and Mendota Unified School District to help with the startup costs for the Teach to One Math Program at Mendota Junior High School.

10.8 Approved of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sobrato Family Foundation and Mendota Unified School District for the implementation of the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) program at Mendota Elementary School.

10.9 Approved of the 2017-2018 Mendota Elementary School Parent & Student Handbook.

11.0 ACTION ITEMS – Lupe Flores made a motion to approve Items 11.1- 11.7, excluding Item 11.3, Jose Zavala seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed 6 -0 with Adrian Perez absent.

11.1 Approved to accept Letter of Resignation from Jessica Akpovi, teacher at Mendota Elementary, effective July 17, 2017.

11.2 Approved of the Mendota High School Fall Coaches for 2017-2018.

11.3 Approval to hire Josh Garcia as Campus Monitor 7.5 hours/10 months at Mendota Junior High School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal. *(Item pulled for Closed Session)*

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- 11.4 Approved to hire Maria Hernandez as Secretary II/Registrar 8 hours/12 months at Mendota High School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.
- 11.5 **RESOLUTION # 251-1718:** of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District Authorizing debt service estimate to be provided to the County of Fresno relating to unsold General Obligation Bonds of the Mendota Unified School District relating to Fiscal Year 2017-2018
ROLL CALL VOTE: A. Durazo Yes L. Flores Yes; I Maldonado Yes
A. Perez Absent; D. Toscano Yes; R. Varela Yes; J. Zavala Yes
- 11.6 **RESOLUTION # 252-1718:** of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District According to California Government Code Section 8855(i), effective as of January 1, 2017, requires that issuers of state or local government indebtedness adopt debt policies which include specific provisions concerning the use of indebtedness.
ROLL CALL VOTE: A. Durazo Yes L. Flores Yes; I Maldonado Yes
A. Perez Absent; D. Toscano Yes; R. Varela Yes; J. Zavala Yes
- 11.7 Approved to hire Gilbert Gomez as a Mathematics Teacher at Mendota Alternative Education Program for the 2017/2018 school year, contingent upon enrollment in a University Internship program and obtaining a valid Internship Permit, as recommended by the site principal.

12.0 **TRUSTEE RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Presentation and Recognition is for the purpose of recognizing district staff, parents and community organizations for exemplary services on behalf of our students while sharing school-related activities, school visitations, conference attended, or meetings scheduled. The items discussed will not result in any Board action.

Lupe Flores commented that the "Back to School - Kick Off" was very nice. She enjoyed the Salutatorian & Valedictorian from the previous year returning and sharing their experience; and the impact our staff had on them growing up in Mendota.

Jose Zavala said Washington Elementary looks very nice, they did a wonderful job on the construction. Now would like to focus on updating McCabe Elementary. He noted that Washington was an easier renovation than the one that needs to take place at McCabe given its size. He was curious if it would be done in parts, half and half. Dr. Lopez concurred that it should be done in phases and the project would be put out to bid. The deadline for bids will be sometime in April. Dr. Lopez informed the Board that the release of state funds had a part to play in the updating of McCabe Elem. Mr. Alcaide added the biggest issue would be the feeding of the students because if the cafeteria could not be completed in two months, we would have to get a temporary shelter for lunch. Lupe Flores expressed an interest in how we would feed the students but suggested the matter deserves more attention at a later date.

Diana Toscano apologized for not being able to make the "Kick-Off"; she just started a new job and could not get away. She agreed that Washington Elem. looked very nice. She expressed an interest in adding a name on the building, Dr. Lopez agreed to look into it and reporting back to the board.

Raul Varela stated that he attended the National Night Out at Rojas Park and was asked if the Board would be interested in a safety meeting held by the City of Mendota. Mr. Varela volunteered to attend and share the information with the Board. He also thanked Robert Gonzales and his crew for successfully moving Washington Elem back to the re-modeled site. Raul also reported that the City received a "Thank You" card from the District for paving the street in front of Washington Elem., the school site looks beautiful.

Isabel Maldonado apologized for not being able to attend the "Back to School - Kick Off" this year, she was ill. She heard that it was very nice and the food was good too. She asked what the District was doing for Francisca Diaz. Dr. Lopez said we would be sending a card to Francisca letting her know the District

is thinking of her. Isabel also apologized to the Macias family for not being mentioned at the dedication of the Barbara Rasmussen building. Dr. Lopez let her know that it was not done purposely, the support staff may not have been aware of Barbara's family name. Isabel wished everyone a good year.

13.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Lopez also thanked Robert Gonzales and his staff for the excellent job they did transferring Washington back from the McCabe school site. He also thanked Jose Alcaide for the great job he does keeping the District in the black. Dr. Lopez reported that the "Kick Off", was a success. He thanked Mr. Kirby for the meeting going so smoothly. He also thanked Mr. Juan Luna for helping prepare the lunch. Bert Escobedo was also thanked for his help with Measure "M". Dr. Lopez thanked Robert Gonzales for all the hours he puts in and for always being accessible. He also thanked his administration team for their hard work. Dr. Lopez informed the Board that the turf was almost completed and he was given a date of August 20th for completion: August 25th is the first home game. Mr. Raul Varela asked if someone was going to make sure the restrooms would be ready for the 1st game. Robert Gonzales assured the Board that he does a walk through before all home games to ensure all is well before all events.

14.0 CLOSED SESSION

14.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

❖ Superintendent

14.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT/TRANSFER/REASSIGNMENT

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

11.3 Approved to hire Josh Garcia as Campus Monitor 7.5 hours/10 months at Mendota Junior High School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal. *Raul Varela made a motion to approve, Jose Zavala seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, motion passed, 6-0, with Adrian Perez absent.*

14.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957, subdivision (b).

14.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S)

❖ California School Employees Association (CSEA)

❖ Unrepresented Employees: Administration/Management/Confidential Classified

15.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

16.0 ADJOURNMENT -11:40 p.m. (R. Varela/J. Zavala, 6-0, A. Perez absent.)

Clerk of the Board

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