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



Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Regular Board Meeting Beginning at 6:00 P.M.  
Mendota High School Library  
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640

**MINUTES**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER 6:02PM

2.0 ROLL CALL

1. Alma Durazo	Present	5. Diana Toscano	6:42pm
2. Lupe Flores	Present	6. Raul S. Varela	Present
3. Isabel Maldonado	Present	7. Jose C. Zavala	6:33pm
4. Adrian Perez	Present	8. Diana Quinteros	Present

3.0 FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION: Mrs. Villar introduced Mrs. Christina Cavazos, teacher at Mendota Elementary School who led the flag salute.

- ❖ *Mendota Elementary Science Fair*
- ❖ *McCabe Elementary Science Fair*  
15 minute reception followed

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: NONE

5.0 APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR: February 13, 2018 (Motion was made by Raul Varela seconded by Jose Zavala. Roll Call was taken. Motion Passed by a vote of 6-0-1 absent. D.Toscano.)  
*(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.)*

6.0 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

*(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] NONE*

7.0 REPORT(S) - INFORMATION ONLY

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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- ❖ Mr. Manuel Bautista shared that he was asked by the County Office to be a presenter at the Cisc Leadership Symposium in Monterey California. His session will be on the Mendota High School Newcomer Pathway. Mr. Kirby will attend with him.

9.0 PUBLIC NOTICE

**FIRST READING: HEARING and PUBLIC COMMENT** regarding proposed revisions to Mendota Unified School District's Board Policy (BP) Head Lice.

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- 10.0** **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Jose Zavala made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Raul Varela seconding the motion. Motion Passed by a Roll Call vote of 6-0-1 absent. D. Toscano)  
*(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.)*
- 10.1** Approved of Migrant students to attend the following overnight trips.
- ❖ Leadership Academy, SCICON camp in Springville, Ca. for up to 9 students grades 9-12, February 16 through 18, 2018.
  - ❖ Youth 2 Leaders College Tour, Southern Ca. for up to 8 students grades 9-12, March 26 through 29, 2018.
  - ❖ Migrant Institute of Student Leadership, Sugar Pine Camp in Oakhurst, Ca. for up to 8 students grades 9-12, April 6 through 8, 2018
- 10.2** Approved of Agreement between Fresno County Superintendent of School and Mendota Unified School District for Family Bi-literacy Program Services from February 22, 2018 through May 31, 2018.
- 10.3** Approved of Facility Use Request from the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to host the Migrant Community Health Clinic on February 21, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 8: 30 pm at McCabe Elementary School.
- 10.4** Approved of the 2016-2017 Financial Report/ Audit Report as it pertains to Education Code Section 41020.3
- 10.5** Approved of Technicon Engineering Services for Testing and Inspection for the McCabe Elementary Modernization Project.
- 10.6** Approved of Mr. Sirous Rassouli DSA Approved Inspector for the McCabe Elementary Modernization Project.
- 10.7** Approved of payment to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, Attorneys at Law, for services rendered not to exceed \$114.02.
- 10.8** **Approved of Warrants:**
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| #512080154-#512080172 | #512083584-#512083614 |
| #512080950-#512080980 |                       |
- 11.0** **ACTION ITEMS** (Raul Varela made a motion to approve Action Items 11.1-11.9 with Alma Durazo seconding the motion. Motion passed by a Roll Call vote of 6-0-1 absent. D. Toscano.)
- 11.1** Approved of transfer request from Luz Ruiz from a 7.5 hour/10 month custodian to a vacant 8 hour/12 month custodian.
- 11.2** Approved of letter of resignation of Eric Rusconi, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Mendota Elementary effective June 11, 2018.
- 11.3** Approved of letter of resignation of Jaime Anthony, Agriculture/Science teacher at Mendota High School effective June 8, 2018.

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- 11.4 Approved of letter of resignation of Brittany Cavaletto, Agriculture/Science teacher at Mendota High School effective June 8, 2018.
- 11.5 Approved of letter of resignation of Melissa Boyles, Kindergarten Intern at Mendota Elementary School effective June 11, 2018.
- 11.6 Approved of letter of resignation of Carlos Arceo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at McCabe Elementary School effective June 15, 2018.
- 11.7 Approved of job description for Psychologist Intern.
- 11.8 Approved of letter of resignation of Araceli Hernandez, Instructional Aide at Mendota High School effective February 7, 2018.
- 11.9 Approved of onetime signing bonus for New to the District fully credentialed teachers in designated subject areas for the 2018-2019 schoolyear.

Grant year-for-year service credit for up to sixteen (16) years of experience for New to the District fully credentialed teacher in a public school outside of the Mendota Unified School District for the 2018-2019 schoolyear.

- 11.10 **RESOLUTION #266-1718:** Approval of Notice of Non-Reemployment of Emergency and Probationary Certificated Employees.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo  Y  L. Flores  Y ; I Maldonado  Y ;  
A. Perez  Y ; D. Toscano  Y ; R. Varela  Y ; J. Zavala  Y
- 11.11 **RESOLUTION # 267-1718:** Approval of designating persons performing volunteer services without pay for the school district or county superintendent as employees for the limited purpose of qualifying for workers' compensation insurance coverage under California Labor Code Section 3200, ET SEQ.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo  Y  L. Flores  Y ; I Maldonado  Y ;  
A. Perez  Y ; D. Toscano  Y ; R. Varela  Y ; J. Zavala  Y
- 11.12 **RESOLUTION # 268-1718 :** Approval of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District Authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2014, Series B, in an Aggregate Principal amount not to exceed \$8,000.000 and approving related documents and actions.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** A. Durazo  Y  L. Flores  Y ; I Maldonado  Y ;  
A. Perez  Y ; D. Toscano  Y ; R. Varela  Y ; J. Zavala  Y

**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.*

- ❖ *Diana Quinteros shared that Mr. Kirby donated \$100 to the Senior Class.*
- ❖ *Isabel Maldonado thanked the administration for the Science Recognition and all students recognition.*
- ❖ *Alma Durazo visited Jr. High and was very impressed. She said it looked like they have everything under control.*
- ❖ *Raul Varela visited Washington School and noticed the playground has new rubber pellets. He noticed that some of the pellets were on the blacktop. He asked if a barrier could be put on so the pellets stay on the playground. Mr. Robert Gonzales said he is looking into it.*
- ❖ *Adrian Perez thanked MES and McCabe for putting on wonderful Science Fairs. He was wondering if they can be scheduled for different days so they have a chance to attend both.*

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- ❖ *Jose Zavala said he was glad that students are being recognized for their achievement. He also commended the site for being pro-active instead of reactive regarding the incident that occurred.*
- ❖ *Lupe Flores thanked the administrators for their hard work. She shared that CDE is developing an oversight board for CT areas.*
- ❖ *Diana Toscano said as a parent she felt safe when the sites went on lockdown. She thanked the site for doing a great job.*

**13.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- **Actual Lockdown occurred. Thanked all the principals that took action. Very pro-active. Sites were prepared because of the practice drills and majority of staff acted appropriately. It wasn't perfect but they will be working on it.**
- **Joint Meeting with City on February 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Athletes of the Year Banners were tucked away by previous Athletic Director. Need name of Valedictorian for 1995 as well.**
- **Playoffs congrats to Basketball and Soccer Girls and Boys.**

**14.0 CLOSED SESSION 7:15pm**

**14.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

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

**14.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

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

**14.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

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

**14.4 The Board will consider the following expulsion case(s):**

**Cases #0118-12416 (Motion was made by Jose Zavala to consider the expulsion, seconded by Adrian Perez. Motion Passed by a roll call vote of 7-0)**

**15.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT (Motion was made by Raul Varela to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lupe Flores. Motion Passed. 7-0. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm.)**

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Clerk of the Board

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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MINUTES

**MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & THE CITY OF MENDOTA**

February 28, 2018  
Special Board Meeting at 6:00 pm  
City of Mendota  
643 Quince Street, Mendota, CA 93640

**AGENDA**

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:00PM
- 2.0 **ROLL CALL:** Mendota Unified School District
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| 1. Alma Durazo, Clerk- Present     | 5. Diana Toscano-Absent                          |
| 2. Lupe Flores- Present            | 6. Raul S. Varela, Vice President-Present        |
| 3. Isabel Maldonado-Present        | 7. Jose C. Zavala-Present (6:06PM)               |
| 4. Adrian Perez, President-Present | 8. Diana Quinteros, Student Board Member-Present |
- 3.0 **ROLL CALL:** City of Mendota Council Members
- 4.0 **FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Castro lead the Flag Salute
- 5.0 **APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR:** February 28, 2018 ( Isabel Maldonado made a motion to approve the minutes with Raul Varela seconding the motion. Motion passed 6-0 w/one absent) *(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.)*
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Kevin Romero gave those in attendance an update on Aztec baseball & softball.
- 7.0 **BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY AND STAFF REPORTS:**
- 7.1 **Marijuana Facility**  
Lupe Flores asked for an update on the facility. City Manager DiMaggio provided an update on the purchase of a warehouse in Mendota by a private company to use for cultivation and processing of cannabis; and the development agreement that is being entered into between the City and that company. Lupe Flores expressed concern regarding the advertisement on the building; Mayor Pro Tem Martinez explained that he had visited a similar plant and there is no sign of what the building is and that there is no order due to large charcoal filters on site. When asked about sales and availability of cannabis, it was explained that sales are prohibited within city limits. The District expressed interest in using the impact fees for drug awareness.
- 7.2 **Lighting at McCabe Elementary - South East Corner**  
Dr. Lopez asked Mayor Castro if the City was looking into placing a light at that location. A discussion was had on the safety issues that arise when heavy traffic happens in poorly lit areas; the difficulty in working with Caltrans to receive basic services, including the unwillingness of Mr. John Liu to take into account the interests of Mendota. It was also suggested that a light could be installed on the school site that would not encroach Caltrans right-of-way.
- 7.3 **Traffic Study - Derrick Avenue**  
Dr. Lopez suggested the City and School Board join to ask Caltrans to create a safer situation at the location. A discussion was held on Caltrans disposition to do traffic studies and the need to protect the children traveling to school.

7.4 Smoot Avenue Property - Community Center

Dr. Lopez asked about the Community Center status and what is was still being used for. Mr. DiMaggio explained the use of both the Community Center and the Senior Center; and the City's desire to build a new Community Center owned by the City. The modernization of the portables located on the property and the contract with Migrant Preschool and the City. The importance of accommodating the senior citizens no matter what future developments are realized.

7.5 Other Issues of Joint Interest

Raul Varela discussed the difficulties the bus drivers had at bus certain bus stops due to overhang from the trees on the property that impede the driver from parking next to the curb. Mr. DiMaggio asked for a bus route map to provide the city crew with; to trim trees that need it. Raul Varela also thanked the City for the improvements made on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilor Silva brought up issues related to the security for schools in light of the recent school shooting in Florida. Dr. Lopez explained the "Lock-Down Drills" that the District has already implemented and has been practicing with all grade levels. Student Board member Quinteros shared her experience with the drills that have been taking place to simulate incidences on campus.

Councilor Rosales reported that the City would like to hold a fireworks show at the MHS Stadium, and fundraising opportunities that the Mendota Community Corporation is involved in. Raul Varela pointed out that the farmer that owns the property behind the stadium may have an issue depending on what crop he is growing.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT-7:37am (MSC; R. Varela/L. Flores, 6-0)

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