

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JULY 19, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of August 16, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of July 19, 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 5:17 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; Conference with CSEA, MVEA and AMVMP Labor Negotiator; and Personnel Complaints.

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

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action on the Closed Session Agenda items.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Jeffrey Hinshaw, Director, Budget/Finance
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Marciela Hinds
Denise McCrea

Beverly Meyer
Belinda Childrey

Janet MacMillan

**CONSENT ITEM – 102
SUPERINTENDENT
AUGUST 16, 2005**

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 he is thankful for the passage of the state budget that takes care of the schools. He asked that we continue to look out for the education of the students and for the safety of all the families over the summer months.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

August	2, 2005	7:30 a.m.	Special Meeting – Student Cases	Board Room
August	16, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
September	13, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

The August 2, 2005, Special Meeting time has been changed from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. There was Board discussion regarding the addition of Board meetings for August addressing the Superintendent Search. A Special Closed Session is scheduled for August 10 at 4:30 p.m. Tentative dates for additional Special Closed Sessions are August 22, 23, 24, and 25, 2005.

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

None

SCHOOL REPORTS

None

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Sayre had several questions and concerns regarding Consent Item 211 – Approve Acceptance of Grant Funding – The School Community Policing Partnership Grant. Entering into the grant, the Department of Education will fund it. He asked if the grant specifies the responsibilities of the officer and counselor, if it was an intervention program to network and build relationships with at risk students and not responding to calls for service for student issues on campus, and what the long-range plan was when the grant was completed – who would pay for the continuation of the program? There was an understanding that with the District bringing on an additional SRO, the City would be interested in pursuing a daytime curfew or truancy ordinance.

Dr. Chandler stated that there is a memorandum of understanding that defines the specific responsibilities of the School Resource Officer (SRO) which have been written in the grant and there is no intention of departing from what was submitted. Dr. Chandler indicated that the grant would serve a dual purpose by providing an intervention program for at-risk students, yet the SRO can still be available to respond to calls for service as usual. This was also specified in the grant. Part of the intent of writing the grant was to add an SRO for the alternative schools so the comprehensive high schools would not have to share their SRO time. In regards to the continued funding once the grant is complete, the District is under no obligation to continue the program.

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BUSINESS SERVICES

375 Budget Update

Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, stated that the California State budget was adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor just recently. Tomorrow, staff will be attending a workshop that will provide specific details and dollar amounts that will be coming to the school districts. The budget is very similar to the May Revise with a couple of exceptions.

In the approved state budget, there will be no new taxes, the \$3.1 billion dollars promised to education is not included, and the projected state deficit for next year is \$4-7 billion. The cost of living adjustment (COLA) will be 4.23 percent. COLA will apply to the revenue limit (the majority of the District's income), special education, and state categorical programs, and the deficit reduction funding was included. The District will be funded for regular enrollment growth and the major programs (special education, EIA, and SIP). As the district gets more students in these programs, it will receive additional funding.

The STRS cost shift from the state to public school districts was not enacted. The District currently pays 8.5 percent of its certificated salary to STRS. The state wanted to shift its 2 percent to school districts which would result in the District paying 10.5 percent. The STRS issue could resurface again next year as it is high on the Governor's list. Because this proposal was not enacted, the District will be able to pay the negotiated salary and benefit increases which was contingent on this issue being removed from the proposed budget. The state owes school districts a lot in mandated costs. There is a backlog. The money to fund the state's share was taken out of the mandated cost income. Some of the mandated costs will be funded but very little.

There will be increased federal dollars for special education. Regarding the mental health agencies, there was a proposal to shift some of the duties and activities to the school districts without providing funding. There will be no change in the mental health agencies. A plan for next year is being developed to address this.

Low performing schools will receive a one-time Block Grant. The exact dollar amount is not known at this time. This additional funding can be used for support services for students and teachers. It will also include differential pay and bonuses for teachers who are willing to teach at low performing schools, and it will provide for small group instruction and teacher collaboration time. The District will receive a one-time Block Grant for the high school exit exam. This additional funding will provide supplemental instruction to students not passing and assistance for students with disabilities.

Mr. Crank stated that this is a brief overview. Staff will learn more after the budget conference tomorrow. A Board member shared a concern about several school districts in the state that are having financial hard times or facing receivership and asked where Moreno Valley stands. Mr. Crank stated that the District has strong reserves, is living within its income, is not deficit spending, and is very solid. The District has a strong financial ability to pay for financial obligations. When the salary increase was negotiated and worked through the budget committees, Mr. Crank indicated everyone knew and understood that this is what the District could afford, and at the same time live within its income, and still maintain a healthy reserve.

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A Board member asked what it meant to the District if the state does not give school districts \$3.1 billion promised. This additional money would allow the District to add back programs. It was

suggested that the District provide a budget workshop at the California School Boards Association conference which would include the budget committee members and staff as presenters, which demonstrates how stakeholders can work together in tough financial times to remain solvent.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A Williams Complaint Report Summary

V-B Administrative Regulation

- AR 5113.2 – Work Permits

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She received an invitation to Canyon Springs summer school graduation scheduled for August 9. She will attend.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- She was installed by the Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce last Friday. The chamber is promoting to outreach to the community to work together.

Rick Sayre

- He had no comments.

Richard Coz

- He had no comments.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He congratulated Ms. Ashe on her appointment.
- He thanked Bob Crank and his staff for such a good job on the budget. It has been difficult to budget without having an approved state budget.

Nick Ferguson

- He had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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If the grant specifies that the police officer and counselor team up or do proactive problem solving and we are really going to put that person into a SRO traditional wants to make sure that we are not putting in for dollars and are intent is not to do what we really say we are going to do. If we are awarded for this special program, I don't believe this individual should be should be doing jobs outside of the scope of what we are doing. Perhaps it is time to ask the City Counsel to reconsider the District putting forth General Fund monies to pay for SRO and asks that they consider some relationship (50/50 or 60/40) where they contribute to the public safety issues on the campuses. Make sure that the program design coincides with actually what we do with this money. This does not go hand in hand. This would be an intervention program for kids at high risk and not responding to calls for service or fights on the campus. A program where there is networking and building relationships with kids at risk There was a concern about supplanting. Public safety issues at the schools – city council. What is the long-range plan and who is going to absorb the officer once the funds are depleted. Dr. Chandler indicated that

