

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUGUST 16, 2005**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of August 16, 2005.

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25634 Alessandro Boulevard  
Moreno Valley, California**

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CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the Regular meeting 5:10 p.m.

It came to the attention of the Board, that after the agenda was posted, a Closed Session Item – Public Employee Employment, needed to be added for discussion during Closed Session on the August 16, 2005, Board agenda.

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to add Public Employee Employment to the August 16, 2005, Closed Session agenda.

VOTE: AYES – 4 (Absent – Coz) NAYS - 0 ABSTAIN - 0

The Board of Education opened the meeting at 5:12 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; Conference with Real Property Negotiator; and Personnel Complaints.

Members Present

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

Administration

Nicolas D. Ferguson

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Ashe Absent- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar

REPORT OUT OF

CLOSED SESSION: The Board of Education directed staff to move forward on Closed Session Item 905. The Board of Education will reconvene into Closed Session after the Regular Board meeting.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

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Administration Present (Continued)

Ann Vessey, Director, SELPA  
 Dan Reed, Director, Accountability and Assessment, and Training  
 John Baldaray, Director, Warehouse  
 Carol Allbaugh, Coordinator, Career Development  
 Donna Farrell, Coordinator, Accountability and Assessment  
 Lisa Wilson, Coordinator, Multilingual Programs  
 Gloria Rousseau-Hamilton, Principal, Moreno Valley  
 Maribel Mattox, Principal, Edgemont  
 Lillian Saldana, Principal, Bear Valley  
 Maria Torres, Assistant Principal, Serrano  
 Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager  
 Jeffrey Hinshaw, Director, Budget/Finance  
 Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Marciela Hinds	Ruth Saldana	Jimmy Ford
Colonel Gerald Duckett	Bobbie Jones	Sylvia Deporto
Ron Visser	Grace Nelson	Jill McCarthy
Ann Adler	Katherine Underwood	Maria Kabayashi
Mike Chavez	Maria Chavez	Alice Torres
Liz Torres	Bertha Marquez	Brooke Rock
Maria Marquez	Ann Garcia	Maria Torres
Grace Salcedo	Judy Espinosa	Oscar Ramirez
Julio Salcedo	Denise McCrea	Belinda Childrey
Pam Chavez		

**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 Sayre asked that our youth be protected and brought home safely as our country faces the challenges and conflicts we engage in. We are ever so proud of them.

DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

August	22, 2005	5 p.m.	Special Closed Session	City Hall
August	23, 2005	5 p.m.	Special Closed Session	City Hall
August	24, 2005	5 p.m.	Special Closed Session	City Hall
September	13, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
September	27, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room
October	11, 2005	7 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Board Room

RECOGNITION/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

Bear Valley Elementary students, under the direction of first grade teacher, Ms. Brooke Rock, and second grade teacher, Ms. Ann Garcia, performed a Patriotic Show with singing of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Grade Ole Flag."

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The Board of Education brought forward Action Item 125 - Resolution No. 2005-06-23 – Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Membership Month – September, and Action Item 226 - Resolution No. 2005-06-21 – Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 through October 15, 2005.

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Tracey B. Vackar that Action Items 125 and Action Item 226 be approved as presented.

VOTE: AYE – 4 (Absent – Coz)

NAY -

ABSTAIN –

A copy of the resolution recognizing Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Membership Month – September, was presented to a Bear Valley PTA member.

Lisa Wilson, Coordinator, Multilingual Programs, was presented a copy of the resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15, through October 15, 2005.

The Board of Education recognized the following retirees:

Ruth Saldana, Edgemont teacher, effective June 18, 2005

Colonel Gerald Duckett, AFJROTC, Moreno Valley, effective June 23, 2005

Jimmy Ford, Work Experience Coordinator, Moreno Valley, effective June 23, 2005

Bobbie Jones, Nutrition Assistant, Serrano, effective June 20, 2005

Retirees not in attendance included:

- Diane Roberson, Account Clerk, Business Services, effective June 11, 2005
- Betty Rosado, Instructional Assistant, Cloverdale, effective June 20, 2005
- Ben Cano, Assistant Principal, Edgemont, effective July 1, 2005
- Evelyn Jones, Instructional Assistant, Landmark, effective June 20, 2005
- Kathleen Millholland, Counselor, Moreno Valley, effective June 23, 2005
- Barry Rich, Moreno Valley teacher, effective June 23, 2005
- Robert Starnes, Mountain View teacher, effective June 18, 2005
- Mary Mertz, Health Clerk, Vista Heights, effective June 30, 2005

#### 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

The Board of Education brought forward Discussion Item 275 – Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Update at this time. Sylvia Deporto, Deputy Director for Child Services, Child Protective Services, distributed a booklet to the Board and audience, *The California Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Law – Issues and Answers for Mandated Reports*. She provided a brief update on legal requirements for mandated reports in the school system as presented in the publication. She explained the definition of child abuse, why, who, and what to report, identification factors of abuse, legal requirements of the mandated reporter, what some of the penalties are if a report is not made, and frequently asked questions on this issue.

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The Board of Education brought forward Discussion Item 276 – Youth Opportunity Center Presentation. Carol Allbaugh, Coordinator, Career Development, and Ron Visser, ACCESS to the Future Board member, gave a presentation on the history, the current and future status of the program, services that are available, and funding for the Youth Opportunity Center.

The Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) was originally operated by the City of Moreno Valley. A four-year grant of \$500,000 per year was provided through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). When a new grant process was opened in 2004, the District was requested by the business community to apply in order to keep these youth services in Moreno Valley. The District was awarded a three-year (\$500,000 per year) contract.

The YOC is funded through the grant, ACCESS to the Future, and community donations. Federal budget cuts have reduced the WIA funding dramatically, as well as reducing funding through WIA for the Moreno Valley Youth TRUST. However, there is \$93,000 of carryover funds, \$125,000 available through other YOCs to fund the Youth TRUST, and \$100,000 block grant funds donated from County Supervisor Marion Ashley. Grant writing and fundraising for this program are ongoing.

The YOC has been self-sufficient since July 2004 with no impact on the District's general operating budget. In order to not have the cost of this program impact the District in the future, the following recommendations have been proposed: that the YOC be relocated to a non-rent facility; the program be redesigned to complete WIA services with currently enrolled youth (no new enrollments); provide limited services to the alternative schools; return to prior level of career development services funding through Carl Perkins, General Fund, and ACCESS to the Future; and research and apply for additional grants. It was suggested by a Board member that the District contact the City regarding funding. The Board requested information from staff on facilities, utilities, and impact on the site.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Educational Services – Action Item 227 – Approve Resolution No. 2005-06-24 – Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2005-06**

Governing boards of school districts are required to hold a public hearing each year to establish that students in the District have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in core academic areas. Additionally, a resolution must be approved that certifies the sufficiency of materials for students.

The Board President opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any public comments on this item.

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre that the Public Hearing on Action item 227 - Resolution No. 2005-06-24 – Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2005-06, be closed with action being taken during the Action portion of the agenda.

VOTE:      AYE – 4 (Absent – Coz)                                      NAY -                                      ABSTAIN – 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A Board member asked for clarification on Consent Item 307 regarding the rejection of the four bids for custodial supplies and software. Mr. Crank indicated that there were errors/deficiencies in all the bids. If the District eliminated one or two, it wasn't getting the very best prices. So the decision was to reject all the bids and start over. There was no preconceived notice that a particular vendor would have it. It was an open bid process. The Board member indicated that there was a rumor that a particular vendor was to get the bid and shared a concern the District's credibility may be at stake.

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It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE:      AYE – 4 (Absent – Coz)                                      NAY - 0                                      ABSTAIN – 0

**ACTION AGENDA**

It was moved by Rick Sayre and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that the Action Agenda be approved as amended. Action Item 126 – Second Reading and Adoption of Board Bylaw 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits was pulled. Staff was directed to bring it back at the next regular Board meeting when all Board members will be present.

VOTE: AYE – 4 (Absent – Coz) NAY - 0 ABSTAIN - 0

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT

175 2005 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Director-At-Large Nominations – American Indian and Black

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to nominate the incumbent, D. Shelley Yarbrough, Val Verde Unified School District, for the Director-At-Large, American Indian.

VOTE: AYE – 4 (Coz – Absent) NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 0

It was moved by Jesus M. Holguin and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to nominate the incumbent, Paul Chatman, Ocean View Elementary School District, for the Director-At-Large, Black.

VOTE: AYE – 3 (Coz – Absent) NAY- 0 ABSTAIN – 1 (Sayre)

176 2005 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Legislator of the Year

It was suggested that Jack O’Connell, California State Department Superintendent of Public Instruction, be nominated for this award. Dr. Ferguson stated that according to CSBA, Superintendent O’Connell did not meet the criteria or fit the definition as a “legislator.” He has been a recipient of numerous awards from CSBA.

There was no Board nomination for the 2005 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Legislator of the Year.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 275 Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Update – was brought forward earlier in the meeting.
- 276 Presentation – Youth Opportunity Center – was brought forward earlier in the meeting.
- 277 Approval to Display Elementary and Middle School Instructional Materials
  - *Read 180* Textbooks

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Dr. Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, indicated that this is a proposal to display the *Reading 180* textbooks, which is an intervention language arts program for the elementary and middle schools. The Board has already adopted this program at the high school level. This recommendation came forward from the LEA Plan Addendum. Once adopted, the District would begin using these materials with the special education students



populations. The District's demographics are different than what is seen at the county and state level.

It is being projected that the District's API seven year growth summary will increase from 638 last year to 651 this year. Over the last six years (1999-2005), this reflects a growth of 156 points for elementary, 98 points for middle, and 56 points for high school. In the long term, The District has had good growth at all levels. The District API target was not met this year with the American Indian sub-group. The District's projected AYP scores show that the English Language Learner sub-group did not meet its target in language arts or math and the students with learning disabilities did not meet its target in math. When the scores become public on September 1, 2005, the projection will show that the District did not meet its API or AYP targets for this year.

Comparing AYP proficiency level scores from 2002 through 2005, levels show a gradual increase in English language arts (2002 – 22.1 to 2005 - 30) and mathematics (2002 – 25 to 2005 – 32). By 2013-14, the proficiency level will be 100 percent. Districtwide, as a total group, we are above at the proficiency level required by AYP and for the next two years, we will maintain a level above the required proficiency level.

In conclusion, the following schools met their projected targets:

API Bayside, Butterfield, Canyon Springs, Edgemont, March Mountain, March Valley, Moreno Valley, Mountain View, Serrano, Valley View, Vista del Lago.

AYP Hidden Springs, Midland, Ridge Crest, TownGate

Schools that met targets for both API and AYP include: Bear Valley, Box Springs, Moreno, and North Ridge.

For the first time since the API has existed, all of the high schools are represented on the API listing. Moreno Elementary met both of its API and AYP targets even though it has a significant number of students with learning disabilities. Town Gate is on the AYP as meeting its target. It is not on the API listing because the school did not exist during the previous year.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

### 375 Budget Revisions – 2005-06

Bob Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, stated that when the budget was adopted in June, the District anticipated all of the budget issues. The one assumption that was made that came in different was the proposed STRS shift. The District had budgeted \$2.38 million in the STRS account to cover this additional cost to the District. When the final budget was adopted by the State, the STRS cost was eliminated. Therefore, the District is proposing to revise the budget by reducing the STRS by the \$2.38 million. This will allow the District to budget for the negotiated salary increase with MVEA. It is proposed to increase the accounts for certificated salary (1000 series) and the fringe benefits (3000 series) with the negotiated amounts. The District can then off set this expense with the STRS reduction monies. Mr. Crank indicated that the STRS issue could resurface again next year as it is high on the Governor's list.

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A Board member asked if the technology grant has been received or awarded yet. Mr. Crank answered that the QZAB grant is for \$5 million and the District will receive \$2.5 million. The bonds are scheduled to be sold in October. Dr. Chandler has been conducting meetings about

how these funds will be budgeted. Once finalized, this information will be brought forward to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Jacqueline L. Ashe and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve the Discussion/Action Item – 375 -2005-06 Budget Revisions as presented.

VOTE:            AYE – 4 (Coz – Absent)            NAY- 0            ABSTAIN – 0

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A    Administrative Regulation

- AR 5141.4 – Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She had no comments.

Jacqueline L. Ashe

- She had no comments.

Rick Sayre

- He commented on the child abuse reporting. He feels it is important for staff to understand how imperative it is that they provide protection for our students. He hopes that administrators embrace staff that report child abuse. There is a lot of protection for staff.
- He recognized Dr. Ferguson in attending his last Board meeting. He appreciates Dr. Ferguson for all he has done over the years by making difficult decisions and providing financial stability back to the District. He thanked Dr. Ferguson.

Richard Coz (Absent)

Jesus M. Holquin

- He received information from the Riverside County Youth Advisory Council. It is an invitation for high school students to participate. He will provide this information to Dr. Chandler.
- He thanked Dr. Ferguson for his work and his support of the District.

Nick Ferguson

- He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve in the District. Having worked here before, he knew employees, students, and community. It was an honor to come back. It has been enjoyable, and he is glad to see that the District is on the move in the right direction.

The Board of Education reconvened into Closed Session at 9:05 p.m.

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.

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REPORT OUT  
OF CLOSED  
SESSION:

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Rick Sayre to accept the



resignation of Gloria Rousseau-Hamilton, principal, Moreno Valley High School.

VOTE: AYE – 4 (Coz – Absent)                      NAY- 0                      ABSTAIN – 0

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe to appoint Maribel Mattox, principal, Edgemont Elementary School to principal, Moreno Valley High School.

VOTE: AYE – 4 (Coz – Absent)                      NAY- 0                      ABSTAIN – 0

ADJOURNMENT:                      There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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