

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FEBRUARY 28, 2002**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of February 28, 2002, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2002. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Special Meeting of February 28, 2002.

**MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
25634 Alessandro Boulevard  
Moreno Valley, California 92553**

**THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE AUDIOTAPED PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE §54953.5**

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education opened the meeting at 5:55 p.m. to discuss and approve the Employment of the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL: AYE - Ashe AYE - Bailey AYE - Baugh AYE – Sayre AYE – Vackar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Vackar.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Board Member Baugh.

Administrators Present

Norman L. Chaffin, Interim Superintendent  
John Costello, Deputy Superintendent, Schools/Educational Programs  
Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction  
Cindy Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources,  
Louise Bigbie, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services  
Joseph Palomino, Director, Secondary Education  
Dave Swift, Director, Maintenance and Operations  
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems  
Patricia Baird, Director, Purchasing  
Debbie Fay, Principal, Moreno  
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors Present

Paul Baird	Zenia Lowe	Katherine Underwood
Candie Edwards	Frank Butler	Carol Lee
Doris Moran	Kathy Padilla	Terry Witkowski
Louise Palomarez	Tanya Sierra	Trish Hatch
John Zamora	Dan Stevenson	Jim Brown
Jim Morris	Judy Waggoner	Rich Waggoner
Crystal Meisner	Nicholas Ferguson	Mary Perea
Gloria Rivera		

**CONSENT ITEM – 003  
SUPERINTENDENT  
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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Louise Palomarez, District parent, spoke about the District budget situation and the new superintendent. She stated that she hoped there would be an open door policy and that the new superintendent would work with all the diverse groups in the District.

Board President Sayre introduced the new superintendent, Dr. Nicolas Ferguson.

Board Members agreed that the selection process was extensive and there were many qualified candidates. All the stakeholders involved in the process were commended for the collaborative effort shown in the selection. It is believed that Dr. Ferguson will bring stability to the District for parents, students, staff, and community. He brings many talents to this position and will work toward getting the District financially on track. Dr. Ferguson is an easy person to talk to and is genuinely interested in Moreno Valley Unified School District.

Dr. Ferguson stated that he does have an open door policy and looks forward to working with the diverse groups in the community. He believes in collaboration. Education is a partnership which involves students, staff, community, and parents.

ACTION AGENDA

It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that Action Item 025 under Superintendent be approved as presented.

VOTE:                      AYES – 5                                      NAYS – 0                                      ABSTAIN – 0

ADJOURNMENT:      It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that, there being no further items to come before the Board of Education, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

VOTE:                      AYE – 5                                      NAY – 0                                      ABSTAIN – 0

The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

REPORT OUT OF  
CLOSED SESSION: There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:      It was moved by Tracey B. Vackar and seconded by Jacqueline L. Ashe that Closed Session be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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