

UNAPPROVED AGENDA

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



Wednesday, March 8, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M.  
Mendota High School Library  
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640

**AGENDA**

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2.0 **ROLL CALL**
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| 1. Karla Barrera, <i>Student Board Member</i> | Present        | 5. Adrian Perez                          |                |
| 2. Alma Durazo                                | Present        | 6. Diana Toscano, <i>President</i>       | Present        |
| 3. Lupe Flores                                | Arrived 6:03pm | 7. Raul S. Varela, <i>Clerk</i>          | Present        |
| 4. Isabel Maldonado                           | Present        | 8. Jose C. Zavala, <i>Vice President</i> | Arrived 6:05pm |
- 3.0 **FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION:** Aracely Sandoval, Adult Education diploma recipient, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4.0 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR:** February 22, 2017 Motion was made by Raul Varela, seconded by Adrian Perez, Roll Call was taken. Motion passed. 7-0.
- 5.0 **APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR:** March 8, 2017 (Motion was made by Raul Varela, seconded by Jose Zavala, Roll Call was taken. Motion passed. 7-0.  
*(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]*  
Adrian Perez regarding Item 9.3
- 7.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
*(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.)*  
Mr. Miguel Rangel spoke to the Board regarding having a Health Center on school campus. He feels that it is not a good idea to allow the students to visit the clinics w/o their parents. He explained that the time a parent spends with their child while at the doctors allows a parent to have knowledge of what is going on with their child. The Board thanked Mr. Rangel for his comments and welcomed him to attend the future meetings on this topic.

**8.0**     **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.)*

- 8.1     Approved the Waiver for Mendota Continuation High School and Mendota Community Day School shared composition and reduction in membership of School Site Council.
- 8.2     Approved Mendota High FFA students to attend the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual California FFA State Leadership Conference to be held at the Fresno Selland Arena on April 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 8.3     Approved overnight trip for 8 students from Mendota Elementary and McCabe Elementary to attend the 2017 Latino ERG Youth Achievement Camp at Wishon Cove in Bass Lake from April 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 8.4     Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tzu Chi Medical Foundation and Mendota Unified School District for vision services to students.
- 8.5     Approved the Instructional Technology Coaching Support Contract for 8 additional ½ days of service through Fresno County Office of Education.
- 8.6     **Approved Warrants:**  
          #511994258 - #511994316
- 8.7     **RESOLUTION No. 241-1617:** Revise and Approve the Mendota Unified School District Conflict of Interest Code. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Durazo   Y  ; Flores   Y  ; Maldonado   Y  ; Perez   Y  ; Toscano   Y  ; Varela   Y  ; Zavala   Y  ;

**9.0**     **ACTION ITEMS**

- 9.1     Approved the revised 2016/2017 Fall and Winter sports coaches for Mendota Junior High School.
- 9.2     Approved hire of Miriam Placencia as a 4.5 hour/10 month Instructional Aide for Washington Elementary School as recommended by the Principal and interview panel.
- 9.3     Approved hire of Andrew Criado as a fully credentialed math teacher for Mendota High School as recommended by the Principal and interview panel.
- 9.4     Approved the revised criteria for reclassification of English Learners to Fluent English Proficient (R-FEP) as recommended by the District English Learner Advisory Committee.
- 9.5     Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Mendota Teachers Association and Mendota Unified School District for new teacher hiring incentives.
- 9.6     Approved the revised 2016/2017 Single Plans for Student Achievement for the following school sites:
  - ❖ Washington Elementary
  - ❖ Mendota Elementary
  - ❖ McCabe Elementary
  - ❖ Mendota Junior High
  - ❖ Mendota High
  - ❖ Mendota Continuation

- 9.7 **RESOLUTION No. 244-1617:** Resolution of Possible Reassignment of Certificated Administrative Employees for the 2017/2018 school year. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Durazo  Y ; Flores  Y ; Maldonado  Y ; Perez  Y ; Toscano  Y ; Varela  Y ; Zavala  Y ;

10.0 **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.*

- ❖ Mr. Perez thanked Ms. Salazar and Mendota Elementary for inviting him to read in the classroom for "Read Across America Week". He also thanked McCabe and Bev. Hamasaki for inviting him as well. Ms. Diana Garcia invited her sister to read and she was awesome. Mr. Perez thanked Mr. Kirby and Mr. Bautista for allowing Danny Trejo and Danny Cardenas to visit the classrooms and read to the kids. He said the kids really enjoyed the boys visit, elementary kids even asked for the boys autographs. He expressed an interest in continuing the visits to the school sites by our student athletes. Mr. Perez acknowledged Ms. Vargas and her Journalism Clubs for printing their 1<sup>st</sup> edition of their newspaper, he stated his appreciation for the afterschool programs. He also congratulated the soccer team on their successful season
- ❖ Ms. Durazo visited Mendota Elementary, it was her first visit and it was nice. She enjoyed the outside areas with grass and trees in the shaded area outside the classrooms. She also visited the RSP/Spec. Ed classrooms and liked everything about it. She also thanked all those individuals who participated in reading to our students.
- ❖ Mr. Zavala also congratulated the soccer team on their number 1 seed, which means they do not have to travel for the playoffs. He also suggested that the other clubs ( i.e. MESA, FFA) visit the sites too. Mr. Zavala also thank Ms. Ruiz for her reminder texts and emails, they are greatly appreciated by him.
- ❖ Mr. Varela thanked the administrators from Mendota Elem & Washington Elem. that invited him to read to the students. It was a very nice experience and would love to do it again. He pointed out the soccer team and mentioned they were a source of community pride, especially with the #1 player in the state, Danny Trejo. He appreciated the phone calls that the high school sent inviting the community to attend the soccer games. He also questioned Dr. Lopez regarding a device that attaches to the school vehicles to keep track of the rate of speed. Dr. Lopez referred to Robert Gonzales, who informed the Board that we will be trying it out on a few vehicles to start and that the devise runs about \$99 and is \$20 per month after that. Robert offered to do a demo for the Board once the devices come in.
- ❖ Mrs. Toscano also congratulated the soccer team on their season. She commented on how popular Danny Trejo is with the kids. She thanked the high school for sending Danny Trejo and Danny Cardenas to read to the students. She visited the classrooms and Mrs. Salazar is Awesome! She also visited Bev. Hamasaki to read. Mrs. Toscano also visited a Washington Elem. classroom and the students were very well behaved, but she commented that it looked like they needed more playground equipment. Mrs. Toscano also commented that the Father/Daughter Dance was beautiful at Washington/McCabe event. She noticed that McCabe had T-Shirts for 100 Book Club & 4.0 Club and questioned why Mendota Elem. did not. Mr. Perez explained the shirts for McCabe were ordered the previous year w/ ASB funds. It was brought up that the high school purchased equipment to make T-Shirts, hopefully all sites can use their services.
- ❖ Ms. Karla Barrera said the visit from Mr. Arambula was amazing and encouraging; "He's just like us", she commented. She mentioned a charity club that she has started, they make shoe like items and send them to people in need in third world countries
- ❖ Mrs. Isabel Maldonado questioned an "Honor Roll Budget", Mr. Alcaide explained that was not an option due to it would be a gift of funds and the District should not do it. Mr. Zavala agrees, stating the sites could fundraise for that. Mrs. Maldonado also commented that the Father /Daughter Dance was Awesome!

- ❖ Mrs. Lupe Flores thanked Robert Gonzales, the field looked exceptional and the new mics worked great. She mentioned the talent we have on our soccer team and how proud she is of all our students. She was at a luncheon and once people know she is from Mendota; they tell her that our students are always so well behaved and respectful. They also commented that our events are well secured, that even though they are from the visiting team, they feel safe here. Mrs. Flores also thanked her fellow Board members for reading to the students.

**11.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Lopez and Mr. Alcaide informed the Board that the replacing of the high school football field was going to start soon. He also informed them that he attended a workshop with Mr. Smith about suicide prevention and mentioned addressing a Board Policy on suicide prevention. Dr. Lopez let the Board know of the upcoming Job Fairs at the local universities. Mr. Bautista addressed public concerns regarding the Board and the policies they have worked on, a power point presentation was shown to all in attendance detailing just some of the policies this current board have brought to fruition. Dr. Lopes further explained this presentation was for those "Nay-sayers" who probably weren't aware of all the progress the District has made. Mrs. Flores noted that it was not Dr. Lopez' fault for the miscommunication, newsletters, etc. Mr. Bautista let the Board know that Spanish club has been started.

**12.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**12.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

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

**12.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT/TRANSFER**

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

**12.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

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

**12.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S)**

**13.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring special assistance to access the Board meeting room, to access written documents being discussed at the Board meeting, or to otherwise participate at Board meetings, please contact any Board member at (559) 655-4942. Notification at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting will enable the Board to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Board meeting and to provide any required accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services.*