

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

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUGUST 5, 2014**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2014 are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2014. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of August 5, 2014.

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CALL TO ORDER

- The Board of Education opened the Regular Meeting at 5:15 p.m. to hear public comments and then convene into Closed Session to discuss Board Deliberation Regarding Student Discipline Cases; Public Employee Employment/Appointment, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelects; and Conference with Labor Negotiator.

ROLL CALL

- Present – Baugh Present – Fleming Present – Holguin Present – Johnson Present – Vackar

Board Members Present

Tracey B. Vackar, President
Denise Fleming, Ed.D., Vice President
Cleveland Johnson, Clerk
Gary E. Baugh, Ed.S., Member
Jesus M. Holguin, Member

Administration Present

Judy D. White, Ed.D. Superintendent
Mays Kakish, Chief Business Official
Martinrex Kedziora, Ed.D. Asst. Supt, Ed Services
Robert Verdi, Ed.D., Asst. Supt., Human Resources

CLOSED SESSION

- Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda
There were no public comments on Closed Session agenda items.
- The Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 5:16 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

- The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present – Baugh Present – Fleming Present – Holguin Present – Johnson Present – Vackar

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Robert Verdi, Ed.D., Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources
Tim McGillivray, Public Information Officer
Patty Rucker, Coordinator, Student Services
Jim Broncatello, Interim Principal
Diane Hellerstedt, Administrative Assistant, Board of Education
Debbie Soto, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent

Registered Visitors

Alisandro Acosta	Lizette Nava	Patricia Cangas
Harold Acord	Librada Murillo	Elsa Coulter
Araceli Pacheco	Divina Cortes	Laura Aguilar
Manedela Cruz	David Marquez	Mercedes Mogallon
Corey Jackson	Radene Hiers	Henry Mogollon
James Dudley	Pete Serbantes	Jorgina Medina
Rosario Sierra	Linda Gilbert-Williams	Olga Larcos Flores
Maria Rubalcava	Marisela Lopez	Paul Navarte
Esmeralda Chalfant	Ambar Mendoza	Maria R. Velazxo

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- Board President Vackar reported the following amendments to the Human Resources Consent Items to reflect hiring decisions:
 - Item I-1: Certificated Managerial Personnel Employment/Appointment
Lizette Nava as Assistant Principal for Valley View H.S., effective 8/7/14.
 - Item I-2(a) Classified Managerial Personnel Employment/Appointment
Amy Esquibel as Administrative Assistant for Business Services, effective 8/18/14
 - Item I-2(d) Classified Managerial Personnel Employment/Appointment
Juan Carlos Trujillo as Systems Administrator for Information Services, effective 8/20/14
- Direction was given to Human Resources Assistant Superintendent regarding employee discipline cases.
- Regarding the Superintendent Evaluation, the Board of Education will meet in a Special Closed Session on August 19, 2014, which will include a dialogue about goals with employee association and parent group representatives.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Divina Cortes, Vista del Lago High School student. She shared an inspiration regarding the power of an adult connection to help students become the best they can be.

2014 BOARD MEETING DATES

- Upcoming Board Meeting dates were shared/updated as follows:

August 19, 2014	Special Closed Session 5:00 p.m.		Board Room	Special Meeting
September 9, 2014	Closed Session 5:00 p.m.	Open Session 7:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular Meeting
September 16, 2014	Study Session 5:00 p.m.	Student Achievement Data Review	Board Room	Study Session
September 23, 2014	Closed Session 5:00 p.m.	Open Session 7:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular Meeting
September 30, 2014 THIS MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED	Special Session	Open Session 5:00 p.m.	Board Room	Joint Meeting with Moreno Valley City Council

RECOGNITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/EVENTS

• **Resolution No. 2014-15-05: Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2014 through October 15, 2014**

Hispanic Americans have always played an integral part in the historical development of our country. The Moreno Valley School District recognizes September 15 through October 15, 2014, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Board Clerk, Cleveland Johnson, read the Resolution, cited positive contributions within the District, and presented the Resolution to Cloverdale teacher, Esmeralda Chalfant. She accepted the Resolution and was recognized by the Board.

It was moved by Jesus M. Holguin and seconded by Cleveland Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2014-15-05, as presented.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

VOTE: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0 ABSTAIN – 0

• **Resolution No. 2014-15-06 Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness/Prevention Week**

Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness/Prevention Week is acknowledged during the third week of September of each year. It provides an opportunity for schools and communities to focus on the awareness and prevention of youth suicide. Prevention information, community resources, and activities are presented to students to help promote awareness skills in preventing youth suicide

Board Vice-President, Dr. Denise Fleming, read the Resolution and presented it to Patty Rucker, Coordinator of Student Services. She thanked Ms. Rucker for all the important services provided to students in these and other critical areas.

It was moved by Jesus M. Holguin and seconded by Gary Baugh to adopt Resolution No. 2014-15-06, as presented.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar – Aye

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

• **Middle School and High School Mentoring Program**

Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, called up David Hahn, representative from Bank of America. Mr. Hahn presented a \$10,000 check to Corey Jackson of Sigma Beta Xi and the Board of Education, in support of the Middle School Mentoring Program. Mr. Hahn explained the competitive grant process and added that he was impressed by the work Sigma Beta Xi has been doing with the middle school students. Board President Tracey B. Vackar stated we are becoming a model for others and good example of collaborative work, and expressed her gratitude to Bank of America for reinvesting in the community.

RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETING

- There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- MVEA President spoke in opposition to Item M-1 – Resolution to repeal reserves cap in SB 868. The MVEA parent organization worked with the Governor on the language in SB 858 and believes it allows for appropriate reserves. He added that school districts are not banks and funds should be spent on the children who are in school. He also thought there may be a misconception that SB 868 requires all funds to be expended; it does allow for saving toward larger planned expenditures, but demands transparency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were 16 public speaker requests submitted to address the Board about the recent action taken by the District to disallow the *Tuning Sounds* after-school music program from meeting at any District schools because of some inappropriate public social media posts and the legal background record of a person associated with the program.

- Thirteen speakers spoke in favor of the *Tuning Sounds* program and asked that the school district administration reconsider their decision. Many speakers had students who participated in the program and expressed their gratitude for the opportunities and many benefits that the music program afforded their children. They complimented the director of the program and explained that parents were involved and in attendance during the program, and many had no interaction with the person in question. Some also suggested that people should be given second chances despite a troubled past.
- Three people spoke in opposition of the *Tuning Sounds* program; urged caution for safety and liability reasons, and requested that the District stand by its original decision to ban the program from meeting at District schools. Inappropriate postings and copies of arrest records were shared regarding the person in question, and the non-profit status of the organization was also questioned.
- One long-time community member spoke in support of Bond Measure M, stating that it is important for supporting students and the community.
- MVEA President spoke about positivity and expressed excitement for the start of school, announcing that the MVEA members are prepared to welcome students back and ready to teach.

During the Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items, it was moved by Gary Baugh and seconded by Dr. Denise Fleming to extend the 21-minute time limit per Board Policy to allow all speakers an opportunity to address the Board.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar - Aye

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

At the end of the Public Comments, Dr. White addressed the audience and promised to make a full report on this issue at the next Board meeting. She thanked the speakers who used this forum to share new information from both perspectives. She acknowledged that all speakers were motivated by concern for students, which always helps lead to solutions. Next steps will include further

investigation, a joint meeting for problem solving and finding solutions together, and a fair process that will be student-centered. She also told the community that the District understands the value of music and is committed to instituting a music program this year.

Board President Vackar called for a ten-minute break, then resumed the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. White provided the Board of Education with updates on programs, events and celebrations in the District:

A recap of the A.S.T.E.R.I.S.K. Summer Intern program was shared, which included statistics on the stipends and work experience credits earned, and emphasized the positive evaluations and requests for more interns received from employers, which should lead to growth of the program. A highlight video of the program, prepared by interns, was provided to each of the Board members.

Current efforts to publicize the Strategic Plan and LCAP include a video message from the Superintendent with copies for each school to share, job-alike presentations, and use of resources such as the District Newsletter and City News local paper. She asked the Board members to help support the LCAP communication by working with the PIO to create articles and press releases for these publications, covering the different sections of the Strategic Plan – Mission, Priorities, Principles, Processes and Commitments. A copy of the Strategic Plan Poster, information booklet and tri-fold brochure were provided to each Board member.

Common Core Update included progress reports for all grade levels and an online link to view postings of all trainings. The District has received A-G accreditation approval for the Integrated Math curriculum.

A schedule of Professional Development offerings was shared for Classified staff, aimed at supporting employees and building leadership skills.

Dr. White shared information from her trip to Washington D.C. on the White House Initiative on College-Going Rates. Their research shows successful strategies include encouraging FAFSA completion and applications to two or more colleges, proper alignment of teaching to college entrance exam testing, and dual enrollment. She also stressed the power of participating in a County Consortium, such as this one consisting of selected superintendents led by County Superintendent Kenn Young, as an effective way to advocate and achieve better regional results. She also shared that we have been promised a visit from the US Department of Education in the spring.

Through the Summer Feeding in the Park program conducted at three community parks, our Nutrition Services staff served 33,400 meals over 32 days, with an average of 1,044 meals per day.

A reminder was shared about the first day of school on August 13, 2014. There will be a focus on elementary schools to be provided with visiting dress-up characters, but all Board members were encouraged to visit a school of their choice to greet students and staff on the that morning. There will be a Press Release prepared, with Tim McGillivray, PIO, as the contact person for coordinating the day's activities.

Board President Vackar thanked Dr. White for her informative report and discussion of next steps for our students, especially noting the opportunity to host visitors from the U.S. Department of Education in the spring.

ITEM F-1: CONSENT AGENDA – As detailed in the Board Agenda

The following amendments to the Consent Agenda were noted:

- Human Resources Items I-1 and I-2 amended to reflect hiring decisions

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Item I-1	Lizette Nava	Asst. Principal 9-12	Valley View HS	8/7/14
Item I-2	Amy Esquibel	Administrative Asst.	Business Services	8/18/14
	Juan Carlos Trujillo	Systems Administrator	Information Sys	8/20/14

It was moved by Jesus M. Holguin and seconded by Cleveland Johnson to approve the Educational Services Consent Items G-1 through G-2; Business Services Consent Items H1 through H-10; and Human Resources Consent Items I-1 through I-21, amending Items I-1 and I-2 as noted.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar - Aye

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

ITEM J-1: ACTION AGENDA – As detailed in the Board Agenda

Only one item was included in the Action Agenda - Educational Services Item K-1, Student Discipline cases.

It was moved by Dr. Denise Fleming and seconded by Jesus M. Holguin to approve the Action Agenda - Educational Services Action Item K-1, approving staff recommendations on student discipline cases as presented.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar - Aye

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

Superintendent

Item K-1: Resolution 2014-15-04 SUPPORTING REPEAL OR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN LANGUAGE IN SB 858 REGARDING LOCAL RESERVES CAP

Public education management representatives including California State School Board Association (CSBA), Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) and others, are calling upon governing boards to adopt resolutions urging a repeal of the trailer bill language in SB 858 regarding local reserve caps that could eventually lead to school districts being required to spend their reserves and ending balances to dangerously low levels.

Superintendent White recalled the previous meeting’s discussion on the issue and asked for further comments, especially in light of earlier public comments opposing this resolution. Board

Member Jesus M. Holguin emphasized the support of CSBA, ACSA and CASBO, and that these organizations all view this as a fiscal necessity. Board discussion ensued on the need for flexibility to allow for emergencies and planned expenditures, yet recognized the need for transparency and a good plan. It was stated that the LCAP is a good vehicle to be transparent, and they believe our District LCAP is strong.

Board members agreed there is a responsibility to spend funds on the current students, but reiterated confidence in local decisions and local flexibility. They recognized that some other districts have not planned well and may have abused the reserve or built it up even as employees were being laid off. However, we have always taken a conservative approach and treat reserve funds responsibly, working collaboratively with our employee groups. While the Governor has proposed a state level rainy day fund in Prop 44, the Reserve Cap in SB 868 seems to be contrary to that same concept for creating local flexibility.

It was moved by Cleveland Johnson and seconded by Gary Baugh to approve Resolution 2014-15-04 as presented.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar - Aye

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Educational Services

Item L-1: Approve 2014-15 Consolidated Application Spring 2014 Data Collection

The District submitted the 2014-15 Consolidated Application Spring 2014 Data Collection for funding categorical programs. This includes information about participation in state and federally funded programs, each school's eligibility for funding, private school participation and No Child Left Behind implementation

Dr. Martinrex Kedziora, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, referred to the summary documents that had been sent to Board members for their review. He pointed out some of the main components and changes in this year's Con App:

- Every school in the District is now Title I so that funding has been redistributed
- Change in EIA-LEP Funding – This funding used to be included in ConApp, but now most of the funding for English Language Learners is included in the LCFF or LCAP
- Title II Funding for Professional Development
- Title III Funding Apportionment for English Language Learners

Dr. Kedziora further informed the Board that the District would be going through FPM – Fiscal Program Monitoring - this November. This will be an on-site visit. Board members thanked him for the detailed reports.

It was moved by Jesus M. Holguin and seconded by Dr. Denise Fleming to approve the 2014-15 Consolidated Application Spring 2014 Data Collection for funding categorical programs as presented.

RECORD OF VOTES:

- G. Baugh - Aye
- J. Holguin - Aye
- C. Johnson - Aye
- D. Fleming - Aye
- T. Vackar - Aye

VOTE: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Item R: COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Gary E. Baugh

Mr. Baugh thanked the community for their comments about the *Tuning Sounds* program. It's obvious that parents in the program like it, but the issues shared could be a concern for public schools, and we must be mindful of assuming liability. Music is great for children, and he suggested that perhaps an alternate venue could be found for the program. He knows the parents appreciate Dr. White's commitment to further investigation.

Jesus M. Holguin

Mr. Holguin acknowledged that we are all concerned for safety. He has always supported music programs and hopes the District will provide a larger program to serve even greater numbers of students. He reported on efforts in Sacramento to support AB 2235, a bond for construction throughout the state. He hopes our parents will support our November bond, but analysis has shown a much greater need, for which AB 2235 could assist. He also expressed excitement for the new school year, and is very happy with our new programs. It's the best he can remember in this District, and he offered his thanks to the Superintendent, the Public Information Officer and the entire team. He is also looking forward to the joint meeting with the City, and sees it as a great chance to help our community, as we're serving the same people.

Cleveland Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported on visiting the parks where they were serving the summer meals. He was impressed with the demeanor of the Nutrition staff; he could see they were proud and happy about the program. He observed many visitors came because grandparents brought them to the park. Mr. Johnson also spoke about some wonderful teachers, and cited examples of some he had learned about who had written and been awarded grants. He said it's a joy to work with people who are so happy to use their talents to help collect grants for our students.

Dr. Denise Fleming

Dr. Fleming commended the A.S.T.E.R.I.S.K. program and was very appreciative of the businesses in the community who took in our students. She also stated support for the Middle College program, and was glad it was mentioned as an important piece by the Washington D.C. Initiative group.

She stated she is proud of the Moreno Valley community for taking the time to come speak about a music program. We all agree we need, and will have, a music program. But what was really impressive is the respect that was shown for each other, even with differing viewpoints. She cautioned all to be careful of use of Internet and social media, as they are open to the public. It is a good reminder for youth and adults alike.

Dr. Fleming also announced a reminder about the HOPE Conference on the upcoming Saturday, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Vista del Lago High School.

Tracey B. Vackar

Ms. Vackar thanked Board members for all of their efforts, and stated that we are in a very good place. She is excited about the Strategic Plan, as a new blueprint for where we are going. She also expressed accolades for the Upward Bound event and the great program Micki Clowney ran this year.

She commented on Measure M and the need to be good stewards of money. The last Citizen's Oversight Committee was involved for a long time, and acted as watch dogs. The bond funds could really add to the environment for our students, and she was also hopeful for infrastructure improvements from the proposed statewide bond.

She commented on the park meal program, and suggested we should look at federal programs and tap into educating our students on food and issues of health, which also assists in better learning. She is committed to personally delivering messages to our families in this area.

Ms. Vackar stated she is glad we will have a chance at the upcoming State of the City event to provide some information, and wants to see a State of Education address in our District which is bigger and better than last year's event.

Comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Judy D. White

Dr. White reported that during the recent Cabinet Planning Day, they had committed to having a District State of Education event. She advised the Board members that they have been invited to serve on a panel at the upcoming HOPE Conference, and Dr. Kedziora will be acting as the moderator to make sure they are careful to avoid any Brown Act violations. She also reiterated that, although the first proposed date for a joint meeting with the City did not work, the City Council is willing, and we will work hard to find a date that does work. Dr. White also confirmed that we will have a Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Coordinator this year that will be charged with implementing a districtwide music program.

ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.