

MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OCTOBER 11, 2005

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2005, are being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at its Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2005. The minutes are a complete and factual record of action taken by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of October 11, 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 5:14 p.m. to convene into Closed Session to discuss 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 (Absent)
Tracey B. Vackar, Member

Administration

Pat Chandler
Bob Crank
Ollie Hershey

The Board of Education reconvened into Regular Session at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Absent - Ashe Present- Coz Present - Holguin Present - Sayre Present- Vackar
Student Board Representative - Maria Madrigal

REPORT OUT OF
CLOSED SESSION:

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Pedro Gutierrez, teacher, Badger Springs, to Assistant Principal, Badger Springs. There was no other reportable action on the Closed Session agenda.

Administration Present

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Robert Crank, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Olivia Hershey, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Michael Davitt, Director, Program Improvement
Aaron Barnett, Director, Information Systems
Jeffrey Hinshaw, Director, Business Services
Estuardo Santillan, Business Manager
Kim Kruger, Principal, Valley View
Willie Williams, Principal, Badger Springs
Sharon Cirigliano, Executive Secretary, Board of Education

Visitors

Marciela Hinds	Ann Adler	Katherine Underwood
Lequice Juckes	Judy Waggoner	Louise Palomarez
Raul Wilson	Helga Brown	Amelia Juarez

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Terry Gibb, Valley View, reported that October 6 was Back-to-School night, which provided introduction of certificated staff, parent visits to the classrooms, and discussion of classroom expectations and requirements. This is Homecoming week. Various activities are planned to include a specific theme for each day, and judging of the Homecoming floats. On October 14, an assembly will be provided to include performances by the Crimson Regiment, dance team, cheer squad, and the BSU dance team. The Homecoming court will also be introduced at the assembly. The Homecoming varsity football game is on October 14. There will be a fireworks display and the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen during half-time.

Valley View's Crimson Regiment participated in the Canyon Springs "Cougar Fest" Band Tournament on October 8 and won several awards including the Music Sweepstakes for the highest music score in a tournament. The Crimson Regiment will be hosting its annual "Crimson Classic" Band Tournament on October 15. Seniors with 165 or more credits are now at a 89 percent passing rate in math, 89 percent passing rate in English, and a 84 percent passing rate both in the California High School Exit Exam. Last week, the staff focus groups met to begin the WASC self-study for accreditation next year.

Shelsea Shofner, March Valley, and Phillip Blackmon, March Mountain, reported on the various activities for Spirit Week; Phillip Blackmon was selected student of the month; March Mountain volleyball team won; and Red Ribbon Week activities will include a poster contest and passing out bracelets and stickers. Students at both schools will be selling nachos on Thursdays and Fridays as a fundraiser. The High School Exit Exam results will be completed and brought to the Board in November. Back-to-School night is scheduled for October 20 beginning at 5 p.m. with a barbeque, a short program, and class visitations.

Hannah Emanuel, Canyon Springs, reported that this is Suicide Prevention Week and Breast Cancer Awareness Week; on October 5, a college financial planning seminar was hosted in the Career Center; Back-to-School night was on October 6, which provided parents the opportunity to visit their students' classrooms, clarification of the courses, and talking with teachers to answer any questions or concerns. College representatives are in the process of visiting Canyon Springs to make presentations to prospective students. On October 14, the annual fall sports rally will be held during both lunches to recognize members of the cross country, water polo, football, and volleyball teams.

Over the past three years, Canyon Springs has improved its overall API score with an 11 point increase (653) from last year. The high school exit exam scores had a lower passing percentage for the 2004-05 school year, which might be attributed to a higher number of students taking the test. Students that do not pass the exam in the first attempt are enrolled in California High School Exit Exam classes of math, language arts, or both. Canyon Springs was among the few California high schools that were selected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell, to attend the High School Reinvention Symposium in Washington, D.C. The school was nominated based on a proven or promising model of success, demonstrated by test scores, graduation rates, attendance, and awards. This honor will provide ongoing support, assistance, and resources by the Successful Practices Network to enable Canyon Springs to achieve the goal that all students learn.

STAFF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A community member expressed several concerns about programs in the District. District programs for English Learners are operating according to State regulations.

The president of the Community Advisory Committee discussed concerns regarding special education transportation. Staff has met with this individual to address these issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

275 The LEA Plan Addendum Update

Pat Chandler, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, stated that this item will be an ongoing Board item. She gave an overview on where the District is to date. Additional staff has been hired. She introduced the new Director of Program Improvement, Dr. Michael Davitt.

The monitoring of the implementation of the core curriculum is being accomplished by the use of hand held computers for collecting and analyzing data, reviewing lists of things to look for in the classrooms, and training dates are also scheduled for using the software program, Data Trek. Embedded assessments are being implemented. This information will provide staff feedback on how students are doing.

Professional development is ongoing with staff training in AB466 mathematics and AB75 administrative training. The District is working with the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) to provide coaches and staff development specialists. A Trainer of Trainer Model will be provided by the California Department of Education, special education staff will be attending the High School Summit which will focus on students with disabilities, and principals will be identified for the RCOE mentoring program.

In conclusion, an oversight committee comprised of certificated and administrative staff met with RCOE on September 22 to review responsibilities, an update on accomplishments to date, and to discuss how to provide evidence of increased student achievement. The next oversight committee meeting is scheduled for December 6.

276 Approval to Display High School Instructional Materials

Dr. Chandler stated that this item is to display high school instructional materials. This texts are used in the AP Language Arts at the high school level. Periodically, the College Board changes the textbook it recommends. This is an updated version of what is being used. She requested that the Board approve the display of the instructional materials. Staff will bring this item back for Board approval at the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Richard Coz and seconded by Rick Sayre to approve Discussion/Action Item 275 – Display High School Instructional Materials, as presented.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT ITEMS

V-A Williams Complaint Update

The following items were brought forward:

Tracey B. Vackar

- She asked staff to provide an update on the QZAB funds and how they will be spent and information on technician-to-computer ratio by site to see what type of support the sites are getting for computer repair. She suggested that this information be brought forward for a study session or a future Board agenda item.
- She was installed on the Rape Crisis Board for Moreno Valley on October 6. They will be looking for a new location for the Rape Crisis Center to be more centrally located to all areas served. She looks forward to having this opportunity.

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Jacqueline L. Ashe

- Ms. Ashe was absent.

Rick Sayre

- This Friday, October 14, is Moreno Valley High School's Homecoming. The first Moreno Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Rooney, will be in attendance. It was in December of 1960, when Dr. Rooney and the Board of Education called for a study to unify the school district. During Dr. Rooney's five-year tenure, a bond was funded to update Moreno Valley High School and Alessandro Middle School, and to build Midland, Armada, and Moreno Elementary Schools.
- He asked if there is a standard program for students who are not successful in their first attempt of the high school exit exam. Dr. Chandler stated that there are two courses that were developed called CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) Preparation in math and language arts. Students who do not pass the exam are required to take these preparation courses. Staff is meeting to see what additional support can be provided.
- He referred to textbooks and quality of material that is being provided. He asked if there is a periodic check to see that the District is in compliance with the Williams Act. Dr. Chandler answered that the District's textbooks and materials have just been reviewed by Riverside County Office of Education and the District is in compliance.
- He thanked the CSEA president, Lequice Juckes, in assisting the District with problem solving. He feels that she was very objective about both sides of the issues.

Richard Coz

- He shared his concern about transportation. He suggested that there be another public update at the next Board meeting to see where the District is. He knows that the District is working hard to resolve this issue.
- He asked for clarification on the CAHSEE process. He asked what the numbers of passing seniors were. Dr. Chandler indicated that the numbers are being verified, and this information will be provided to the Board in the future.
- He wanted to remind the public that there are some very important issues to be voted on in the November 8 Special Election. He encouraged the public to educate themselves on the issues and go out and vote.

Jesus M. Holquin

- He thanked each school site and its staff for the hard work in putting the Back-to-School nights together. There was encouragement for parent involvement.
- He thanked MVEA and the Noon Rotary Club for sponsoring a Homework Help Reading event on October 1 at Sunnymead Elementary School. It was well attended and was an informative session to provide assistance to parents and students in English and Spanish.
- He referred to the mentioned propositions that are on the ballot for the special election in November. He cautioned the community of the information that is being sent out. He feels a lot of the information is misleading. It is important to educate yourself on the issues and go out and vote.
- During the summer, a Hendrick Ranch student lost his life after being hit by a vehicle while riding his bicycle. This was the third loss for the family in several years. On October 1, Hendrick Ranch put on a fundraiser breakfast in memory of this student. There was a large turn out to support the family. This was a good way to show that the community is together in keeping our students safe. He encouraged everyone to be careful while driving in the city.
- He asked that a calendar of meetings for the DELAC, CAC, and PTA Council be provided to the Board members. He suggested that Board members rotate, possibly on a quarterly basis, to attend these committee meetings to see what these parent groups are doing during the school year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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