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

May 11, 2016
Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
Mendota High School Library
1282 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640



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1.0 CALL TO ORDER 6:02pm

2.0 ROLL CALL

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| 1. Lupe Flores | Present | 5. Raul S. Varela, <i>President</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| 2. Isabel Maldonado | Arrived 7:52pm | 6. Jesús Zavala, <i>Vice President</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| 3. Araceli Perez | Absent | 7. Jose Zavala, <i>Clerk</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| 4. Diana Toscano | Present | 8. Marissa Navarro, <i>Student Board Member</i> | <i>Present</i> |

3.0 FLAG SALUTE & RECOGNITION: Principal Yolanda Espinoza presented the P.G. & E. Youth Achievement camp students from McCabe Elementary who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: April 27, 2016 (*Jesus Zavala made a motion to approve the minutes with Lupe Flores seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken all approved. 4-0-3 absent. I.Maldonado, A.Perez, Jose Zavala.*)

5.0 APPROVAL OF OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA FOR: May 11, 2016
(*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.*) **1. Item 10.5 date changed to May 21st. 2. 11.8 changed to 2015-2016 school year.** (*Jesus Zavala made a motion to approve the agenda with the new changes. Lupe Flores seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. All approved. 4-0-3 absent. I.Maldonado, A.Perez, Jose Zavala.*)

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] **NONE**

7.0 PUBLIC NOTICE

7.1 First Reading: Hearing and public comment regarding proposed Mendota Unified School District's Board Policy (BP) Civility and Administrative Regulations (AR).

7.2 First Reading: Hearing and public comment regarding proposed implementation of Assembly Bill 1330 for the 2016/2017 school year.

8.0 REPORT(S) - INFORMATION ONLY

❖ **School Based Health Center in Mendota** Mr. Justin Preas, Deputy CEO
Mr. Preas, first thanked the board for wanting to further their relationship in regards to a school based health center. Mr. Preas communicated to the board that there was a possible location of where to place the clinic which is right on the high schools property. The building would be about 5,000 square feet. They would like to be on school campus because their priority is would be to keep the kids healthy. Mr. Preas, said he would like the district to put an MOU together so they can start on the project. Maybe that should be the first step he said. The board mentioned they would like the community involved and school site councils to have a say. The district will schedule a meeting with the parents and school sites council to discuss this opportunity.

❖ **Summer School Programs Update** **TABLED** Mr. Jose M. Ochoa

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- ❖ MHS Ag Education Program Update Mr. Carlos Arredondo/Mr. Bradley Miranda
Mr. Miranda introduced some of his students from FFA. He said about 200 new students were added to the program. There's an increase in student participation. They have gone to the World Ag Expo and the California State FFA Leadership Conference among other events. The Ag Program has gone from 1 teacher to 3 teachers with a 4th teacher being added on in the near future. Mr. Miranda shared that one of his goals would be to have a farm so student can get up close and personal with what they are studying. The board requested to view the Facilities Master Plan at next board meeting.

9.0 **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.)

Lesly Ruiz and Irma Ruiz, students at MHS asked the board if there was a way the district can donate some funds for their Senior Fireworks for Graduation. They have fund raise some but not all of the money. They did not have a sober grad committee for them to help raise the money so the students fund raised on their own. Dr. Lopez said he will look into what the district can do to help and still be in compliance with the state.

10.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR (Jesus Zavala made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Lupe Flores seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken. All Approved. 5-0-2absent. A.Perez and Jose Zavala.**

(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.)

- 10.1 Approved of overnight trip for Mendota High School Yearbook Advisor and student editors to attend the Lifetouch Yearbook Workshop from July 6-8th in Watsonville, California at the Monte Vista Christian School.
- 10.2 Approved of payment to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for legal services rendered not-to-exceed \$293.75.
- 10.3 Approved to authorize Dr. Paul Lopez, Superintendent to sign documents for Mendota Unified School District Cafeteria Account with Westamerica Bank.
- 10.4 **Approved of Warrants:**
#511915645 to #511915695
#511917387 to #511917445
#511919074 to #511919102
#511920191 to #511920219
- 10.5 Approved of Surplus Sale to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Annex behind the District Office from 8:00 am to 11:00 am of "As Is" miscellaneous items.

11.0 **ACTION ITEMS (Lupe Flores made a motion to approve action items 11.2 thru 11.12 with the exception of 11.1 and 11.10 with Jesus Zavala seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken all approved. 5-0-2 absent A.Perez and Jose Zavala.**

- 11.1 Approved of Letter of Resignation from Benjamin Borrego, Director of MOT effective June 1, 2016. Dr. Lopez publically thanked Mr. Borrego for his services and wished him the best in his new job. Lupe Flores thanked him for coming aboard with the challenges that he inherited with the position. Raul Varela thanked him as well for his time here. He came up to the challenge and came out on top. Jesus Zavala thanked him for his ability to keep a cool head when emotions were rising on both sides. Diana Toscano thanked him for being calm whenever an issue came up. Isabel Maldonado thanked him and wished him luck in in new journey. (Motion was made by Jesus Zavala, seconded by Diana Toscano, Roll Call was taken. All approved. 5-0)
- 11.2 Approved to transfer Robert Gonzalez from Coordinator of M.O.T. to Director of M.O.T. effective June 2, 2016.

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- 11.3 Approved to hire Pamela Thomas as a credentialed teacher for McCabe Elementary Special Education for the 2016/2017 school year as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.4 Approved to hire Leticia Rivera as a McCabe Elementary Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year contingent upon receiving a valid and appropriate P.I.P. credential to teach elementary multiple subjects, as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.5 Approved to hire Myra Martinez as a credentialed teacher for McCabe Elementary for the 2016/2017 school year, as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.6 Approved to hire Maria Espinosa as a School Psychologist for the 2016/2017 school year as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.7 Approved to hire Linda Luna as a Mendota Elementary Preschool Instructional Aide, 6.5 hours/10 months for the 2016/2017 school year as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.8 Approved to hire Yesenia Hernandez as a Mendota High Special Education Instructional Aide, 6 hours/10 months for the 2015-2016 school year as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.9 Approved to hire Guadalupe Mayte Delgado as a McCabe Elementary Teacher for the 2016/2017 school year contingent upon receiving a valid and appropriate Internship credential to teach elementary multiple subjects, as recommended by the interview panel.
- 11.10 Approval to hire Jose Torres as Bus Driver/Grounds, 7.5 hours/12 months for the 2016/2017 school year, as recommended by the interview panel. **Taken into Closed Session**
- 11.11 Approved to extend the Summer School Program for Severe SDC Classes by 1 week as established by California Code of Regulation (CCR 3043) Section 3043 at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00.
- 11.12 Approved to purchase a John Deere Utility Tractor/Backhoe at a cost of \$68,622.00.

12.0 TRUSTEE RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Board Presentation and Recognition is for the purpose of recognizing district staff, students, 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.

- *Lupe Flores said there was so much to say about the growth of our district. She said it was amazing to see how far we have come. She loves to see the students get inspired. She thanked Mr. Arredondo for doing a great job at the high school. She also asked if she can speak for a few minutes at the Baccalaureate on May 24th. Mr. Arredondo said yes.*
- *Jesus Zavala thanked Jimmy a former FFA student from MHS who is now attending Fresno State. Thanked Mr. Smith for his information on the school based health clinic. He also thanked the administration and their office staff for their hard work.*
- *Diana Toscano thanked Mr. Arredondo for all his work. She also thanked Mrs. Kaercher and her staff for their great job at the elementary. She said she has received comments about how great the communication between the staff and the parents are. Mrs. Toscano asked if there was any training for staff on how to deal with behavior issues when it came to their students. She thought there was but found out there might not be any. She would like all staff to be trained, not just teachers.*
- *Marissa Navarro thanked Mr. Arredondo and the district for receiving a great education at MHS.*

13.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- ❖ Met on Monday to discuss Washington Modernization Project. Will start to have parent meeting to inform them about the project. They are looking at parking issue. Has reached out to the City for their help. He wanted to publically thanked them for allowing the district to stripe areas by the curb for extra parking.
- ❖ Mr. Arredondo will give the board 2 invitations. One is for the AG Prep Family Orientation. The other is for the Senior Academics Banquet which will take place on May 26, 2016.
- ❖ Board Oversight Committee Meeting scheduled for May 25th.

14.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:51pm

14.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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

14.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT/TRANSFER

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

- ❖ Fall Coaches
- ❖ District Office Attendance /Secretary
- ❖ Administration

14.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

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

14.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S)

CSEA Negotiations

MTA Negotiations

14.5 The Board will consider the following expulsion case:


Case #0416-12345 (Motion was made by Jesus Zavala seconded by Raul Varela. Roll call was taken 5-0-2 absent.)

14.6 Anticipated Litigation: 1 Case Jesus Zavala made a motion to reject the claim, seconded by Isabel Maldonado, Roll Call was taken. All Approved. 5-0)

11.10 Approval to hire Jose Torres as Bus Driver/Grounds, 7.5 hours/12 months for the 2016/2017 school year, as recommended by the interview panel. Jesus Zavala made a motion to approve with Isabel Maldonado seconding the motion. Roll Call was taken. All approved. 5-0-2 absent.

15.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

16.0 ADJOURNMENT 10.35 pm (MSC: Jesus Zavala/Diana Toscano, 5-0)



Clerk of the Board

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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