

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, October 26, 2010
6:00 PM Regular Meeting
District Office Board Room
5297 Maureen Lane
Moorpark, California 93021

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM PRESENT ABSENT

Time _____

Greg Barker	_____	_____
Ron LaGuardia	_____	_____
Bruce Thomas	_____	_____
Ute Van Dam	_____	_____
Mindy Yaras	_____	_____

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION:

M _____ S _____ V _____

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the minutes of the October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting be approved by the Board.

ACTION:

M _____ S _____ V _____

5. REPORT FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES/STUDENT RECOGNITION

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time the Board of Education reserves for comments from the public. The Board will be pleased to hear from individuals on any item of interest pertinent to the Moorpark Unified School District.

Persons desiring to comment must complete a yellow speaker's request form. It should be submitted to Areli Hernandez, who will forward it to the Board President.

If the topic is one on the agenda for this meeting, you will be recognized at the appropriate place on the agenda prior to Board action on the item.

If the topic is one that is not listed on the agenda for this meeting, the Board will hear comments at this time but will not take any action. The Board reserves the right to schedule a time at a later date to hear and receive information on a highly technical topic which will require more than a brief presentation.

A person addressing the Board is urged to use not more than three (3) minutes of time in accordance with BB 9002(a), unless the time limit is waived by a majority action of the Board members present. Any cards received after public comment will be noted by the Superintendent to the Board to allow an opportunity for the Board to consider establishing a time later in the agenda to continue public comment.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION - EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Christine Garcia, Mountain Meadows School – *30 years of service*

8. BOARD WORKSHOP – CSBA CHARTER SCHOOLS PRESENTATION

Stephanie Farland from the California School Boards Association will present information to the Board regarding Charter Schools.

9. REPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

(Resolutions/Commendations, Correspondence, Committee Reports)

10. BOARD ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

- a) Board President Barker is recommending approval of Resolution No. 2010-2011-11, Supporting Robles-Wong v. California, Litigation Challenging the State's School Finance System. Any action taken will be at the discretion of the Board.

ACTION:

M_____ S_____ V_____

- b) Board President Barker is recommending approval of Resolution No. 2010-2011-12, Oppose Proposition 19, the Initiative to Legalize Marijuana in California. Any action taken will be at the discretion of the Board.

ACTION:

M_____ S_____ V_____

- c) It is recommended that the Board approve the District's response to the 2010-2011 Ventura County Grand Jury Request for Information regarding Pupil Transportation.

ACTION:

M_____ S_____ V_____

BUILDING PROGRAM

PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTION

BUSINESS

DISTRICT POLICIES

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Technology Update/Video Applications – November 9, 2010
- b) Facilities Rental Program – January 11, 2011
- c) Career Pathways – Update – January 25, 2011
- d) Accountability: State & Internal Assessments – February 8, 2011
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- g) New Common Core Standards – Options – March 22, 2011
- h) Alternative Energy – Options – April 12, 2011
- i) Impacts of Volunteers – April 12, 2011
- j) Policies & Procedures Update – Ongoing
- k) Board Self-Evaluation Process

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Moorpark Unified School District will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the District Office Board Room, 5297 Maureen Lane, Moorpark, California.

ADJOURNMENT

_____ Time

ACTION:

M _____ S _____ V _____

10/26/10

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MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Walnut Canyon School
280 Casey Road
Moorpark, California 93021
Unadopted

1. CALL TO ORDER AND
RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM

Board President Barker called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

PRESENT: Board President Greg Barker and Board Members Ron LaGuardia, Bruce Thomas, Ute Van Dam and Mindy Yaras

OTHERS PRESENT: Ellen Smith, District Superintendent; Teresa Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instructional Services; Creig Nicks, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Technology Services; Sarah Hernandez, THS@MC Student Representative; and Areli Hernandez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sarah Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – MOTION NO. 28

On a motion by Ron LaGuardia and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 29

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Regular Meeting.

5. REPORT FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES/STUDENT
RECOGNITION

Sarah Hernandez, THS@MC Student Representative, reported on the following: upcoming fundraisers; recycling program; InterAct club activities; upcoming Spirit Week activities; and the Poetry Out Loud competition on November 30th.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Barker called for comments from the public regarding items of interest that are pertinent to the Moorpark Unified School District. There were no comments.

7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

(Resolutions/Commendations, Correspondence, Committee Reports)

a) Employee Recognition –*David Prouty, Walnut Canyon School*

The Board recognized David Prouty, Visual and Performing Arts Resource Teacher, for his service and dedication to the students at Walnut Canyon School.

b) Report from District Board Members

Bruce Thomas reported on the following: Country Days; Homecoming football game; TAH presentation; recent VCSBA Dinner meeting; and the high school collaboration meeting.

Ron LaGuardia reported on the following: VCSBA Dinner meeting; safety fencing at CMS Little League fields; Peach Hill Posse Reading Program breakfast; Country Days; information on LED lighting; Homecoming football game; and CSBA guidelines regarding political endorsements.

Mindy Yaras reported that she attended the October 8th football game and conducted a site visit at Peach Hill School.

Ute Van Dam reported on the following: Homecoming football game; VCSBA Dinner meeting; Country Days; upcoming band competition and month long October Band fundraiser at Underwood Farms.

Greg Barker reported on the following: recent VCSBA Dinner meeting; upcoming meeting with CIF representatives regarding re-leaguing guidelines; and concerns with Proposition 19 and possible impacts with federal funding.

8. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

a) Walnut Canyon School Program Presentation

Linda Bowe, Walnut Canyon School Principal, reported on the visual and performing arts program integrated with technology, offered at the school.

8. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT (CONTINUED)

b) Budget Update

Creig Nicks reported that the state adopted a budget, which included the suspension of Proposition 98 and apportionment deferrals. He will attend School Services of California's annual budget adoption workshop and will provide more details thereafter.

9. BOARD ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

There were no items for Board action/discussion.

10. CONSENT-ACTION – MOTION NO. 30

On a motion by Mindy Yaras and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items by a roll call vote.

- 11) Classified Employment Report No. 10-12-10-04
- 12) Certificated Employment Report No. 10-12-10-03
- 13) Student Teaching Agreement between the District and California State University, Los Angeles for the 2010-2011 school year

BUILDING PROGRAM

PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTION

14. RED RIBBON WEEK RESOLUTION – MOTION NO. 31

On a motion by Mindy Yaras and second by Ron LaGuardia, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2011-09 in Recognition of National Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2010.

15. WILLIAMS QUARTERLY REPORT - DISCLOSURE

In accordance with Education Code Section 35186, school districts must provide quarterly reports to disclose any Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaints filed for the period of July 2010 through October 2010. Attached is the Moorpark Unified School District's October 2010 Quarterly Report on Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaints, indicating that no complaints were filed with any school in the District during this quarter. This information is for public reporting purposes only; no Board action is required.

BUSINESS

16. QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS – RESOLUTION – MOTION NO. 32

On a motion by Ron LaGuardia and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the referenced resolution, 2010-2011-10, authorizing District staff to submit an application for Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB). Should the District receive a QSCB allocation, this program will allow for the acceleration of the District's proposed projects under Measure S.

DISTRICT POLICIES

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

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CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator – Government Code Section 54957.6

District Negotiator: Ellen Smith

Employee Organizations: Moorpark Educators Association (MEA) and California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter No. 498

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ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. 33

On a motion by Mindy Yaras and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:17 PM.

GREG BARKER
BOARD PRESIDENT

UTE VAN DAM
CLERK OF THE BOARD

ELLEN SMITH
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

10/12/10

**SUPPORT OF ROBLES-WONG v. CALIFORNIA, LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE
STATE'S SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM
Resolution No. 2010-2011-11**

WHEREAS, education is a fundamental right of every child in California; and

WHEREAS, California's constitution requires a public school system that prepares students to become informed citizens and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, California has set clear requirements for what schools are expected to teach and what students are expected to learn; and

WHEREAS, the State has an obligation to maintain and support a school finance system that provides districts and county offices of education the resources necessary to meet these requirements; and

WHEREAS, California's school finance system is unsound, unstable, insufficient, and thus unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the State's school finance system prevents Moorpark Unified School District from providing all of the education programs and services our students need to become proficient in the State's academic standards and to obtain a well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the broken school finance system, students are being denied the opportunity to master the required education program; and

WHEREAS, severe budget cuts over the last several years have made a dire situation worse by forcing districts to increase class size, lay off teachers, eliminate many programs necessary to support student learning and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit, *Robles-Wong v. California*, filed on May 20, 2010 in Alameda County seeks to remedy the broken school finance system by (1) declaring it unconstitutional and (2) requiring State lawmakers to uphold their constitutional duty to design and implement a school finance system that provides all students equal access to the required education program; and

WHEREAS, filing this lawsuit was a last resort – the Governor and lawmakers have known for some time that the current school finance system is harming students, schools and districts, and they have done nothing to remedy the crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Moorpark Unified School District believes it is imperative to provide a sound, stable, and sufficient school finance system so that all children have equal educational opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Moorpark Unified School District strongly *supports Robles-Wong v. California*, the litigation challenging the State's school finance system.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Adopted, signed and approved this 26th day of October 2010 by the Board of Education of Moorpark Unified School District.

By _____
Greg Barker, President
Board of Education

Ellen Smith
Superintendent

**OPPOSITION OF PROPOSITION 19:
THE INITIATIVE TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN CALIFORNIA
Resolution No. 2010-2011-12**

WHEREAS, Proposition 19 will prevent private and public employers from complying with federal drug-free workplace rules, resulting in the loss of millions of dollars in federal contracts for California businesses, as well as the loss of federal research grants by California colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 19 prevents employers from taking any disciplinary action against employees that come to work under the influence of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, school districts strive to provide an environment that is conducive to learning and free from drugs, alcohol and any other factors that threaten the safety of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 19 would permit possession of cannabis on school property, which violates federal law, and places school districts in an untenable situation that may expose school districts to costly litigation and the loss of federal funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Moorpark Unified School District opposes Proposition 19 the ballot measure to legalize marijuana in California on the November ballot.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Adopted, signed and approved this 26th day of October 2010 by the Board of Education of Moorpark Unified School District.

By _____
Greg Barker, President
Board of Education

Ellen Smith
Superintendent