

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, March 22, 2011  
5:00 PM Closed Session  
6:00 PM Regular Meeting  
District Office Board Room  
5297 Maureen Lane  
Moorpark, California 93021  
Adopted 4/12/11

1. CALL TO ORDER AND  
RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM

Board President LaGuardia called the closed session to order at 5:06 PM and the regular meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ellen Smith, District Superintendent; Teresa Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Instructional Services; Creig Nicks, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology Services; Tyler Petersen, MHS Student Representative and Areli Hernandez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Board President LaGuardia called for comments from the public regarding the closed session items. There were no comments.

3. CLOSED SESSION

- a) *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

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tyler Petersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – MOTION NO. 99

On a motion by Bruce Thomas and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the reordering of item 13 to follow item 8.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 100

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 8, 2011 Regular Meeting.

7. REPORT FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES/STUDENT RECOGNITION

- a) Student Recognition – FBLA – *Arteen Asgharzadeh, Tyler Cherry, Jimmy Li, Jeff Niu, Rajan Patel, April Huang, Amy Yagi, Meagan Bryan, Haroon Sherjan, Tim Le, Robert Danielian, Phillip Oh, Annie Hadley, Nicole Restmeyer, Trevor Sears and Advisor Zosia Blair*

Principal Jason Peplinski introduced the Team. The Board recognized the students and Zosia Blair for their outstanding leadership and performance at the Gold Coast Section Competition.

- b) Report from Student Representatives

Tyler Petersen, MHS Student Representative, reported on the following: FBLA; March Madness activities; Muskie Awards; upcoming fashion show; prom; school newspaper; spring sports; ASB elections; HAS jog-a-thon; upcoming spring play; STAR testing; spring break; college career night; Rotary and Women’s Fortnightly joint meeting at MHS on May 14<sup>th</sup>; and upcoming rally and food drive.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President LaGuardia called for comments from the public regarding items of interest that are pertinent to the Moorpark Unified School District.

Debbie Davis, CSEA Chapter #498 member, addressed the Board regarding the budget crisis and reductions and expressed concern regarding the recent reorganization of District Office administrators.

Sunil Trivedi addressed the Board regarding the need to allow high school students an opportunity to take online classes and allow the credits from those classes be accepted and transferred to their high school transcript.

13. IVY TECH CHARTER – RENEWAL /MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – MOTION NO. 101

Ivy Tech Charter has completed its first year of operation. District administration has met with staff from the Charter several times throughout the past year regarding the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, fiscal reports and attendance. On a motion by Bruce Thomas and second by Greg Barker, the Board unanimously accepted staff’s recommendation, reauthorized the Charter and approved the revised Memorandum of Understanding until March 2016. Craig Levy and Jaki Gardner from Ivy Tech Charter made a presentation regarding the status of the charter, including enrollment and budget information.

9. REPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS  
(Resolutions/Commendations, Correspondence, Committee Reports)

Nathan Sweet reported that he attended the Peach Hill Academy art night and the Walnut Canyon School reading night.

Bruce Thomas reported on the First 5/UCLA study.

Ute Van Dam reported on the following: she attended the PTA Honorary Service Awards Night at Chaparral; drumline competition; jazz concert; and the upcoming March 27<sup>th</sup> High Street broadcast where MHS students will provide the music.

Greg Barker reported that he is continuing his advocacy efforts, including his trip to Sacramento to meet with local legislators regarding the budget crisis. He also attended the MHS/Westlake softball game.

Ron LaGuardia reported on the following: site visits to CMS and MHS; the PTA Honorary Service Awards; Peach Hill reading posse; MHS freshman baseball games and a site visit to CHS.

10. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

a) Budget Update

Creig Nicks reported that no new information has been released from Sacramento regarding the 2011-2012 budget.

b) New Common Core Standards - Options

Teresa Williams shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the new National Common Core Standards that were adopted by California in 2010.

11. BOARD ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION – MOTION NO. 102

It was recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2010-2011-23, in Support of SCA 5, reducing the two-thirds vote requirement on parcel taxes. After discussion, and on a motion by Greg Barker and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2010-2011-23. Nathan Sweet voted no after he recommended tabling this item to a later date, expressing concerns that the timing may not be appropriate in light of the recent criticisms regarding public agencies and that we should focus on one issue at a time.

12. CONSENT-ACTION – MOTION NO. 103

On a motion by Bruce Thomas and second by Greg Barker, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items by a roll call vote. Greg Barker removed item 16 and Board President LaGuardia removed items 14 and 20.

- 15) Certificated Employment Report No. 03-22-11-11
- 18) Designation of Teresa Williams and Richard Gillis as Representatives and Ellen Smith and Jessie Sierra as Alternate Representatives to the Board of Directors of the Coastal Schools Employee Benefits Organization (CSEBO).
- 19) Ratification of referenced warrants issued through February 28, 2011.

BUILDING PROGRAM

PERSONNEL

14. APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT REPORT – MOTION NO. 104

On a motion by Bruce Thomas and second by Greg Barker, the Board unanimously approved the referenced Classified Employment Report No. 3-22-11-11.

16. RATIFICATION OF WORK YEAR CALENDAR – MOTION NO. 105

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously ratified the referenced work year calendar for the 2011-2012 school year for Certificated and Classified Employees and Students.

INSTRUCTION

BUSINESS

17. APPROVAL OF TRANS RESOLUTION – MOTION NO. 106

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2010-2011-22 authorizing the issuance of the 2011 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for Moorpark Unified School District and requesting the Board of Supervisors for Ventura County to Issue said Notes. The complete document is on file in the Business Office for public review.

20. RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDERS – MOTION NO. 107

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously ratified the referenced purchase orders and child nutrition purchase orders in the total amount of \$713,125.05. **B Series:** B11-00173; **F Series:** F11-00098-F11-00109; **P Series:** P11-01072(revised), P11-01237-P1101285, P11-01287-P1101361,) 11-01363-P11-01366

DISTRICT POLICIES

21. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BB 9270, CONFLICT OF INTEREST – MOTION NO. 108

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously adopted the proposed revisions to BB 9270, Board Bylaw, Conflict of Interest.

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Alternative Energy – Options – April 12, 2011
- b) Impacts of Volunteers – April 12, 2011
- c) Magnet Schools Presentation
- d) Pool
- e) CTE – development of culminating project

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 6:00 PM in the District Office Board Room, 5297 Maureen Lane, Moorpark, California.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. 109

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 PM.

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RON LAGUARDIA  
BOARD PRESIDENT

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BRUCE THOMAS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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ELLEN SMITH  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD