

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
5:00 PM Closed Session
6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Mountain Meadows School Multi-Purpose Room
4200 Mountain Meadow Drive
Moorpark, California 93021
Adopted 3/22/11

1. CALL TO ORDER AND
RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM

Board President LaGuardia called the closed session to order at 5:02 PM and the regular meeting to order at 6:07 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; Sarah Hernandez, THS@MC 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 – 5297 Maureen Lane, Moorpark

- a) *Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code Section 54957*
- b) *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

Board President LaGuardia made the following the statement: “In closed session, the Board took action to issue a notice of possible release or reassignment to seven (7) administrative employees, pursuant to Education Code Section 44951, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0; Abstentions – 0”

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sarah Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – MOTION NO. 90

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the reordering of item 15 to follow item 5 and item 10a to follow item 9b.

15. RESOLUTION – WEEK OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR – MOTION NO. 91

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2010-2011-19, in Recognition of the Week of the School Administrator. Several District administrators were in attendance. Superintendent Smith addressed the Board and audience regarding the work school administrators must do and the level of responsibility imposed on them from the state and federal government. She thanked each of them for their dedication to the students, families and staff members of the District. The Board members also thanked them and presented them with a token of appreciation for their work and dedication to the District.

Board President LaGuardia called for a 5 minute recess.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 92

On a motion by Bruce Thomas and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 22, 2011 Regular Meeting.

7. REPORT FROM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Sarah Hernandez, THS@MC Student Representative, reported on the following: upcoming spring break; prom on April 29; end of third quarter; yearbook and mid-terms for seniors.

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. There were no comments.

9. REPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

(Resolutions/Commendations, Correspondence, Committee Reports)

- a) Employee Recognition – *Horacio Fernandez, Ingrid Gormaz and Susan Montelongo – Mountain Meadows School*

The Board recognized Horacio Fernandez, Ingrid Gormaz and Susan Montelongo for their work and dedication to the students of Mountain Meadows School.

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

- b) Community Partner Recognition – *Janna Pellerin, Keri Hatch, Shannon Edwards, Linda Schweitzer and Doug Fair-Tutor Bosses & Peter Lars-Cornerstone Photography*

The Board recognized Janna Pellerin, Keri Hatch, Shannon Edwards, Linda Schweitzer, Doug Fair and Peter Lars for their community partnership with Mountain Meadows School and the District.

10. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

- a) Mountain Meadows School Program Presentation

Principal Chris Kelley reported that Mountain Meadows School is a 21st Century Learning Academy and provided details regarding student progress and activities.

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

- c) Report from District Board Members

Nathan Sweet reported on the following: *Read Across America* event on March 2nd at Arroyo West and Walnut Canyon Schools; the after school chess club at Walnut Canyon and the upcoming chess tournament with Flory.

Bruce Thomas reported that he attended the jazz concert on February 22nd and that he participated in the *Read Across America* event at Peach Hill School.

Ute Van Dam reported on the following: February 22nd jazz concert; Masters in Governance Module in Santa Barbara; and the upcoming March 22nd jazz concert in the MHS PAC.

Greg Barker reported on the following: site visits and his meetings with Senator Strickland and Assemblyman Jeff Gorrell's aide regarding the budget and proposed tax extension.

Ron LaGuardia reported on the following: he attended the joint PTA and SSC meeting on March 3rd; the March 4th Day of Action; site visit to MVMS; and March 5th MHS frosh baseball game.

There was board discussion about the recent letters to editor in the local newspapers regarding the District. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Board President and Superintendent would issue a response and that a section would be posted on the District's website for frequently asked questions regarding the budget, personnel costs and recent budget reductions and impacts.

10. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

b) Standards for School Readiness/Preschool Planning

Juanita Suarez reviewed the District's Standards for School Readiness, which included the goals, program, data and next steps.

c) Board/Superintendent Recognition

Creig Nicks presented certificates of recognition to the Board and Superintendent from the California Department of Education, in partnership with the California Middle Grades Alliance for commitment to academic excellence and continued achievement at the District's middle schools.

11. BOARD ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION – MOTION NO. 93

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the District's response to the 2010-2011 Ventura County Grand Jury Request for Information regarding Pupil Transportation. This is a follow up to their original request of September 2010.

12. CONSENT-ACTION – MOTION NO. 94

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items by a roll call vote:

13) Classified Employment Report No. 3-8-11-11

14) Certificated Employment Report No. 3-8-11-10

BUILDING PROGRAM

PERSONNEL

16. RESOLUTION – REDUCTION/DISCONTINUANCES OF PARTICULAR KINDS OF SERVICES – MOTION NO. 95

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-2011-21, reduction and discontinuances of particular kinds of services.

INSTRUCTION

BUSINESS

17. ACCEPTANCE OF SECOND PERIOD INTERIM REPORT – MOTION NO. 96

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously accepted the District's Second Period Interim Report dated March 8, 2011, ratified the budget changes, and certified that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

18. WIDE AREA NETWORK LICENSE AGREEMENT – MOTION NO. 97

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the Wide Area Network License Agreement with Sunesys. The full, undiscounted monthly cost for the first 60 months is \$28,750.00, then \$11,000.00 per month thereafter. However, with a combination of Federal E rate (SLD) funding and discounts from the CA Teleconnect Fund, Moorpark Unified School District's monthly obligation for the first 60 month term is reduced down to **\$6,612.50** (+tax). After the initial 5 year term, the monthly cost goes down to **\$2,530.00** (+tax). The Sunesys response to our RFP presents the District with an excellent opportunity to utilize Measure "S" funding to implement a point to point 1000 Mbps Fiber Optic Local Area Network circuit between the District Office and each school, thus providing our students and staff current standards for connectivity.

DISTRICT POLICIES

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) New Common Core Standards – Options – March 22, 2011
- b) Alternative Energy – Options – April 12, 2011
- c) Impacts of Volunteers – April 12, 2011
- d) Magnet Schools Presentation
- e) Pool
- d) CTE Development of Senior Class Project Component/Requirement

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, March 22, 2011, 6:00 PM in the District Office Board Room, 5297 Maureen Lane, Moorpark, California.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO. 98

On a motion by Greg Barker and second by Bruce Thomas, the Board unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:23 PM.

RON LAGUARDIA
BOARD PRESIDENT

BRUCE THOMAS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

ELLEN SMITH
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

3/8/11