

ADOPTED MINUTES  
MT. PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
3434 Marten Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95148

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Held Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
August Boeger Middle School Cafeteria  
1944 Flint Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Melissa Got-Lopez, Derek Grasty, Antonio Perez, Jr., Robert Ramirez, Brenda Serrano

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Dr. Elida MacArthur (Superintendent), Tracy Huynh (CBO), Dina Chung (Director, Instruction & Curriculum), Laurie Breton (Director Student Services), Dr. Sandra Jewett (HR Director), Administrative Staff

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**ITEM 1            OPENING ITEMS**

- 1.1     President Grasty called the May 8, 2024, Regular Board meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll Call was taken.
- 1.2     **Approval of Agenda**  
Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano -Aye.
- 1.3     **Public Comment on Closed Session Items**  
There were no public comments.

**ITEM 2            RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Grasty recessed the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

**ITEM 3            RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Grasty reconvened the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

President Grasty moved the order of agenda items.

**ITEM 8            CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion made by Mrs. Got-Lopez and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve Consent Items 8.1 through 8.6, and 8.9. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Got-Lopez to approve Consent Item 8.7. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Got-Lopez to approve Consent Item 8.8. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Ramirez-Nay.

Mr. Grasty left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

**ITEM 4 SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/ REPORTS, BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

- 4.1 The Superintendent and/or Board Member(s) may request that items be considered, discussed, and acted on out of the order indicated.
- 4.2 California Healthy Kids Climate Survey Results - Laurie Breton, Director Student Services  
Laurie Breton, Director Student Services presented the results of the California Healthy Kids Climate survey administered to 5th & 7th grade students, school staff and parents.
- 4.3 Summer School Programs Presentation - Lisa Kattenhorn, ELOP Coordinator  
Lisa Kattenhorn, ELOP Coordinator gave an overview of the various 2024 summer school programs available to students.
- 4.4 MPEA Report - Marissa Kieffer, President  
Marissa Kieffer, MPEA President, recognized Day of The Teacher and thanked teachers for their dedication. She also shared teacher’s concerns regarding 2024-2025 negotiations, short staffing, and retaliatory behavior by administration.
- 4.5 CSEA Report - Cheryl Garcia, President  
Cheryl Garcia, President, shared concerns regarding current year negotiations, dismissive and retaliatory behavior by administration when classified staff concerns are voiced.

**ITEM 5 SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were public comments: Rebecca Nash, Marissa Kieffer, Lisa Pereira, Joanna Perez, Gideon Cheng, Gabriel Galindo, Alyssa Smith, Amy Jex, Alyssa Friend, Hannah Wesendunk, Diana Tapia, Claudia Jones

**ITEM 6 PERSONNEL ACTION**

Mr. Perez, Jr., said the Board would vote on the Personnel Agenda, Items 6.1.1 through 6.4.1 in a block vote. Personnel Item 6.6.28 was corrected to report Stefeny Butler was hired as the Track & Field Coach. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mrs. Got-Lopez to approve the personnel agenda as corrected. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Grasty-Absent.

**ITEM 7 ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

**ITEM 9 INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION)**

Information items were submitted for the Board's information and review.

**ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future Agenda Items: Reading Literacy Benchmarks Update - June 26, 2024 (Mr. Grasty), Community Schools Implementation (Mrs. Got-Lopez)

**ITEM 11 BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION/ COMMENTS**

Dr. MacArthur stated the district celebrated teachers in support of Teacher Appreciation Week by providing staff with the famous Peter’s Bakery Burnt Almond Cupcakes.

Dr. MacArthur stated she and Mr. Grasty attended the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition of Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators. Teachers, Ashley Martin, Barbara Powell and Virginia Bailey and Instructional Assistant, Onycha Threadgill, all received awards. Dr. MacArthur also recognized the ten students nominated for various awards: August Boeger students: Kristel Medina, Romero Williams, Kendall Byrd, Quincy Dwight Davis, Jackson Feaster, Derrick, and Hendrix Shaw, and Ida Jew/Valle Vista students: Jay Wysinger, Sabirah Abdul-Ghaneer and Samantha Greene.

Mr. Ramirez congratulated all teachers. Mr. Ramirez also shared his concerns regarding staff claims of retaliation and stated that he is always available to meet with staff.

Mrs. Got-Lopez wished teachers a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Got-Lopez announced the last Board Office Hours of the year would be held at Mt. Pleasant Elementary on May 13, 2024.

Mrs. Serrano wished teachers a great Teacher Appreciation Week. She stated that she attended, and very much enjoyed, the Nuestra Herencia event.

Mr. Perez recognized teachers for their dedication and hard work. Mr. Perez deemed retaliation in any form unacceptable and stated it would not be tolerated by the Board.

**ITEM 12      CLOSED SESSION WHEN REQUIRED FR NON-ROUTINE ITEMS**

The Board did not reconvene to closed session.

**ITEM 13      ADJOURNMENT**

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Antonio Pere, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

May 22, 2024

Brenda Ferrans  
Secretary to the Governing Board