

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 22, 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

ITEM 1 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 President Grasty called the May 22, 2024, Regular Board meeting to order at 5:00 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 5:02 p.m.

ITEM 3 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Grasty reconvened the meeting at 6:06 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.**
President Grasty moved the order of agenda items.

4.2 **Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant Update - Dina Chung, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments**
Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to approve the revised Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant plan. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

- 4.3 Early Education Teacher Grant & Staff Recognition - Jessica Tejada, Universal UPK Coordinator**
Jessica Tejada, Universal UPK Coordinator gave a brief overview of the Early Education Teacher Grant and recognized staff benefitting from grant funds by attending related classes at local colleges and universities.
- 4.4 Nuestra Herencia Event Presentation - Gilbert Rodriguez, Principal**
Gilbert Rodriguez, Principal presented a video of the Nuestra Herencia event and acknowledged teachers and staff for their contributions in making event successful.
- 4.5 Presentation of Volunteer Awards - Dr. MacArthur, Superintendent & Principals**
Dr. MacArthur and President Grasty presented Volunteer Awards to our parents and community members in recognition of their outstanding service, dedication, and leadership. Awards were presented to: Mika Matsukuma, Jesse Esquivel, Lisa Oros, Marlen Rocha, Brenda Almazan, Alex Siamu, Ana Velasquez, Cecy Ruelas, Wendy Nichols, and Melisa Garcia.
- 4.6 MPEA Report - Marissa Kieffer, President**
Marissa Kieffer, MPEA President, stated teacher claims of nepotism, retaliation, and student discipline from district and August Boeger administration. CSEA President Cheryl Garcia stated that classified staff supports MPEA claims.
- 4.7 CSEA Report - Cheryl Garcia, President**
CSEA did not report.

ITEM 5 SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were public comments: Candace Love, Angelique Alvarez, Nina Gilman-Cama, Alyssa Smith, Rebecca Nash, Diana Tapia, Colleen Dobrenz, Marissa Kieffer, Ashley Martin

ITEM 6 PERSONNEL ACTION

President Grasty said the Board would vote on the Personnel Agenda, Items 6.1.1 through 6.4.1 in a block vote. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve the personnel agenda. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

ITEM 7 ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Resolution 23-24-21 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order (Measure A)**
Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to adopt Resolution 23-24-21 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order (Measure A).
- 7.2 Resolution 23-24-22 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District Ordering an Election, and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order (Measure B)**
Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to adopt Resolution 23-24-22 Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order (Measure B).
- 7.3 Resolution 23-24-23 Resolution Declaring the District's Membership in the National Purchasing Partners (NPP)**
Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Serrano to adopt Resolution 23-24-23 Resolution Declaring the District's Membership in the National Purchasing Partners (NPP).
- 7.4 Resolution 23-24-24 Resolution Authorizing Purchase Agreement with Park Associates Inc. for Playground Equipment**
Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to adopt Resolution 23-24-24 Resolution Authorizing Purchase Agreement with Park Associates Inc. for Playground Equipment.
- 7.5 2024-25 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**
Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve the Declaration of Need for

Fully Qualified Educators for the 2024-2025 school year.

ITEM 8 CONSENT ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to approve Consent Items 8.1 through 8.4, and 8.6. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

Motion made by Mrs. Got-Lopez and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve Consent Item 8.5. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

ITEM 9 INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION)

There were no information items.

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future Agenda Items: Reading Literacy Benchmarks Update – June 26, 2024 (Mr. Grasty), Community Schools Implementation (Mrs. Got-Lopez), Grants Update, Food Service Update (Mrs. Serrano), Student Food Survey (Mr. Perez, Jr.)

ITEM 11 BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION/ COMMENTS

Mr. Ramirez stated his disappointment and concerns with staff claims of bullying, retaliation, hostile workplace, and nepotism by administration. He also thanked all classified staff for their dedication and unwavering support for our students.

Mrs. Got-Lopez wished classified a happy week and stated her appreciation of their hard work. She also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and applauded everyone who spoke before the Board. Mrs. Got-Lopez also announced the date of Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association’s National Night Out.

Mrs. Serrano recognized all the parent and community volunteers for their dedication to our students.

Mr. Perez, Jr. expressed his pleasure of the Volunteer Award Presentations. He also asked about the possibility of holding future meetings at different school sites.

President Grasty said he recently attended the Hoffman Award Ceremony in addition to many of the events held throughout the district. He also shared that he had attended Dave Cortese’s annual bus ride to the state capitol to advocate for increased school funding.

Dr. MacArthur reviewed the complaint process for anyone wishing to file a complaint against administration.

ITEM 12 CLOSED SESSION WHEN REQUIRED FOR NON-ROUTINE ITEMS

The Board did not reconvene to closed session.

ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. President Grasty adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED: June 12, 2024

Branda Serrano
Secretary to the Governing Board