

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Held Wednesday, November 8, 2023
August Boeger Middle School Cafeteria
1944 Flint Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF,

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Elida MacArthur (*Superintendent*), Sandra Jewett (*Director, Personnel*), Tracy Huynh (*CBO*), Dina Chung (*Director, Instruction & Curriculum*), Administrative Staff

ITEM 1 OPENING ITEMS

1.1.1 President Got-Lopez called the November 8, 2023, 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. Perez, Jr., Mr. Grasty, 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 Got-Lopez recessed the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

ITEM 3 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Got-Lopez reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

President Got-Lopez announced that in closed session the Board retained and directed legal counsel to initiate or intervene in a legal action a unanimous vote. The action, the defendants and the other particulars shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the district's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties or that to do so would jeopardize the district's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage. The members voted as follows: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano - Aye.

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 **MPAS Presentation and Holiday Event - Daniel Patton, MPAS Program Coordinator**
Daniel Patton gave a brief update of the 2023-2024 MPAS Program and presented a video of the Lights On event recently held.
- 4.3 **Community Bike Path Proposal - Candace Love, Teacher, and Students**
Candace Love, Teacher, and her students, Kiera Valencia, Dario Cardenas, Myah Lopez, Lucas Bui, Roberto Mendez, Inez Avila, Aaron Huynh, Kaitlyn Ramirez, Brendon Huynh, presented a Bike Path Proposal to the Board and Community.
- 4.4 **MPEA Report – Marisa Kieffer, President, and Gabriela Roman, VP**
Marisa Kieffer, MPEA President, stated the board meeting was not being streamed. Marisa Kieffer shared MPEA’s concerns regarding the lack of ELD curriculum throughout the district. She also asked that administration provide dates for 2024-2025 negotiations.
- 4.5 **CSEA Report - Cheryl Garcia, President**
The item was pulled.

ITEM 5 SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were public comments: Marissa Kieffer, Barbara Powell-Padilla, Ashley Martin

ITEM 6 PERSONNEL ACTION

President Got-Lopez said the Board would vote on the Personnel Agenda, Items 6.1.1 through 6.4.2, in a block vote. Motion made by Mr. Grasty and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve the personnel agenda. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano – Aye.

ITEM 7 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution #23-24-08 Continued Funding CSPP Resolution

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to adopt Resolution #23-24-08 Continued Funding CSPP Resolution. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano – Aye.

ITEM 8 CONSENT ITEMS

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to approve Consent Items 8.2 through 8.8. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano – Aye.

Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Grasty to approve Consent Item 8.1. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano – Aye.

ITEM 9 INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION)

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

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no new future agenda items. Item 10.1, California Dashboard Update, was corrected to reflect the date of presentation as January 17, 2024.

ITEM 11 BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION/ COMMENTS

Dr. MacArthur shared that the Federal Program Monitoring audit revealed one minor finding.

Mrs. Serrano stated the adoption of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations continue as they are continually updated by the California School Boards Association. Mrs. Serrano also shared the next Academic Faire is schedule on November 30, 2023.

Mr. Ramirez stated that the issues surrounding racial inequity need to be addressed at home by families as well as by our schools.

Mr. Perez, Jr. stated racial discrimination also exists at college level and agreed that it needs to be addressed at home and at our schools.

Mr. Grasty stated racism needs to be addressed as everyone is entitled to feel safe in our schools. Mr. Grasty also stated the issues regarding the live streaming of board meetings and the filing of Uniform Complaints needed to be resolved to better serve our community.

President Got-Lopez agreed that the current issues need to be discussed and resolved collectively by administration, staff, and parents. She also stated the Board Office Hours scheduled Monday would be held at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School and invited the community to attend.

President Got-Lopez shared that Dr. MacArthur was inducted into the East Side Education Foundation Hall of Fame this past Saturday.

ITEM 12 CLOSED SESSION WHEN REQUIRED FR NON-ROUTINE ITEMS


The Board did not return to closed session.

ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. President Got-Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Dec. 13, 2023


v. A. Secretary to the Governing Board