

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

Held Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
August Boeger Middle School Cafeteria  
1944 Flint Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Melissa Got-Lopez, 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

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**ITEM 1            OPENING ITEMS**

1.1.1 President Got-Lopez called the December 13, 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. Grasty to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-absent.

**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 5:03 p.m.

**ITEM 3            RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Ramirez to nominate Mr. Grasty for Board President. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano -Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-Absent; Mr. Perez, Jr.-Absent; Mr. Grasty abstained.

Motion made by Mrs. Got-Lopez and seconded by Mr. Grasty to nominate Mr. Perez, Jr. for Vice-President. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano -Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-Absent.

Motion made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Grasty to nominate Mrs. Serrano for Clerk. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez -Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-Absent; Mrs. Serrano abstained.

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to nominate Mrs. Got-Lopez for Representative for County Committee. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano -Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-Absent; Mrs. Got-Lopez abstained.

Newly elected officers will be seated at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**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**     **Robert Sanders 5th Grade Student Presentation - Ashley Martin, Teacher & Students Daniel**  
Ashley Martin defined land acknowledgements as a statement that recognizes Indigenous Peoples Land, and students, Rodrigo, Zainab, Pablo, Julian, and Annalisa, presented their individual land acknowledgements to the Board and community.

**4.3**     **Presentation and Action Regarding the 2023-2024 First Interim Report and Related Resolution - Tracy Huynh, CBO**  
Tracy Huynh, CBO, presented the 2023-2024 First Interim Report.

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to adopt Resolution 23-24-09 First Interim Report. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-Absent.

**4.4**     **MPEA Report – Marisa Kieffer, President, and Gabriela Roman, VP**  
Marisa Kieffer, MPEA President, stated MPEA was looking forward to the board approving the Tentative Agreement before them. Ms. Kieffer shared MPEA’s concerns regarding new attendance policies as well as the mid-year implementation of Parent Square.

**4.5**     **CSEA Report - Cheryl Garcia, President**  
Cheryl Garcia, CSEA President, thanked Ms. Martin and her students for their wonderful presentation. Ms. Garcia also stated her concerns with how the upcoming budget cuts and layoffs will impact classified personnel.

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

There were public comments: Marissa Kieffer

**ITEM 6            PERSONNEL ACTION**

President Got-Lopez said the Board would vote on the Personnel Agenda, Items 6.1.1 through 6.7.5, in a block vote. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to approve the personnel agenda. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-absent.

**ITEM 7            ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1**     **Resolution #23-24-10 Support of Application for Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associated Documents**

Motion made by Mr. Ramirez and seconded by Mr. Grasty to adopt Resolution #23-24-10 Support of Application for Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associated Documents. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.- absent.

**7.2**     **Resolution #23-24-11 Early Retirement Incentive**

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to adopt Resolution #23-24-11 Early Retirement Incentive. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.- absent.

**ITEM 8            CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Grasty to approve Consent Items 8.2 through 8.14. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr.-absent.

**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: Positive School Climate Update, Food Services Report, DEIB Update

Dr. MacArthur introduced the district's new Food Services Manager, Eric Burke.

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

Dr. MacArthur thanked Ms. Martin and her students for their presentation.

Mrs. Serrano welcomed Mr. Grasty as the new Board President and thanked Mrs. Got-Lopez for serving.

Mr. Ramirez stated that he hoped everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Grasty stated that both he and President Got-Lopez attended the California School Boards Association Annual Conference.

President Got-Lopez stated that she enjoyed the student presentation and hoped to see more. She also announced the Board Office Hours would be held at Robert Sanders in Room 6 on Monday, December 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. MacArthur and the entire School Board wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

**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 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

January 17, 2024

Brenda Serrano  
Secretary to the Governing Board