

MOORPARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
4:30 PM Closed Session
5:30 PM Regular Meeting
District Office Board Room
5297 Maureen Lane
Moorpark, California 93021
Adopted 10/8/2024

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Board President Perez called the closed session to order at 4:39 PM and the regular meeting to order at 5:31 PM

PRESENT: Board President Robert Perez and Board Members Amy Adams, Scott Dettorre, Nathan Sweet and Ute Van Dam

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Kelli Hays, District Superintendent; Dr. Cathy Lasure, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Juan Pablo Herrera, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Dr. Jane Wagmeister, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; and Areli Hernandez, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Board President Perez called for comments from the public regarding the closed session items. There were no comments.

3. CLOSED SESSION

- a) *Conference with Labor Negotiator – Government Code Section 54957.6*
District Negotiator: Dr. Kelli Hays
Employee Organizations: Moorpark Educators Association (MEA); and California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter No. 498
- b) *Public Employee Evaluation/Goal Setting: District Superintendent*
Government Code section 54957
- c) *Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Government Code Section 54957*
- d) *Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Government Code Section 54956(b)*
Significant Exposure to Litigation (number of cases to be discussed = 2)

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AND RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM

Board President Perez reconvened the meeting to open session at 5:31 PM, recognized the presence of a Board quorum and indicated that no reportable action was taken in closed session. Board President Perez called for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Susie Rossiter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – MOTION NO. 9

On a motion by Nathan Sweet and second by Amy Adams, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the reordering of item 9 to follow item 7.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION NO. 10

On a motion by Scott Dettorre and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board approved the minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular meeting.

9. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

a) Above & Beyond Recognition

Superintendent Hays and the Board recognized Timothy Avila, Reynaldo Sanchez, Isaac Rodriguez, and Amado Vazquez for their work and dedication to the students, families and staff at Chaparral Middle School.

b) ADL Educators of the Year – Recipients

- Dr. Jane Wagmeister, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
- Vanessa Vega, Principal, Peach Hill School

Dan Meisel, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League, presented the award for Educator of Year to Dr. Jane Wagmeister and Ms. Vanessa Vega for their work in implementing the “No Place for Hate” program. Mr. Meisel thanked Dr. Wagmeister and Ms. Vega for their commitment and dedication to all students and the community of Moorpark.

c) Presentation: Find My Genius 2024 Program Assessment

Susie Rossiter, Anne Jones, Victoria Lahney and Dr. Jane Wagmeister reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the summer 2024 YMCA Find My Genius ELOP at Campus Canyon that included: ELA and math before and after testing results and parent survey feedback.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Perez called for comments from the public regarding items of interest

that are pertinent to the Moorpark Unified School District. Isabella Cucinotta and James Cuinotta addressed the Board regarding the bathrooms at Arroyo West School.

10. REPORT FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

(Resolutions/Commendations, Correspondence, Committee Reports)

Ute Van Dam reported on the following: recent Back to School Night functions; MHS girls volleyball game; MHS football game; Constitution Day at the Reagan Library; and the upcoming Film Festival at the High Street Theater.

Scott Dettorre reported on the following: Visited all school sites on the first day of school; recent elementary and middle school Back to School Night functions; MHS football game and MHS Back to School Night.

Amy Adams reported on the following: Back to School Night functions and the recent MHS football games.

Nathan Sweet reported on the following: Back to School Night functions and the Dual Language Immersion Program at Flory School.

Robert Perez reported on the following: Back to School Night functions; visited all school sites on the first day of school; and the recent MHS football games.

11. BOARD ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

No items.

12. CONSENT-ACTION – MOTION NO.11

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

- a) Classified Employment Report No. 09-10-24-02
- b) Certificated Employment Report No. 09-10-24-02
- c) New Teacher Assignment Authorizations for the 2024-2025 school year
- d) Payment of stipends
- e) 2024-2025 District Certificated Negotiations Team: Dr. Cathy Lasure, Lilia Magana, Melissa LaBelle, Zaid Bakoo, and Theresa Garner
- f) MOU with MEA to establish temporary stipends for special education teachers who assist with health care needs for students
- g) California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application for 2025-2026, Resolution No. 2024-2025-04
- h) Agreements for Services – 2024-2025
 1. VCOE - Career Education Center Annual Agreement
 2. Simi Valley Unified School District - 2024-25 - total cost \$53,184.00
 3. VCOE - 2024-2025 - total cost \$65,000.00
 4. VCOE - 2024-2025 - total cost \$10,500.00
 5. VCOE - 2024-2025 - total cost \$40,700.00

6. VCOE - 2024-2025 - total cost \$58,100.00
7. Addendum Stepping Stones Group - 2024-2025 - total cost \$51,510.00
8. Addendum VCOE Transportation - 2024-2025 total cost \$217,462.00
9. Ausin Texas Learning Group - 2024-2025 - total cost \$71,400.00
10. FirstSteps for Kids - 2024-2025 - total cost \$79,519.73
11. Sunbelt Staffing - 2024-2025 - total cost \$135,452.66
12. Soliant Health - 2024-2025 - total cost \$496,273.05
13. The Stepping Stones Group - 2024-2025 - total cost \$51,510.00
14. Behavior Insights - 2024-2025 - total cost \$3,500.00
15. EdTheory - 2024-2025 - total cost \$292,375.20
16. VCOE - 2024-2025 - total cost \$89,300.00
17. VCOE - 2024-2025 - total cost \$35,000.00
18. Sunbelt Staffing - 2024-2025 - total cost \$127,348.65
19. Aspiranet - 2024-2025
20. Passageway School - 2024-2025 - total cost \$7,859.20
21. Casa Pacifica - 2024-2025 - total cost \$182,755.94
- i) Student overnight trip: MHS Football Team, Pueblo, Colorado, Sept. 19-21, 2024
- j) Declaration of obsolete furniture
- k) Acceptance of donations:
 1. Ohiopyle Prints -
 - o \$38.27 - Moorpark High School - Principal Discretionary Fund
 2. Surf Boba -
 - o \$100.00 - High School at Moorpark College - Principal Discretionary Fund
 3. California Pizza Kitchen -
 - o \$226.21 - High School at Moorpark College - Principal Discretionary Fund
 4. The Blackbaud Giving Fund -
 - o \$46.00 - Flory - FAST Account
- l) Warrants issued through August 30, 2024
- m) Ratification of purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,776,480.72
 B Series: B25-00125 - B2-00144; CO Series: CO24-00437 - CO24-00441, CO25-00016 - CO25-00054; F Series: F25-00005 - F25-00012; FB25-00007 - FB25-00008; P Series: P25-00121 - P25-00261; TB Series: TB25-00002 - TB25-00007; TP: Series: TP25-00038 - TP25-00051.

BUILDING PROGRAM

PERSONNEL

13. VARIABLE WAIVER – MOTION NO. 12

On a motion by Nathan Sweet and second by Amy Adams, the Board unanimously approved the employment of the following employee on the basis of a variable waiver the 2024-2025 school year.

Employee: Marcie Ann MacTarnaghan
 Job Title: Teacher – Speech Therapy – DIS

Subject: Speech and Language
Grades: K-8th
School: Campus Canyon

14. VARIABLE WAIVER – MOTION NO. 13

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Amy Adams, the Board unanimously approved the employment of the following employee on the basis of a variable waiver the 2024-2025 school year.

Employee: Danny Perry
Job Title: Teacher - MS - Departmentalized
Subject: Technology
Grades: 6th & 7th
School: Campus Canyon

15. AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CAREERS INSTITUTE – MOTION NO. 14

On a motion by Amy Adams and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously approved the referenced Agreement/MOU with Professional Medical Careers Institute to provide nursing experience through practice nursing for students enrolled in the vocational nursing training curricula at the Institute.

16. RESOLUTION, EXEMPTION TO THE SEPARATION FROM SERVICE REQUIREMENT – MOTION NO. 15

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Scott Dettorre, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2024-2025-03, Exemption to the Separation from Service Requirement pursuant to section 24214.5 or 26812 of the Education Code. The Education Code restricts retired participant activities during the first 180-calendar days after their most recent retirement. Approval of this proposed exemption is vital as the District is in critical need of a part-time Combo Relief teacher to support students. The District seeks to meet this critical need by hiring Ramona LaTourneau, a member or participant who retired from service less than 180 days ago.

INSTRUCTION

17. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS – MOTION NO. 16

A Public Hearing was held to allow public input regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials in the school district in compliance with Education Code section 60119 and to make a determination through a resolution as to whether each pupil in each school in the district has, or will have within two months of the start of the 2024-2025 school year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in each subject that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board in Mathematics, Science, and History/Social Science, English/Language Arts, Foreign

Language and Health. Board President Perez called for comments from the public regarding this item; there were no comments.

Hearing Open: 6:21 PM Hearing Closed: 6:22 PM

Subsequent to the public hearing, and on a motion by Scott Dettorre and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2024-2025-02, Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance. The Board further certified that as of this date, each pupil in the District, in kindergarten through grade twelve, has been provided with a standards-aligned textbook or basic instructional materials in each of the following areas:

- History/social science
- Mathematics
- English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program
- Science

For students in TK-8, the instructional materials were purchased from an approved standards-aligned state adoption list as required by CCR, Title 5, Section 9531. For students in grades 9-12, the instructional materials were adopted by the local governing board following District review of the materials and their alignment with state content standards as required by CCR, Title 5, Section 9531.

Lastly, the Board certified that each pupil enrolled in a foreign language or health course has been provided with a textbook or instructional materials that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State board for those subjects, and that laboratory science equipment as applicable to science laboratory courses offered in grades 9-12 is available to pupils in those grades.

18. DISTRICT’S LEA AND SCHOOL SITE PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY – MOTION NO. 17

On a motion by Scott Dettorre and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously approved the District’s LEA and School Site Parent and Family Engagement Policy, which describes the means for carrying out designated Title I, Part A, parent and family engagement requirements pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Section 116(a).

19. PROPOSITION 28 ANNUAL REPORT – MOTION NO. 18

Prop 28 is new funding provided to school districts from The Arts and Music in Schools - Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. Funding is allocated using an equity formula based on enrollment and socio-economic status. At least 80% of funds must be used for personnel and up to 20% for materials and supplies. The funds intend to support schools in implementing a new arts education program or expanding arts education in schools. The California Department of Education defines “arts education” as including but not limited to instruction and training, supplies, materials, and arts educational partnership

programs for instruction in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts including folk art, painting, sculpture, photography, craft arts, creative expression including graphic arts and design, computer coding, animation, music composition, ensembles, script writing, costume design, film, and video. Each school site in MUSD has engaged its parents to develop their expenditure plan for Prop 28 funds and design an arts education program unique to their school.

In compliance with reporting requirements, local education agencies must complete an annual, board-approved report that describes the district's arts education programs and provides the number of staff hired, students served, and school sites providing arts education.

On a motion by Amy Adams and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously approved the referenced Proposition 28 annual report.

BUSINESS

20. APPROVAL OF UNAUDITED ACTUALS-2023-2024-MOTION NO. 19

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Amy Adams, the Board unanimously approved the unaudited actuals for the 2023-2024 District budget.

Juan Pablo Herrera reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that included: the annual budget cycle; definition of the unaudited actuals; 23-24 general fund revenue and percentages of revenue; 23-24 general fund expenditures and percentages of expenses; 23-24 revenue to expenditures; summary of other 23-24 funds; next steps and the recommendation for approval to file the 23-24 unaudited actuals with the County Superintendent of Schools.

The Board members thanked Juan Pablo Herrera and his staff for their work in preparing the unaudited actuals.

21. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2025-05, GANN LIMIT DECLARATION – MOTION NO. 20

In November 1979, California voters approved the late Paul Gann's Proposition 4, which places limits on government spending. This became known as The Gann Appropriation Limits or simply Gann Limits, and applies not only to the State of California, but also to cities, counties, and special districts, as well as to school districts and county offices of education.

The Gann Limit is a limit on the amount of tax money that state and local governments, including school districts, can legally spend. The Gann Limit does not require cuts in government spending, but rather limits the growth in government spending to be no faster than the growth in population and inflation.

A calculation is made to determine those revenues that are subject to the limit to ensure that a school agency is not over its limit. It is important to note that not all revenue sources count against your district's Gann Limit. Gann Limits only constrain the

appropriations from state and local tax sources, and so federal aid is excluded, as well as non-tax income, such as revenues from cafeteria sales or adult education fees.

Education Code Section 42132 and G.C. Section 1629 specify that by September 30th each year, the governing board of each school district must adopt a resolution identifying their estimated appropriations limit for the current fiscal year and their actual appropriations limit for the preceding fiscal year.

The Gann Limit report is done in accordance with Government Code (G.C.) Section 7906(f): “Each school district shall report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the Director of Finance, at least annually, its appropriation limit, its appropriations subject to limitation, the amount of its state aid apportionments and subventions included within the proceeds of taxes of the school district, and amounts excluded from its appropriations limit, at a time and in a manner prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and approved by the Director of Finance.”

On a motion by Scott Dettorre and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously adopted resolution No. 2024-2025-05, Gann Limit, declaring that the appropriations in the District’s budget for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years do not exceed the limitations imposed by Proposition 4.

22. MANDATED BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION -FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

The Moorpark Unified School District applied for funding for the Mandated Block Grant (MBG) program for fiscal year 2024-25, pursuant to Government Code Section 17581.6. Funding apportioned for the 2024-25 MBG is specifically intended to fund the costs of the programs and activities identified in the GD Section 17581.6(f). A school district or county office of education that receives MBG funding shall not be eligible to submit claims to the State Controller for reimbursement pursuant to GC Section 17560 for any costs of any state mandates identified in GC Section 17581.6 (f) incurred in the same fiscal year that MBG funding is received. This item is for informational purposes only; no Board action is required.

DISTRICT POLICIES

23. PROPOSED NEW - BP 1313: COMMUNITY RELATIONS, CIVILITY - MOTION NO. 21

A First Reading was held on proposed new Board Policy 1313: Community Relations, Civility. Following the First Reading and on a motion by Nathan Sweet and second by Ute Van Dam, the Board unanimously waived the Second Reading and adopted the proposed new BP 1313; Community Relations, Civility as presented.

24. PROPOSED REVISIONS – BP 5131.8: STUDENTS, MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND REFERENCED EXHIBITS – MOTION NO. 22

A First Reading was held on the proposed revisions to BP 5131.8: Students, Mobile Communication Devices and referenced exhibits. Following the First Reading and on a motion by Amy Adams and second by Nathan Sweet, the Board unanimously waived the

Second Reading and approved the proposed revisions to BP 5131.8 and referenced exhibits as presented.

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

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, October 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the District Office Board Room, 5297 Maureen Lane, Moorpark, California.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION NO. 23

On a motion by Ute Van Dam and second by Amy Adams, the Board unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 6:47 PM.

ROBERT PEREZ
BOARD PRESIDENT

SCOTT DETTORRE
CLERK OF THE BOARD

DR. KELLI HAYS
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

9/10/24