



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Board Members

Paul Diffley III, Board President
Linda Lunn, Board Member
Nicolas Pardue, Clerk of the Board
Julie Vandegrift, Board Member
Nancy Young, Board Member

Staff Members

Dr. Ward Andrus, Superintendent
Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Richard Rideout, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

President Diffley called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Nicolas Pardue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift; Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young - Yes

4. Public Comment regarding Meeting Agenda Item(s)

Mr. Diffley announced that seventeen (17) comment cards had been submitted for agenda item B.1, so, in accordance with BB 9323 asked for a motion to extend the total time for public input to fifty-one (51) minutes.

A. OPENING BUSINESS (continued)

4. Public Comment regarding Meeting Agenda Item(s) (continued)

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift; Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

The following individuals provided public comment regarding the proposed new AP US History curriculum: David Barrett, Marla Leanza, Jose Carreno, Pam Barrett, Yvette Anthony, Danielle Ciullo, Josefina Hartley, John Leonard, Alice Forney, Terri Wells, Brian Hawkins, Maliha Williamson, Desare Ferraro, Courtney Schumacher, Francis Burns, Bob Kowell, Stuart Sheldon.

B. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Presentation and Approval of Proposed New AP US History Curriculum

Staff presented all recommended secondary (6-12) History Social Science curriculum at the March 9, 2023, Board of Education meeting. All instructional materials presented were adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2023, with the exception of the recommended textbook for AP US History. The Board requested further review of *Give Me Liberty: An American History; Norton (2023)*.

Staff presenters Jennifer Schriver, Executive Director Secondary Education and Murrieta Mesa High School teacher, Macaria Gonzalez provided an in depth presentation of the AP US History course framework components. Mrs. Schriver provided the following rationale for the adoption of *Give Me Liberty: An American History*: (1) It provides the best supplemental sources and assessments for student success, (2) the organization is easy to use for both teachers and students, (3) it models the format of the AUPSH exam questions, so students may easily practice for the exam, (4) it is written specifically for the APUSH classroom and provides detailed reference to the Course Framework and Exam, (5) the textbook is currently used in over 600 high schools nationwide.

Board members each individually shared their support for, or concerns about, the proposed AP US History textbook prior to the vote.

Motion made by: Nancy Young; Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - No

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - No

Julie Vandegrift - No

Nancy Young – Yes

B. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. Approval to Increase the Expenditure for Instructional Materials for Grades 6-12

On April 20, 2023, the Board of Education approved social science textbooks for grades 6-12, not including the AP United States History textbook. At that time, the cost of a six-year adoption was anticipated to be \$2,411,119 and would have required extension to cover the full eight years of the adoption. Subsequent negotiations with the publishers identified that the district could achieve cost savings by purchasing an eight-year adoption for the anticipated total cost of \$2,794,627.

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift; Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

C. ADJOURNMENT

President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift; Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

Approved by the Governing Board June 8, 2023



Nicolas Pardue, Clerk of the Board