



## MEETING MINUTES

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### Attendees

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#### 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  
Leigh Lockwood, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

#### Student Representatives to the Board

Murrieta Canyon Academy - Lilli Carmichael  
Murrieta Mesa High School - Rylee Gahagan  
Vista Murrieta High School - Luke Files

#### Employee Organization Representatives

Kimberley Binning-Chevlin, President, Murrieta Educators' Association

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### A. OPENING BUSINESS

#### 1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:15 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California.

#### 2. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with Board members Paul Diffley, Linda Lunn, Nicolas Pardue, Julie Vandegrift and Nancy Young in attendance.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

None

## C. CLOSED SESSION

Approval to adjourn to Closed Session at 4:16 p.m.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

### 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

Pursuant to Government Code 54945, the Governing Board met to consider discipline, dismissal, release, or complaint of public employee(s).

### 2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - District Superintendent

Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the Governing Board met to discuss the evaluation of the District Superintendent.

## D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Diffley reconvened the meeting into public session at 5:10 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being audio recorded, livestream broadcast and that votes would be conducted by roll call.

### 1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

President Diffley reported that the Board took action in Closed Session to release substitute classified employee number 187425, effective January 19, 2023.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Murrieta Canyon Academy student representative Lilli Carmichael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Prior to approval of the agenda, the Board observed a moment of silence for slain Riverside County Sherriff Deputy Darnell Calhoun, who was killed in the line of duty on February 13, 2023.

**D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** (continued)

**3. Approval of Agenda** (continued)

Approval of the agenda as presented.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**E. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Student Representative Reports**

High school student representatives reported on school academics, activities, athletics and upcoming events.

**2. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent, Dr. Andrus remarked how quickly the school year is progressing, as this week marked the midway point in the school year. He reported having regular one-on-one meetings with school board members and said each member is dedicated to making this district great. Dr. Andrus reported visiting five schools since returning from winter break; mentioned that schools are participating in kindness week; and noted the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building at Murrieta Elementary School next month.

**3. Public Comment**

Gary Matlock commented on the lack of respect for authority in today's society and the recent slaying of Riverside County Sheriff Deputy, Darnell Calhoun.

Karen Poznanski shared her positive experience at the Student of the Month breakfast held earlier in the day, giving credit to the teachers and administrators for their dedication, compassion and patience toward the students of Murrieta Valley USD.

Stephanie Holloway shared her concerns regarding the connection Julie Vandegrift and Nicolas Pardue have with Tim Thompson and the IE Family PAC. She provided the Board members with a copy of Inland Empire Family PAC/IE Family PAC FPPC Form 460 showing contributions made to Nick Pardue.

**4. Employee Organization Reports**

Kimberley Binning-Chevlin, President, Murrieta Educators Association reported that MEA members are reviewing the progress they have made so far at this halfway point in the year. She also said MEA and the district are reviewing the following projects: Co-Teaching, Elementary PE, Transitional Kindergarten and that the stipend review committee has been meeting. Mrs. Binning-Chevlin said MEA is looking forward to the start of the negotiation cycle in the next couple of weeks.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS** (continued)

**5. Board Member Reports**

Board member Linda Lunn recognized Dr. Andrus for being selected to serve on the Board of Coalition for Career and Technical Education. Mrs. Lunn reported that she would be participating in the California School Board Association's Legislators' Conference and encouraged the community to reach out to her with their concerns regarding education at the state level so she can advocate for the Murrieta Valley community on the state level. She recognized Warm Springs Middle School for their "green ticket" initiative which rewards students who maintain a "C" or above GPA with fun activities. Mrs. Lunn encouraged high school students to participate in the Murrieta Rotary Club speech and music contest and reported attending the Student of the Month Breakfast.

Board member Nicolas Pardue expressed his sympathy for the Riverside County Sheriff's department for their loss of Deputy Darnell Calhoun. Mr. Pardue said, "He is here because he is reform minded and will be rocking the boat as a new Board member". He stated his concerns about the disrespectful and potentially violent atmosphere that he deals with as a teacher on a high school campus. Mr. Pardue stated that he believes our district and teachers need to be very supportive of local law enforcement in order to foster positive relationships with students, parents and community members.

Board member Nancy Young detailed her positive experiences visiting classrooms at Tovashal Elementary School and Vista Murrieta High School with Dr. Andrus since returning from winter break and said she will be attending Riverside County Office of Education Brown Act Training this upcoming Saturday morning.

Board member Julie Vandegrift said she is very excited that the schools are back in session after winter break. Mrs. Vandegrift reported attending the teacher training regarding Professional Learning Communities and observed teachers being very engaged and focused on addressing learning loss students may have from the pandemic.

Board member Paul Diffley commented on the amazing things Murrieta Valley police officers do to keep our community safe. Mr. Diffley commented on the positive rankings Niche published for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District and complimented teachers and administrators for their efforts in contributing to those rankings.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of the consent calendar items F.1 - F.7 as presented.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**1. Ratification of Report of Purchases and Warrants Issued**

Report of Purchases from November 26, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and warrants issued on the claim numbers X203500 through X204168 in the amount of \$5,308,205.69.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR** (continued)

**2. Acceptance of Donations**

Site	Donor	Est. Value
Buchanan	Top Discount Overstock/Mr. Zeit	\$800.00
	DonorsChoose.Org	\$173.71
Cole Canyon	CCEs Parent Teacher Club	\$21,500.00
	Rita's Ice/Jamieson Family ICE	\$449.00
E. Hale Curran	Rita's Ice/Jamieson Family ICE	\$490.00
Lisa J. Mails	Rita's Ice/Jamieson Family ICE	\$227.00
	Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$165.00
	Salesforce / Jocelyn Agbulos	\$50.00
Murrieta Valley	Vallejo Intelligent Solutions, Inc.	\$200.00
Thompson	Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$30.00

**3. Approval to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Materials**

Quantity	Item
38	Special Education Trainer Chairs
9	Computer Tables
3	Office Chairs
1	Folding Table
22	Chairs
3	Round Tables
1	Gondola
1	Projector
27	Dell Monitors
35	Dell CPU's
1	Miscellaneous Technology Items
1	Duplo Machine
8	Laptops
2	Elmos
1	TV
1	Microwave
1	Vending Machine
2	Refrigerators

**4. Approval of Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Job Description**

**5. Approval of Athletic Coaches**

**Murrieta Mesa High School**

Sport	Coaches
Boys Basketball	Michael Bertulfo, Adrian Contreras, Marc Meadors, Daniel Morris, Matthew Wilson II
Girls Basketball	Gary Blate, Dominique Hernandez, Jayleen Wong

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR** (continued)

**5. Approval of Athletic Coaches** (continued)

**Murrieta Mesa High School** (continued)

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Coaches</b>
Boys Soccer	Erick Mota, Nathaniel Nyema, Karen Raymond
Girls Soccer	Kevin Koptieff, Marcella Mahnke-Lipp
Cross Country	Caleb Fuller
Girls Wrestling	Jesse Lazo, Rafael Lindsley, Robert Lindsley, Bill Venegas Preciado
Girls Water Polo	Matthew Puig, Brittney Teebken
Football	Charles Baskerville

**Murrieta Valley High School**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Coaches</b>
Boys' Basketball	Tristin Floren, Caleb Giordano, Andrew Hernandez, Mark Neilsen, Brian Wethers
Girls' Basketball	Amanda Dabbous, Rodney Everett, Alison Rutledge
Boys' Soccer	Rogelio Gallegos, Alejandro Moreno, Robert Skinner
Girls' Soccer	Shane Ebert, Adrian Sanchez Vazquez, Laurin Wall
Boys' Wrestling	Ronald Cota, Michael Dooty, Daniel Kingman, Manuel Murillo
Girls' Wrestling	Todd Barron, Ricky Sanchez
Competitive Cheer	Eduardo Del Valle II, Julia Kelly, Kati Spry
Girls' Water Polo	John Boyer, Michael Gonzalez, Bryan Lynton
Lacrosse	Hunter Christopher

**Vista Murrieta High School**

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Coaches</b>
Boys' Basketball	Daniel Carlin, Enrique Munoz, Francis Paciente, Brandon Trujillo, Nicholas Quick
Girls' Basketball	Ashley Harper, Ryan Harrison, Greg Lillie, Vance Sather, Kaysha Smith, Colleen Underwood
Boys' Soccer	Jose Dominguez, Alexis Gandara, Jeremiah Marquez
Girls' Soccer	Ashley Davis, Alexis Gandara, Ryan Heise, Melissa Navidad, Theresa Orozco, Vanessa Ybarra
Boys' Wrestling	Chad MacDonald, Christian Lechuga, Justin Perryman
Girls' Wrestling	Wyatt Paerson
Competitive Cheer	Julee Heckerman
Boys' Water Polo	Tyanna Schneider-Miller
Lacrosse	John Files
Football	Kyle Jackson

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR** (continued)

**6. Approval of University Agreement**

Hope International University, Student Teaching agreement, effective January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026.

**7. Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips**

**Antelope Hills Elementary School**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pathfinder Ranch Mountain Center, CA Feb. 13-15, 2023

**Murrieta Valley High School**

MCJROTC Leadership Training TMS, Murrieta, CA Feb. 4-5, 2023

MCJROTC Basic Training MVHS, Murrieta, CA Feb. 10-12, 2023

AVID College Tour Various Colleges, CA Feb. 14-16, 2023

**Vista Murrieta High School**

AFJROTC Idyllwild, CA Mar. 16-19, 2023

Leadership CASL Conference Santa Clara, CA Apr. 15-17, 2023

**G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Approval of Personnel Report**

Approve the attached Personnel Report, which includes Confidential/Management personnel promotion and transfer; Certificated personnel new hire; Classified personnel promotion, transfer and new hire; Substitute personnel certificated and classified; and resignations and/or releases of certificated and/or classified employees.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**2. Approval of the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant Plan**

Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services provided the Board of Education with the plan for using the funds of the new Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant.

Mrs. Mutchnick-Jayx reported the following initial recommended budget for the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials grant was developed in collaboration with the Business and Operations department. However, the Governor's January budget proposal indicated that the grant allocation may be reduced by one third, which would reduce the following recommendations accordingly.

Instructional Materials \$5,800,000

Classroom Technology \$ 3,000,000

Culturally Relevant Literature \$ 1,000,000

Site/Department Arts Instructional Materials \$ 2,000,000

Site Arts-Related Facilities Upgrades \$ 2,000,000

**G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

**2. Approval of the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant Plan** (continued)

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**3. Adoption of Resolution No. 22/23-11 Approving the 2023/24 California Department of Education Child Development Application to Provide State Preschool Services**

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**4. Facilities and Technology Update**

Justin Rich, Executive Director of Cooperative Strategies provided demographic data, enrollment projections, and student transfer population information to the Board.

Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent, discussed the impact that transitional kindergarten will have on district facilities and the need for additional classrooms to accommodate the new grade level. He specifically highlighted planned improvements at Alta Murrieta Elementary and Lisa J. Mails schools and provided an overview of completed and upcoming facilities projects. Mr. Daniel discussed the progress of construction of the new classroom building at Murrieta Elementary School.

James Whittington, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the status of funds by funding sources. Jonathan Pratt, Chief Technology Officer, provided the Board with an overview of the department and its areas of responsibility. Mr. Pratt reviewed the District's technology devices, usage and productivity platforms.

**5. Approval to Award Contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders for the Murrieta Elementary School New Classroom Building**

<b>Bid Category</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>
<b>No. 1 Concrete, Demo, Earthwork, Site General</b>	BOGH Engineering	\$5,239,500.00
<b>No. 2 Structural Steel, Misc. Materials</b>	RDN Contractors, Inc.	\$2,853,004.35
<b>No. 3 Rough Carpentry, Siding</b>	Abdellatif Enterprises, Inc.	\$825,438.00

**G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

**5. Approval to Award Contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders for the Murrieta Elementary School New Classroom Building** (continued)

<b>Bid Category</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>
<b>No. 4 Casework, Finish Carpentry</b>	David M. Bertino Manufacturing, Inc.	\$167,128.50
<b>No. 5 Roofing, Flashings and Sheet Metal, Roof Accessories, Roof and Wall Panels</b>	Sylvester Roofing	\$971,250.00
<b>No. 6 Insulation, Gyp Board, Plaster Metal Stud</b>	Sierra Lathing Company, Inc.	\$1,728,232.00
<b>No. 7 Flooring, Ceramic Tile</b>	Donald M. Hoover Company	\$200,100.00
<b>No. 8 Paint, Wall Coverings</b>	Simmons & Wood Inc.	\$143,024.00
<b>No. 9 Doors, Frames, Hardware</b>	McKernan, Inc.	\$149,856.00
<b>No. 10 Storefront, Windows, Glazing</b>	McKernan, Inc.	\$164,955.00
<b>No. 11 Specialties, Building General</b>	RVH Constructors, Inc.	\$544,950.00
<b>No. 12 Fire Sprinkler</b>	JPI Development Group, Inc.	\$134,000.00
<b>No. 13 Plumbing, Site Utilities</b>	Empyrean Plumbing, Inc.	\$1,432,485.00
<b>No. 14 HVAC</b>	Westland Mechanical (The lowest bidder has been deemed Non-Responsive by the Construction Manager, making the second bidder the apparent low responsive and responsible bidder)	\$913,500.00
<b>No. 15 Electrical, Fire Alarm</b>	F.E.C. Electric, Inc.	\$1,547,022.75
<b>No. 16 Low Volt, AV, Security</b>	SO. CA. West Coast Electric, Inc.	\$995,897.00
<b>No. 17 Landscape, Irrigation</b>	SO. CA. Landscape, Inc.	\$824,400.00

Motion made by: Nancy Young; Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

**G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

**6. Adoption of Resolution No. 22/23-12 Accounting of Development Fees for Fiscal Year 2021/22 in Fund 25**

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue; Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**7. Approval to Award a Contract to CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$379,391.71 for the District Wide Wireless Upgrade Project**

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue; Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**8. Approval to Award a Contract to Crown Castle Fiber, LLC in the amount of \$78,000 for District Internet Access Service**

Motion made by: Nancy Young; Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**9. Approval of Out of State Travel**

Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C., from April 23-27, 2023

Board members attending: Linda Lunn, Nicolas Pardue and Nancy Young

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue; Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

**10. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed New Board Bylaw**

Motion by Nancy Young, seconded by Linda Lunn

Board member comments: pursuant to Board member discussion, President Diffley amended the motion to table the second reading and adoption of the proposed new Board Bylaw: BB 99150 Student Board members for further review.

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue; Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

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

**11. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards**

Motion made by: Linda Lunn

Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

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

**12. Receive 2023 Annual Governance Calendar**

The Board received the 2023 Annual Governance Calendar for review.

**13. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report**

The Board received this report indicating that no complaints were filed for the second quarter of the 2022/23 school year.

**H. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)**

None

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Approval to adjourn the Board of Education Regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion made by: Nancy Young; 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 April 20, 2023*

  
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**Nicolas Pardue, Clerk of the Board**