

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Held Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
August Boeger Middle School Cafeteria  
1944 Flint Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148

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

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

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**ITEM 1            OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1**      **President Grasty called the December 18, 2024, 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. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Ramirez-Absent.

**1.3**      **Public Comment on Closed Session Items**  
Public comments: Marissa Kieffer

**ITEM 2            RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Grasty recessed the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Mr. Ramirez arrived during closed session.

**ITEM 3            RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Grasty reconvened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Board members Melissa Got-Lopez and Derek Grasty were administered their Oaths of Office.

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

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

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

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

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

**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 Mindful Life Update - JG Larochette, CEO**

JG Larochette reviewed the strategy behind the Mindful Life Project curriculum and shared teacher and student feedback.

**4.3 Presentation and Action Regarding the 2024-2025 First Interim Report and Related Resolution - Tracy Huynh, CBO**

**Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to adopt Resolution 24-25-10 First Interim Report. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.**

**4.4 MPEA Report - Marissa Kieffer, President**

Marissa Kieffer, MPEA President, thanked Dr. MacArthur and Ms. Huynh, CBO for meeting with MPEA to discuss the budget. Ms. Kieffer expressed disappointment with the 2024-2025 negotiations due to the freeze on teacher's salaries. She also thanked teachers and classified staff for their support and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**4.5 CSEA Report - Cheryl Garcia, President**

This item was pulled.

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

Public comments: Alyssa Smith

**ITEM 6 PERSONNEL ACTION**

President Grasty said the Board would vote on the Personnel Agenda, Items 6.1.1 through 6.6.11 in a block vote. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve the personnel agenda. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Ramirez-Nay.

**ITEM 7 ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1 Resolution 24-25-11 Retirement Incentive**

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to adopt Resolution 24-25-11 Retirement Incentive. A roll call vote was held Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez Jr., Mrs. Serrano, Mr. Ramirez-Aye.

**7.2 Certification of Election Results - November 5, 2024, General Election**

Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Serrano to accept the Statement of Votes and Certificate of Election Results and declare the totals to be the results of the November 5, 2024, General Election. A roll call vote was held Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez Jr., Mrs. Serrano, Mr. Ramirez-Aye.

**ITEM 8 CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve Consent Items 8.1 through 8.11. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.**

**ITEM 9 INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION)**

Information items were reviewed.

**ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future Agenda Items: Mid-year State Assessment Information (Mrs. Serrano/Mr. Ramirez) and Highschool Assessment Feedback (Mr. Perez, Jr)

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

Mrs. Got-Lopez stated all the great events that happened throughout the district.

Mrs. Serrano invited everyone to attend the IJA/VVE production of OZ on November 14 and 15, 2024.

Mr. Perez thanked staff for all their great work in 2024

President Grasty stated that he was honored to serve the Board as President. He also shared that he had recently attended the CSBA Conference.

All Board members wished the staff, students, parents and community Happy Holidays!

Dr. MacArthur thanked the Budget Advisory Committee for their great work. She congratulated August Boeger Middle School for winning the YMCA Project Championship. Dr. MacArthur also announced that NBC News was visiting to interview and film the MPESD MPAS Program after winning the Golden Bell award. She wished the community safe and happy holidays.

**ITEM 12 CLOSED SESSION WHEN REQUIRED FOR NON-ROUTINE ITEMS**

The Board did not return to closed session.

**ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. President Grasty adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

January 15, 2025

Melina Got-Lopez  
Secretary to the Governing Board