

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Held Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
August Boeger Middle School Cafeteria  
1944 Flint Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148

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

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

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**ITEM 1            OPENING ITEMS**

- 1.1     **President Grasty called the April 10, 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 Mrs. Got-Lopez to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano -Aye.
- 1.3     **Public Comment on Closed Session Items**  
There were no public comments.

**ITEM 2            RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Grasty recessed the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

**ITEM 3            RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Grasty reconvened the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**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     **Voter Survey Results Report - Dale Scott, DS&C**  
Dale Scott, DS&C presented the results of the survey of the voters residing within Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District boundaries conducted via phone in March 2024.
- 4.3     **2023-2024 Voter Strategic Advisors Communications Report - Perla Rodriguez**  
Perla Rodriguez presented the Communications Report covering the period of April 1, 2023 to March 14, 2024.

- 4.4     **DEIB Committee Update - Jessica Tejada, UPK Coordinator / Committee Members**

Jessica Tejada, UPK Coordinator and committee members, Alyssa Smith, and Marissa Kieffer, presented an update of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee, including the district's recent celebration of Black History Month.

**4.5 2023-2024 Second Interim Salary Cost Update – Tracy Huynh, CBO**

Tracy Huynh, CBO, presented the Second Interim salary costs for each bargaining group classification including SELPA and EVSTA staff.

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

Marissa Kieffer, MPEA President, stated MPEA is looking forward to negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year. She shared teacher's concerns about student safety and retaliatory behavior from administration.

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

CSEA did not report.

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

There were public comments: Marissa Kieffer, Lisa Orros

**ITEM 6 PERSONNEL ACTION**

President Grasty said the Board would vote on the Personnel Agenda, Items 6.1.1 through 6.4.1 in a block vote. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve the personnel agenda. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Ramirez-Absent.

This vote was held at 8:41 p.m., after reconvening to Open Session after returning to Closed Session.

**ITEM 7 ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1 Resolution 23-24-16 – Teacher Appreciation Week**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 23-24-16 – Teacher Appreciation Week. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and Seconded by Mr. Ramirez. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

**7.2 Resolution 23-24-17 – Classified Employees Week**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 23-24-17 – Classified Employees Week. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and Seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye

**7.3 Resolution 23-24-18 – Lincoln's Birthday**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 23-24-18 – Lincoln's Birthday. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and Seconded by Mrs. Got-Lopez. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez-Nay.

**7.4 Resolution 23-24-19 – Election Consolidation**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 23-24-19 – Election Consolidation. Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and Seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

**ITEM 8 CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion made by Mrs. Serrano and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve Consent Items 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.6-8.8, 8.10, 8.11 and 8.13-8.18. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

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Motion made by Mrs. Got-Lopez and seconded by Mr. Perez, Jr. to approve Consent Item 8.5, Agreement Between Voler Strategic Advisors and Mr. Pleasant Elementary School District for a period of two years. The motion passed: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mr. Ramirez, Mrs. Serrano-Aye.

Mr. Ramirez left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Perez, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Got-Lopez to approve Consent Item 8.9. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Ramirez-Absent.

Motion made by Mrs. Got-Lopez and seconded by Mrs. Serrano to approve Consent Item 8.12. The motion passed unanimously: Mrs. Got-Lopez, Mr. Grasty, Mr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Serrano-Aye; Mr. Ramirez-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: Reading Literacy Benchmarks Update - President Grasty, District Summer Program Update - Mrs. Got-Lopez

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

Mrs. Got-Lopez announced Board Office Hours would be held at Robert Sanders Elementary, Room 6 on April 15, 2024. She also thanked Dr. MacArthur and staff who attended and assisted with the MPNA National Night Out held on April 6, 2024, at Robert Sanders. Mrs. Got-Lopez stated Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers for their upcoming Earth Day event to be held on April 20, 2024.

Mrs. Serrano stated that she very much enjoyed Ida Jew/Valle Vista's production of Mary Poppins Junior.

Mr. Perez recognized the end of Ramadan. He also suggested that the Voler Strategic Advisor's video productions be added to the website. Additionally, he expressed concerns regarding civility.

President Grasty stated he attended and very much enjoyed the community event held by Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association. Additionally, he stated he had attended both Cesar Chavez Breakfast and 100 Back Men of America events and found both to great events. He also stated that he, Mrs. Got-Lopez, and Dr. MacArthur had recently visited the teacher housing unit of a neighboring school district.

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

The Board returned to closed session at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

**ITEM 13 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. President Grasty adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

*May 8, 2024*

*Brenda Serrano*  
Secretary to the Governing Board