

# **MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

November 19, 2019, 6:00 PM

MHUSD Board Room

Closed Session 5:00 PM

### **Attendance Taken at 5:01 PM:**

#### Present:

Adam Escoto

John Horner

Heather Orosco

Mary Patterson

Wendy Sullivan

#### Updated Attendance:

Carol Gittens was updated to present at 5:20 PM

#### Absent:

Jeanne Gilliard

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **A.1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION TOPICS**

#### **A.2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **A.3. PUPIL PERSONNEL - Student discipline Education Code 48918 (c)(K-12)**

#### **A.4. LIABILITY CLAIMS - Governmental Code Section 54956.95**

#### **A.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case**

#### **A.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code 54956.9**

**A.6.a. Jane Doe 1 et al v. South Valley Dance Arts et al, Case No. 18CV340012**

**A.6.b. Morgan Hill Unified School District; San Jose Unified School District v. Peninsula Sports, Inc.; Does 1 through 50, Inclusive Case No. 18VC336443**

**A.6.c. EL 17/18-001 v. Morgan Hill Unified School District Case No. 17CV319128**

**A.6.d. Catherine Rudolph v. Morgan Hill Unified School District Case No. 18CV338592**

**A.6.e. EL 18/19-008 v. Morgan Hill Unified School District et al Case No. 19CV345561**

#### **A.7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code 54956.8)**

**A.8. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL / RELEASE / REASSIGNMENT / COMPLAINT (Government Code 54957 and 54957.1)**

**A.9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code 54957)**

**A.10. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957) Title: Superintendent**

**A.11. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

**B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM*

*Branden Miner, Live Oak Senior led the Pledge of Allegiance*

**C. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

*Board Members and Staff seated around the dais introduced themselves*

**D. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

**D.1. Future Farmers of America (FFA) Presentation from Ann Sobrato and Live Oak High School**

*Live Oak Principal Calabretta, along with a student representing the FFA addressed the board regarding the leadership conference on the consent item as tonight's equity item. Ann Sobrato and Live Oak FFA staff also addressed the board and provided their experience through the FFA leadership program. Many of our teachers attended this conference as students and now as advisors.*

**E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Carol Gittens.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

*President Patterson acknowledge the recent school shooting in Santa Clarita, California and requested a moment of silence to reflect on the tragic event.*

**F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Heather Orosco.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

*A re-vote was called for so that Trustee Orosco could recuse herself from the vote. Trustee Orosco left the dais and returned after the re-vote was taken.*

*The result of the re-vote was as follows:*

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Wendy Sullivan.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Recuse Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

## **G. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

*Art Cohen, Ann Sobrato School Site Council Member and Parent, addressed the Board regarding the potential fencing project at Ann Sobrato High School. Mr. Cohen expressed concern with the fencing becoming a barrier for students to exit the campus in the event of an emergency. Mr. Cohen requested the Board conduct more research and survey students, parents, teachers and administrator who would be impacted by the fencing project. Mr. Cohen suggested a camera system as an alternative plan to monitor safety.*

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **H.1. Closed Session Action Report (Government Code 54957.1)**

### **H.2. Report: Student Board Member**

*Maddie Schriefer, Ann Sobrato Student Board Member, reported Ann Sobrato and Live Oak High Schools are collecting canned food for their annual canned food drive, Ann Sobrato will deduct ten dollars off any unpaid library fees to students who bring in ten canned food items; Central reported enrolling additional students and all sites are excited for the upcoming holiday break.*

### **H.3. Reports: Superintendent / Staff**

*Superintendent Betando, reported meeting with Paige Cisewski from Charter School Morgan Hill and discussed the Bond and High Speed Rail; met with the project manager from High Speed Rail; met with the City Manager and spoke about High Speed Rail options and encouraged all to review the documents and research; attended the City Council meeting with other staff to request the city deny the cannabis industry in Morgan Hill which received a 3-2 vote in opposition of the item; participated in the Monterey Bay half marathon; attended the Economic Development Committee meeting; attended the recognition dinner for Martin Murphy teacher Virginia Barrera, finalist for the Region 5 California League of Middle Schools Educator of the Year; attended the City Schools Collaborative in San Jose and signed up for the working group dealing with student engagement.*

*Superintendent Betando invited Community Member Brian Sullivan to speak to the Board about the South County Gun Buy Back Program.*

*Brian Sullivan, addressed the board providing information on the upcoming South County Gun Buyback Program. The event will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the City of Gilroy Corporation Yard from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Mr. Sullivan explained this program is anonymous with no questions asked.*

*Assistant Superintendent Myers, introduced new Special Education Director Rebecca O'Brien. Ms. O'Brien provided a brief background of herself and thanked staff and the Board for the opportunity.*

### **H.4. Reports: Board Members**

*Trustee Sullivan, attended a workshop at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, along with Trustee Escoto where they discussed statistics and data on transitional kindergarten / kindergarten and*

*brainstormed barriers. Trustee Sullivan will provide the presentation and information from the workshop with Superintendent Betando and Ms. Schriefer to share with other Trustees.*

*Trustee Escoto, spoke about the overwhelming statistics for those students who have attended pre-kindergarten than those who have not, discussing expectations of kindergarten and the benefit pre-kindergarten provides; attended the Community Asset Builders meeting and listened to a presentation from Mothers Against Violence who provided statistic regarding gun violence; toured Gateway School and visited classrooms and was impressed with the program.*

*President Patterson, attended the Santa Clara School Board Association meeting and provided an update on CSBA's withdrawal from their membership with the National School Board Association and the Registrar of Voters upcoming changes in location centers and timelines; announced upcoming Agenda Online changes and reminded Trustees that Staff will do their best to make sure all materials are attached to the agenda when posted so that Trustees can be prepared for Board meetings.*

*Trustee Horner, updated the Board on Job Shadow day; delivered seventy turkeys to Community Adult School for families in need provided by Rocca's Market and The Edward Boss Prado Foundation; spoke about the city's action on cannabis as well as looking into possible restrictions on vaping; attended the Democratic California Endorsing Convention where he discussed the schools and communities first initiative and informed other Trustees as a Chamber Member, he has advocated for the highway 101 alignment with High Speed Rail.*

#### **H.5. Reports: Employee Groups: Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association / Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers / Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association**

*No report from the Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association*

*Jim Levis, Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers President, reported Central High School Rock the Mock will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup>; Los Paseos Elementary held their first Mini Mermaids 5k run; San Martin Gwinn held a community feedback session; teachers at Barrett will be attending a math conference funded through a grant; Ann Sobrato's after school math help center is increasing in popularity and Martin Murphy teacher Virginia Barrera was selected one of six finalists for The California League of Middle School Region 5 Educator of the Year.*

*Patrick Buchser, Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association President, welcomed the new Special Education Director and thanked Assistant Superintendent Vazquez-Vialva for all her support; announced elementary conferences are wrapped up and every attempt was made to meet with all families; Curriculum Council had a recent meeting and teachers attended a PBIS training today in ESD room.*

#### **H.6. Calendar: Upcoming events**

*President Patterson read aloud from the calendar of upcoming events*

### **I. CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **I.1. BUSINESS SERVICES**

##### **I.1.a. Approve Super Co-Op Annual Renewal of Services for 2020-21**

##### **I.1.b. Adopt resolution to accept donations made to the Morgan Hill Unified School District**

##### **I.1.c. Adopt resolution to accept increases to budgets as a result of donations and make changes between funds as needed**

**I.1.d. Ratify agreement with DRYCO Construction Inc. for the fencing for Martin Murphy Middle School**

**I.1.e. Ratification of contracts executed pursuant to Board Policy 3312 for the month of September 2019**

**I.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**I.2.a. Approve travel for Ann Sobrato and Live Oak High School Future Farmers of America students to attend the Made for Excellence/Advanced Leadership Academy Conference in Monterey, California**

**I.3. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**I.3.a. Approve personnel action to employ, re-employ, promote, reassign, accept resignation, accept retirement, and authorize related compensation**

**I.3.b. Adopt resolution to approve education code assignments per section 44865**

**I.4. SUPERINTENDENT**

**I.4.a. Approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting of October 22, 2019**

**I.4.b. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting of November 5, 2019**

**J. GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

**J.1. Approve 2019-20 First Interim budget for the restricted non-general funds as reported in the Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS) report**

*Director Victoria Knutson reported on the first interim budget for restricted non-general funds. Superintendent Betando thanked Ms. Knutson for all her work with this report and fiscal solvency.*

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Horner and a second by Adam Escoto.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

**J.2. Enrollment Update**

*Veronica Hoyle-Kent, Enrollment Coordinator presented a historical perspective of student enrollment over the past three years.*

*Questions included interpretation of declining unduplicated student count, housing for those in need and tracking students who attended transitional kindergarten.*

**J.3. Approve resolution ordering an election, and establishing specifications of the election order for school bond**

*The resolution before the Board calls for an election within the District on March 3, 2020 for the purpose of approving general obligation bonds, requests that the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters conduct the election on behalf of the District, and authorizes the preparation of election materials, including ballot arguments and tax rate statement, to be included in the ballot pamphlet.*

*Board discussions included clarification on assessed value restriction, multiple authorizations at once, what other districts are doing who are similar to our district, going out for smaller bonds over several years, educating the need to the community and possible conflict with the state bond on the ballot.*

**Motion Passed:** With a suggested edit made by Trustee Sullivan passed with a motion by Mary Patterson and a second by Carol Gittens.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

#### **J.4. Call for Nominations to CSBA's Delegate Assembly Due January 7, 2020**

*The Board nominated Mary Patterson for CSBA's Delegate Assembly*

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Heather Orosco and a second by Adam Escoto.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

#### **J.5. Approve Updated Board Goals, Norms and Protocols**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Mary Patterson.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Jeanne Gilliard  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

#### **J.6. New business: future agenda items / recognitions**

*President Patterson, on behalf of her role as a parent and community member, recognized Superintendent Betando, Assistant Superintendents Myers, Perez and Vazquez-Vialva and Administrative Assistant Ms. Schriefer for all they do for our students.*

### **K. PUPIL DISCIPLINE**

### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm*

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Steve Betando, Superintendent