

**MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

May 5, 2020, 6:00 PM
Closed Session, 4:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Attendance Taken at 4:03 PM:

Present:

Adam Escoto
Jeanne Gilliard
John Horner
Heather Orosco
Mary Patterson
Wendy Sullivan

Absent:

Carol Gittens

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.3.a. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion and Rehabilitation Plan for Student E-19/20-011

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

A.7. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code 54957.6) Morgan Hill Classified Employees Association (MHCEA) and Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers (MHFT), Designated representative: Fawn Myers / Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association (MHELA), Unrepresented employees, Designated representative: Steve Betando, and Superintendent, Designated representative: Karen Rezendes, Lozano Smith

A.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code 54956.8)

A.9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL / RELEASE / REASSIGNMENT / COMPLAINT (Government Code 54957 and 54957.1)

A.10. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code 54957)

A.10.a. Principal Paradise Valley Engineering Academy

**A.11. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code 54957) Title: Superintendent**

A.12. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM

Vice President Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members recognized teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week

C. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board Members and Staff introduced themselves

D. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Jeanne Gilliard.

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

F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mary Patterson and a second by Heather Orosco.

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Live Oak High School senior, addressed the Board regarding the news of a virtual graduation for the class of 2020, as opposed to an in-person graduation. The senior expressed concerns regarding a virtual graduation and encouraged the district to provide an alternative option.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

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

H.2. Report: Student Board Member

H.3. Reports: Superintendent / Staff

Superintendent Betando, expressed his empathy toward the sentiments of the Live Oak High School senior who made a public comment. Superintendent Betando explained the process of why the graduation has been planned virtually and how the district has been in constant communication with the Public Health Department and Santa Clara County Office of Education regarding the restrictions due to COVID 19. In addition, he spoke about the human connection of classes in person versus a virtual class and how there is no match to the in class human connection. His message was to reflect on this experience and challenged us to remember the importance of our human connections as we move forward.

Assistant Superintendent Myers, Human Resources, recognized our certificated staff during the week of Teacher Appreciation. Assistant Superintendent Myers introduced Amber Andrade, new Principal of Paradise Valley Engineering Academy.

Ms. Andrade greeted the Board and introduced herself.

H.4. Reports: Employee Groups: Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association / Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers / Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association

Jim Levis, Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers President, updated the Board on the continuous teachings from various sites, SIPSA budget, concerns with District Office administrative openings and commended Superintendent Betando and Staff for thinking ahead to next year, including budget and instructional planning. Lastly, Mr. Levis shared a video of Live Oak High School inspired by mind craft, created by students from Live Oak High School.

Patrick Buchser, Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association President, congratulated the new PVEA Principal, acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week, gave a shout out to the Educational Services Team for their support and reassured the Board that distance learning is all hands-on deck. Mr. Buchser announced the passing of ACSA member, Edwin Lou Javius and acknowledged all his accomplishments in regards to equity in education.

H.5. Reports: Board Members

Trustee Escoto, expressed condolences for the passing of Edwin Lou Javius. Trustee Escoto recognized all of our teachers in our district and the sincerity of their role.

Trustee Horner, echoed Trustee Escoto's acknowledgement of teachers. Trustee Horner attended the Chamber Education meeting reporting MHUSD, as well as other schools and educational groups discussed challenges, such as alternate graduation ideas and the committee feels that sharing of resources is essential at this time.

Trustee Sullivan, attended the Chamber Education meeting and echoed the views of Trustee Horner, including the alternate graduation discussion. Trustee Sullivan also reported Superintendent Betando's report during the Chamber Education meeting, including essential child care, food distribution, diaper/wipe distribution and flexible learning plans.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

I.1. BUSINESS SERVICES

I.1.a. Adopt resolution to accept donations made to the Morgan Hill Unified School District

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

I.1.c. Adopt resolution authorizing signing authority for the District

I.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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.4. SUPERINTENDENT

I.4.a. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting of April 21, 2020

J. GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

J.1. Measure I Certification of Election Results March 3, 2020

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Mary Patterson.

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

J.2. Measure I Update

Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Perez reported although the district has now certified the election, the need for facilities updated has not changed. TBWB and FM3 presented an update on Measure I and acknowledged we were not alone in our results.

The Board thanked TBWB and FM3 for their reports.

Board discussions included moving forward and what we can do differently, social media efforts, transparency, public input, the bond dollar amount and positive voting experiences in San Jose.

Superintendent Betando complimented Trustee Sullivan on her efforts during the campaign and complimented the dedication of the Campaign Committee and Consultants. Superintendent Betando also expressed his disappointment in the vandalism that continued to take place in our community.

J.3. Receive a report on Pearson Experience Chemistry as the high school chemistry science textbook and recommend tabling adoption until a more defined budget impacts are known (LCAP Goal 1)

Glen Webb, Director Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Julia Cook, Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) and two other secondary science teachers, reported the high school science teachers and secondary curriculum council recommend the adoption of the Pearson Experience Chemistry for grades 9-12.

The item has been amended to table the adoption until budget impacts are defined.

Motion Passed: to table the adoption of Experience Chemistry as the Chemistry High School Science Program Textbook Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Mary Patterson.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Jeanne Gilliard
Absent Carol Gittens

Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan

J.4. High Speed Rail Update

Team members from High-Speed Rail provided an update on the San Jose to Merced various route options, timelines and next steps for High Speed Rail.

Discussions included the impact to the school district and environment, formal comment submission, speed of the high-speed rail, joint consideration with City of Morgan Hill and MHUSD and community voice impact and feedback.

J.5. New business: future agenda items / recognitions

Trustee Escoto requested an update on the digital divide using the same metrics from previous update and models of what instruction will look like when students return.

Trustee Patterson requested an update approximately every few meetings on general plans for summer and fall.

Trustee Sullivan requested discussion on the possibility of an alternate in person graduation celebration plan.

Trustee Horner echoed Trustee Sullivan's request and would like to see student input.

Trustee Gilliard requested more information on students who are not participating in online learning.

K. PUPIL DISCIPLINE

K.1. Approve Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion and Rehabilitation Plan for Student E-19/20-011

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mary Patterson and a second by Heather Orosco.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM

Steve Betando, Superintendent