

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

January 29, 2021, 1:00 PM  
ZOOM

**Attendance Taken at 1:01 PM:**

Present:

Adam Escoto  
Carol Gittens  
John Horner  
Ivan Montes  
Heather Orosco  
Mary Patterson  
Wendy Sullivan

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**A.1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance*

**A.2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

*Board Members and Staff introduced themselves*

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

**B.1. Training on Board Roles and Responsibilities**

*Board members participated in a training cohosted by Carlos Villegas and Terilyn Finders from Fagen, Friedman, & Fulfrost to review board bylaws, scenarios, and legal updates related to board member interactions with District employees and members of the public.*

*The Board participated in a Warm Up/Team Builder activity and discussed leadership with facilitator, Terilyn Finders.*

**B.2. Board Retreat - Day 1**

*Carlos Villegas of Fagen Friedman and Fullfrost, LLC facilitated a discussion on the following items:*

- *Governing Boards*
- *Board Bylaws*
- *Brown Act*
- *AB 992*
- *Public Participation*

*Manuel Martinez of Lozano Smith facilitated a discussion on the following items:*

- *Vision, Mission and Goal Setting*

*Board discussions included approving the Vision, Mission and Values unless changes are needed and an ad hoc group can work on it and then bring it to the labor groups, keeping an “ear to the ground” approach with the community and revisiting these within a year to discuss revisions.*

*Board discussion in goal setting included top priorities and goals for the year, attitude and behaviors about governance, Board survey the staff for a baseline of areas where others might see where they improve, board self-evaluation, Board's activity and outcomes, allocation of budget and flow of information, working together with leadership team, transition and the Board's continuity, survey among those who understand the Board's role the best, Ad Hoc and sub-committees and the Brown Act.*

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM*

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Steve Betando, Superintendent