

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

May 4, 2021, 6:00 PM
Closed Session, 5:00 PM
ZOOM

Attendance Taken at 5:02 PM:

Present:

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

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: two cases

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.6.b. EL 20/21-001 vs Morgan Hill Unified School District Case No 20CV369396

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.11. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and Trustee Montes led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board Members and Staff introduced themselves

D. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS

D.1. VAPA Musical Presentation

Amanda Raudsep, Visual and Performing Arts TOSA and Courtney Schmidt, Teacher and Arts Lead at Barrett Elementary School presented a student performed virtual musical called "Super Happy Awesome News" focusing on empathy and expressing emotions when faced with the challenges that occurred over the past year.

D.2. Recognize Rotary of Morgan Hill for their service efforts with the vaccination clinic for the MHUSD District Community and Public

The Governing Board recognized the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill for its selfless dedication to the people of the bay area through personal and organizational commitment and volunteerism at the to the MHUSD, Ann Sobrato, and Community Cultural Center Vaccine Clinics.

The Governing Board also recognized John McKay for his hard work and dedication of recruiting volunteers, setting up schedules, managing volunteer responsibilities, and perpetuating the positive climate in our vaccine clinics.

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Carol Gittens and a second by John Horner.

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

- Student Board Representative Preferential Vote
- Yes Kylie Sullivan

F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Passed with an amendment to the April 20, 2021 meeting minutes with a motion by Mary Patterson and a second by John Horner.

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

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- Yes Kylie Sullivan

G. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

H. COMMUNICATIONS

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

H.2. Report: Student Board Member

Kylie Sullivan, Ann Sobrato High School Student Board Member, shared a slide presentation.

[210504 Student Board Report](#)

H.3. Reports: Superintendent / Staff

Superintendent Betando, acknowledged teacher appreciation day sharing a story from a recent site visit.

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

No report from Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association.

Jim Levis, Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers President, acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week; recognized Rotary Club of Morgan Hill for the support with the vaccination clinics; reported on the excitement of students returning to in-person instruction; expressed concerns with the communication of a full in-person return for fall 2021-22; reported various site updates and read aloud the results of the SRO program survey in support of approving the SRO contract on the evenings agenda.

Patrick Buchser, Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association President, thanked Jim for SRO report; acknowledged teachers, thanked MHELA negotiations team; attended ACSA Legislation Action Day; acknowledged the ESD department; reported SIPSA are wrapping up; acknowledged Freedom Fest essay entries from Nordstrom, Charter School Morgan Hill Los Paseos and JAMM; announced the upcoming retirement celebration and thanked Victoria Knutson, Director of Fiscal for her years of service.

H.5. Reports: Board Members

Trustee Escoto, acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Day and recognized Superintendent Betando for his leadership with the vaccine clinics.

Trustee Horner, attended a Legislative Action committee meeting.

Trustee Montes, attended a Special Education Action Committee meeting; acknowledged teacher appreciation day and recognized AAPI month.

Trustee Patterson, reported on a new ad hoc committee the Board has formed.

Trustee Sullivan, acknowledged AAPI month; attended a Chamber Education Committee meeting; attended SCCSBA Hoffman Awards; attended Asset Awards and participated in the CSBA Learning Recovery webinar.

H.6. Calendar: Upcoming events

President Sullivan read aloud the calendar of upcoming events

I. CONSENT ITEMS

I.1. BUSINESS SERVICES

I.1.a. Ratification of contracts executed pursuant to Board Policy 3312 for the months of February and March 2021

I.1.b. Adopt resolution to accept donations made to the Morgan Hill Unified School District and increase budgets

I.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

I.2.a. New Course approval - Construction Technology II

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 Special Board meeting of January 25, 2021

I.4.b. Approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting of January 28, 2021

I.4.c. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting of April 20, 2021

J. GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

J.1. Update on Return to In-Person Instruction

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Amy Smith, Parent, addressed the Board regarding health and safety questions for the full return to in-person instruction come fall.

Jennifer Benson, Parent, addressed the Board regarding support for the full return to in-person instruction come fall.

Staff provided an update on the return to in-person instruction.

[210504 Program Presentation](#)

Board discussions included appreciation for the report and staff contribution, student enrollment fluctuations, new positions and COVID relief dollars, wellness center plans and student input, long term funding, re-engage community partnerships, reflection on in-person return subgroups and appreciation for the wellness centers.

J.2. Approve renewal of agreement with the City of Morgan Hill for School Resource Officer (SRO) services

The following individual addressed the Board:

Jim Levis, Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers President, addressed the Board in support of the School Resource Officer Program, encouraging the Board to approve the contract for 2021-22 school year.

Board discussions included support of the program, restorative program changes, findings of the surveys sent out earlier in the year and a request to report back findings from this MOU.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Carol Gittens.

Yes Adam Escoto
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Yes John Horner
Yes Ivan Montes
Yes Heather Orosco
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Student Board Representative Preferential Vote

Yes Kylie Sullivan

J.3. Discuss Facility Assessment Plan

Staff recommended the Board review and discuss the Facility Assessment Plan tonight and at a subsequent meeting that the Board approve a priority list of projects. After a Board list of projects are approved, Staff can begin designing and bidding the projects. Each project would be brought back to the Board to award the final contract prior to work commencing.

Staff also recommended the Board consider discussing and potentially creating an additional set-aside within the District's operating budget to fund Renovation Projects.

Board discussions included concerns with the facilities assessment quality and inconsistencies, clarification of improvements needed, asphalt conditions, HVAC and environmental stewardship, policy to address facility needs and appreciation to staff for looking at the needs.

The Board provided direction to address the priorities in which staff presented with the least disruption to student learning.

J.4. Board of Education Meetings Structure and Social Distancing

Superintendent Betando presented several approaches to the return of in-person Board meetings, requesting the Board consider one of the options and a timeline for the change once determined.

Board discussions included approaching these options in phase, wait until August to implement, begin implementation June 1 with H1 option and potentially H3 option in August, consult with tech staff future meetings with online public interaction.

The Board selected the below option to be implemented June 1, 2021:

Hybrid I: (some trustees and/or staff in person and some on-line)

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

Trustees Patterson, Sullivan, Horner and Escoto recognized Victoria Knutson, Director of Fiscal for her service.

Trustee Escoto requested an update on ethnic studies in terms of the state's model.

Student Board Representative Sullivan requested review of the student board member role.

Trustee Orosco requested to be included in discussion regarding the student board member role.

Trustee Patterson acknowledged Ivonne Nash for her role of Board meeting translations.

The Board paused to extend the meeting until 10:00 PM

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

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

Student Board Representative Preferential Vote

Yes Kylie Sullivan

K. PUPIL DISCIPLINE

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM and the Board returned to Closed Session.

Closed Session adjourned at 11:13 PM and no Closed Session report out was made.

Steve Betando, Superintendent