

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

March 30, 2021, 4:30 PM

ZOOM

Attendance Taken at 4:37 PM:

Present:

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

Absent:

Carol Gittens

Updated Attendance:

Carol Gittens was updated to present at: 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

A.2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: three cases

A.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code 54956.9

A.4.a. EL 20/21-005 vs Morgan Hill Unified School District Case No 2021020722

A.5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code 54957.6) Morgan Hill Classified Employees Association (MHCEA), Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers (MHFT) and Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association (MHELA) Designated representative: Fawn Myers

A.6. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM and Trustee Montes led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: To adopt the agenda and table item E.5 to a future meeting passed with a motion by John Horner and a second by Adam Escoto.

Yes Adam Escoto

Yes Carol Gittens

Yes John Horner
Yes Ivan Montes
Yes Heather Orosco
No Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan

Student Board Representative Preferential Vote
Yes Kylie Sullivan

D. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: To adopt the consent calendar passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Carol Gittens.

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

D.1. SUPERINTENDENT

D.1.a. Approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting of November 30, 2020

D.1.b. Approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting of October 20, 2020

D.1.c. Approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting of January 5, 2021

E. GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

E.1. Approve Resolution Condemning Violence Against API

CSBA and the Association of California Administrators (ACSA) formed a joint anti-racism taskforce in an effort to create school communities that stamp out racism and offer the culture, instruction, programs and resources needed for every student's safety as well as their academic, personal and social growth. Morgan Hill Unified School District urges everyone to stand up for their Asian American students, fight for basic human decency and help defeat hate.

Motion Passed: Approve as submitted passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Heather Orosco.

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

E.2. Approve Resolution in Support of California Broadband Legislation

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated the digital divide, impacting access to education, healthcare and economic activity. Currently, there are three bills being considered by the State Legislature, AB 14, SB 4 and AB 34, that address digital equity by expanding broadband access and permanent broadband infrastructure.

Motion Passed: Approve as submitted passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Adam Escoto.

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

Yes Student Board Representative Preferential Vote
Kylie Sullivan

E.3. Re-Opening Plan Discussion

Staff provided the latest information in an update on the Spring 2021 reopening of MHUSD schools for in-person instruction.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding their concerns and/or support of returning to in-person instruction:

Jennifer Benson
Maggie Cockayne
Eileen Ramirez
Amy Smith
Sarah McDonald
Kimberly Borello
Christie Bokamper
Margaret Mareno
Lori Shoemaker
Marjorie Schmidt
Jeremy Schmidt
Jim Levis
Daniel Carr
Megan Sonneman
Larry Carr
Mark Tucker
Ron Carson
Laura Fleischhauer
David Lovato

[210330 Re-Opening Presentation](#)

Board discussions included bus schedules, high school lunch schedule, mental health supports and CARE team job responsibilities, additional community support partners, equity of site schedules and adaptability, use of special funds related to COVID, extra-curricular activity status, return to in-person or hybrid board meetings, technology integration and back-up plan, summer school opportunities, Special Education programs, PEI services, professional development for staff returning to campus and technology infrastructure.

E.4. Approve New District Logo

A new MHUSD logo has been vetted through all employees and the chosen logo was presented for Board approval.

Board discussions included the background and history of our current logo and the importance of implementing a new logo, considerations of where the logo will go and cost involved to change the logo.

Motion Passed: Approve as submitted passed with a motion by John Horner and a second by Mary Patterson.

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

No Kylie Sullivan

E.5. Approve resolution adopting procedures and criteria for evaluating qualifications and proposals of lease-leaseback contractors

This item was tabled to a future meeting

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM and reconvened into Closed Session

The Board adjourned from Closed Session at 10:38 PM

Dr. Carmen Garcia, Superintendent