

# MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

September 7, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Closed Session, 5:00 PM  
MHUSD Board Room / ZOOM

## Attendance Taken at 5:01 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. 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.4. 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: Dr. Carmen Garcia, and Superintendent, Designated representative: Karen Rezendes, Lozano Smith**

**A.5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL / RELEASE / REASSIGNMENT / COMPLAINT (Government Code 54957 and 54957.1)**

### A.6. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

## B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and Jessi Stegall, Live Oak High School Senior, led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## C. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

*Board Members and Staff introduced themselves*

## D. CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT (Government Code 54957.1)

## E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Mary Patterson and a second by Ivan Montes.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Yes Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner

Yes Ivan Montes  
Yes Heather Orosco  
Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

## F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### F.1. Approve the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of August 4, 2021 and Regular Board Meeting of August 17, 2021

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Ivan Montes 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

## G. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

*There was no public comment*

## H. COMMUNICATIONS

### H.1. Reports: Superintendent / Staff

*Dr. García, Superintendent and the Executive Team presented a report.*

[210907 Superintendent Report](#)

### H.2. Reports: Employee Groups: Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association / Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers / Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association

*There was no report from the Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association.*

*Jim Levis, Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers President, reported activities at various school sites, adjustments to programs and staffing due to enrollment; announced substitute shortage countrywide and encouraged any interested party with a Bachelor's degree to contact Human Resources; encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and reminded all staff, students, families and community members about the walk-in vaccine clinics offered through MHUSD.*

*Patrick Buchser, Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association President, acknowledged Superintendent, Dr. García for attending staff meetings and Professional Development's; attended a monthly Leadership Principal meeting; acknowledged the substitute shortage and expressed excitement to see athletics programs are back.*

### H.3. Reports: Board Members

*Trustee Patterson, acknowledged teachers and their leadership; attended Back to School Nights and Wellness Center Grand Openings; observed fencing projects and recalled the Board's approval process and the work that has gone into these projects, questioning the decision of the fences and reminded the Board the importance of holding themselves accountable with big decisions.*

*Trustee Orosco, acknowledged teachers and reminded the public the Board Room is open to the public for Board Meetings for up to 25 individuals.*

Trustee Escoto acknowledged staff for their efforts to open schools; acknowledged Jim Levis for encouraging people to get vaccinated; participated in the Edward Boss Prado Fit for Fall Event; acknowledged Superintendent, Dr. García for her presence at the Fit for Fall event and announced the upcoming MHUSD Resource Fair and vaccine clinics.

Trustee Horner, attended a Legislative Action Committee meeting; participated in the Edward Boss Prado Fit for Fall event; announced a follow up vaccine clinic at the Edward Boss Prado Foundation location; attended Woman's Week events and attended Wellness Center Grand Openings.

Trustee Montes, echoed sentiments of his colleagues in regards to school staff opening efforts; announced the State Board of Education is accepting applications for current juniors in high school for the State Board of Education Student Board Member position for the 2022-23; reported on the American Rescue Funding strategies and how it relates to our district and announced the upcoming San Martin Gwinn Garden Event.

Trustee Sullivan, participated in a City School Liaison meeting, reported highlights from the meeting; attended the Edward Boss Prado Fit for Fall event and acknowledged District Staff for attending and acknowledged teachers for letting Trustees pop into the Back to School Night zooms.

#### **H.4. Calendar: Upcoming events**

*President Sullivan read aloud the calendar of upcoming events*

### **I. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**I.1.a. Approve Nordstrom Catalyst Kids Lease**

**I.1.b. Adopt Resolution Naming Authorized Check Signers for MHUSD Bank Accounts**

**I.1.c. Approve Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Development Calendar**

**I.1.d. Adopt Resolution Approving Gann Appropriation Limit**

**I.1.e. 2020-21 Capital Facilities (Developer Fees) Annual Report**

#### **I.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**I.2.a. Approve 2 Year Professional Development Agreement with National Equity Project in the Amount of \$110,000**

**I.2.b. Approve Travel for Ann Sobrato and Live Oak High School Future Farmers of American (FFA) Sectional Officers to attend the South Coast Region Sectional Officer Leadership Conference September 11-12, 2021**

#### **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**

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

**J.1. Summer School 2021 Report**

*Assistant Superintendent Vazquez-Vialva presented an overview of the 2021 Summer School Programs held at P.A. Walsh STEAM Academy and Central High School.*

*Board discussions included summer school for all students next summer, enrollment trends this past summer versus summer before, District partnerships and non-profits, future enrichment activities, peer to peer note sharing with GUSD, acknowledgement for all staff who participated in summer school and bringing the lens of equity, capturing data and reflection on the allocation of resources and impact of decisions the Board makes.*

## **J.2. Approve 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals**

*Lisa Lee, Director of Fiscal Services, presented an overview of the unaudited actuals and COVID fund ongoing report.*

*Board discussions included appreciation for a thorough presentation.*

**Motion Passed:** Approve as submitted Passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Ivan Montes.

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

## **J.3. Call for Nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian and County Are Being Accepted Through Friday, October 1, 2021**

*President Sullivan announced the call for nominations.*

*Trustee Patterson clarified that nonaffiliated persons can apply.*

*There were no nominations made.*

## **J.4. New Business: Future Agenda Items / Recognitions**

*Trustee Patterson requested an update on the return to school and discussion on COVID policies and how we are following them.*

*Trustee Escoto requested a Recognition for the Edward Boss Prado Foundation and Cecelia Ponzini for their commitment to the community.*

*Trustee Horner requested an update from the South County Leadership group, requesting for identified mutual aid with Dr. García, Dr. Rose and Dr. Flores.*

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM*