

**MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THEMED STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

October 19, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Closed Session, 5:00 PM  
MHUSD Board Room / ZOOM

**Attendance Taken at 5:03 PM:**

Present:

Adam Escoto  
John Horner  
Ivan Montes  
Heather Orosco  
Wendy Sullivan

Absent:

Carol Gittens  
Mary Patterson

Updated Attendance:

Mary Patterson was updated to present at: 5:18 PM  
Carol Gittens was updated to present at: 5:18 PM

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**A.1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION TOPICS**

**A.2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**A.3. 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.4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL / RELEASE / REASSIGNMENT / COMPLAINT (Government Code 54957 and 54957.1)**

**A.5. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

**B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM and Nikoo Shahab, Live Oak High School Senior and alternate Student Board Member led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**C. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

*The Board and Staff introduced themselves*

**C.1. Welcome Incoming Student Board Member and Announce the Alternate Student Board Member for the 2021-22 School Year**

*The Board and Staff welcomed newly elected Student Board Member, Ravi Bhagat of Ann Sobrato High School and alternate Student Board Member, Nikoo Shahab of Live Oak High School.*

## D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

## E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### E.1. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 5, 2021

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

Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

## F. GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

*Sonia Bennett, Parent, acknowledged the Board for taking time to discuss the Independent Study program at the last meeting; recognized Glen Webb, Director Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for all his work with the Independent Study Program and reported attending the Coffee Chats with Carmen, encouraging parents to attend.*

*Cortney Brooks, Teacher, addressed the Board regarding parent engagement and Board meeting attendance and requested the Board and Staff to come up with creative ways to disseminate information to the community.*

### F.1. Approve Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund

*Morgan Hill Unified School District received the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds. In the plan, Staff explained how the funds will address our students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Board discussions included appreciation for staff clarifying these funds.*

**Motion Passed:** Approve as submitted 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

Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

## **F.2. Student Achievement - LCAP Goal 1: An Analysis of Longitudinal Student Achievement Data**

*The Student Achievement – LCAP Goal 1 study session provided a status update on LCAP Goal 1 (Advance College, Career and Civic Readiness for Improved Year-Over-Year Student Achievement in Pre-K-12th grades) by providing a five year longitudinal student achievement data set that includes: student demographics, graduation rates, a-g requirement completion, analysis of college and career readiness (ccr), ccr dashboard rates, MAP scores, AP enrollment, student grades, student attendance, student behavior, student group data for all students by ethnicity, English Learners, students with disabilities, Migrant Education, Foster and Homeless Youth, Student Voice qualitative data, individual student highlights, among others. The conversation about our data (and its analysis) highlighted next steps that will allow our school district to zero in on strengthening our multi-tiered system of supports with an emphasis on a robust Tier 1 that ensures pedagogical precision that meets student needs.*

### [211019 Student Achievement LCAP 1 Presentation](#)

*Board discussions included college and career readiness rates, summer connection data impact, Middle School data, long term EL students and connection to Special Education services, grading, Middle School quarter grades data, CA Dashboard Results, concerns with data and the impact of social emotional health, request for the Student Board Members input from students on the presented data, fall MAP scores and plan for ELA and reading success, College and Career Readiness student voice data, the role of Trustee to support these efforts, academic and social emotional MTSS definition, cheat sheet for MTSS for Trustees to communicate to community and chronic absenteeism factors.*

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned 8:46 PM*

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Dr. Carmen García, Superintendent