

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

March 1, 2022, 6:00 PM  
Closed Session, 5:00 PM  
MHUSD Board Room / ZOOM

**Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:**

Present:

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

Absent:

Carol Gittens

**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 Representatives**

**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 6:04 PM and Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*President Horner took a moment to honor Ann Sobrato Student, Ryan Last, who lost his life over the weekend. The Board, Staff and meeting participants took a moment of silence in honor of Ryan and his family.*

*President Horner also requested a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine and all who suffer from war and injustices.*

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

*Board Members and Staff introduced themselves*

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Ivan Montes.

Yes Adam Escoto  
Absent Carol Gittens  
Yes John Horner  
Yes Iván Montes  
Yes Heather Orosco

Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan

Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

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

### F. PRESENTATIONS

#### F.1. Paradise Valley Engineering Academy

*Principal Andrade from Paradise Valley Engineering Academy provided the March school site presentation.*

[220301 PVEA Presentation](#)

*The Board expressed appreciation for Ms. Andrade's presentation*

### G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### G.1. Approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 15, 2022

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Ivan Montes and a second by Heather Orosco.

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

Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

### H. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

*Armando Rayo, Parent, addressed the Board regarding the new mask mandates and hopes the Board will allow for the optional mask mandate at the school sites.*

*Janet Wright, AAUW Wild Flower Run Volunteer, addressed the Board promoting the Wild Flower Run on March 27<sup>th</sup> and provided background information on the event.*

### I. COMMUNICATIONS

#### I.1. Report: Student Board Member

*Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member, reported polling Students on the recent update to the mask mandate and the Students polled gave mixed responses stating some are reluctant to remove their masks; congratulated the Ann Sobrato boys and girls basketball teams for their successful season; announced March 11<sup>th</sup> Ann Sobrato will hold their honor roll celebration and shared the Student Board Instagram is up and running, reporting he and Nikoo will continue to post to increase Student engagement.*

#### I.2. Reports: Superintendent / Staff

*Dr. Garcia, Superintendent, presented a slide presentation update.*

[220301 Superintendent Update Presentation](#)

**I.3. Reports: Employee Groups: Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association / Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers / Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association**

*Corey Moralez, Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association President, reported MHCEA is preparing for negotiations; Facilities has been busy changing air filters and updating the Ann Sobrato softball and baseball fields and expressed appreciation for approving travel for the fifth-grade science camps.*

*Jim Levis, Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers President, reported on the new mask mandates; reminded participants to regularly get tested for COVID; thanked the District for compensating employees who have been impacted by additional COVID responsibilities; reported school site activities/events and is looking forward to meeting with the District Negotiations team to discuss changes to the 2022-23 year and moving forward.*

*Patrick Buchser, Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association President, reported Administrators are attending PLC trainings and Leadership meetings, student attendance is back up at school sites, High Schools are holding Parent Information Nights, ongoing ELPAC testing, Elementary report cards going home this month, school site tours; acknowledged Office Staff for their work with Independent Study and offered a special acknowledgement to the Ann Sobrato Community through their grieving process.*

**I.4. Reports: Board Members**

*Trustee Escoto, attended site visits; met with the District Retirement Committee and will volunteer at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Wild Flower Run.*

*Trustee Montes, visited Nordstrom's After School Enrichment Program; attended a SEAC meeting; extended an invitation to a RILE speakers' series on March 3rd and recognized Women's History Month.*

*Trustee Sullivan, attended a City School Liaison meeting, APISBMA event and SCCSBA luncheon; participated in a Legislative Action training and shared a flyer for an Asian American Student Art/Essay/Video contest.*

*Trustee Patterson, shared the details of the upcoming Santa Clara County Children's Summit and attended the Community Adult school site tour.*

*Trustee Horner, attended site visits, will be participating as a judge for the Morgan Hill Youth Climate Action Student Group campus clean up and provided an update on the Reed Hillview Airport.*

**I.5. Calendar: Upcoming Events**

**J. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** To pull items J.1.b and J.4.a for further discussion passed with a motion by Ivan Montes and a second by Wendy Sullivan.

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

Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

**J.1. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**J.1.a. Adopt Resolution to Accept Donations Made to the Morgan Hill Unified School District and Increase Budgets**

**J.1.b. Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3312**

*This item was pulled from the CONSENT calendar for further discussion.*

*Board discussions included clarification on the Voler Strategic Advisors contract.*

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Adam Escoto.

Yes Adam Escoto

Absent Carol Gittens

Yes John Horner

Yes Iván Montes

Yes Heather Orosco

Yes Mary Patterson

Yes Wendy Sullivan

Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

**J.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**J.2.a. Approve Special Education Amendment to Contract in the Sum of \$21,840.00**

**J.2.b. Approve Travel for Morgan Hill Unified School District Elementary Students to Attend Science Camps in the 2021-22 School Year**

**J.3. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**J.3.a. Approve Personnel Action to Employ, Re-employ, Promote, Reassign, Accept Resignation, Accept Retirement, and Authorize Related Compensation**

**J.3.b. Adopt Resolution Regarding Release and Reassignment of Certificated Administrative Employees**

**J.3.c. Adopt Resolution Regarding Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees**

**J.3.d. Adopt Resolution Proclaiming April 26, 2022 as School Bus Drivers' Appreciation Day**

**J.3.e. Adopt Resolution Proclaiming April 27, 2022 as Administrative Professionals' Day**

**J.4. SUPERINTENDENT**

**J.4.a. Approve AB 361 Resolution**

*This item was pulled from the CONSENT calendar for further discussion.*

*Board discussion included interest to continue to pass this resolution to have flexibility with online meetings.*

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by John Horner and a second by Iván Montes.

Yes Adam Escoto

Absent Carol Gittens

Yes John Horner

Yes Iván Montes

Yes Heather Orosco

Yes Mary Patterson  
Yes Wendy Sullivan  
  
Yes Ravi Bhagat, Student Board Member Preferential Vote

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

*The Board took a five-minute recess at 8:03 PM*

### **K.1. Public Hearing: Conduct Public Hearing and Accept Joint Contract Reopeners with Morgan Hill Classified Employees Association and Morgan Hill Unified School District for Negotiations**

*The Board returned from a five-minute recess at 8:08 PM*

*Public Hearing Opened at 8:09 PM*

*There was no public comment*

*Public Hearing Closed at 8:09 PM*

### **K.2. Public Hearing: Conduct Public Hearing and Accept Contract Reopeners with Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers for Negotiations**

*Public Hearing Opened at 8:11 PM*

*There was no public comment*

*Public Hearing Closed at 8:11 PM*

### **K.3. Exploring the Development of an Ad Hoc Committee: Morgan Hill Unified School District Education Foundation**

*The Morgan Hill Unified School District Board of Education expressed an interest in exploring the creation of an educational Foundation.*

*Board discussions included the purpose and structure of an education foundation, interest to seek out other district models, create time frame for the start of an Ad Hoc Committee and the committee to provide updates to the Board.*

*The Board agreed to for an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Trustee Escoto, Trustee Horner and Trustee Sullivan. The Ad Hoc Committee will report back to the Board in approximately ninety days including the objectives and next steps.*

### **K.4. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election Ballots Due March 15, 2022**

*The Board selected the following four candidates and the ballot will be mailed and postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than Tuesday, March 15, 2022.*

*Lorena Chávez (East Side Union HSD)  
Jody Muirhead (Santa Clara USD)  
Mary Patterson (Morgan Hill USD)  
David Guidry (Los Gatos-Saratoga HSD)*

### **K.5. New Business: Future Agenda Items**

*Trustee Patterson requested an upcoming report from Charter School Morgan Hill.*

*Trustee Sullivan requested that we consider reinstating the District Advisory Committee (DAC).*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM*

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Dr. Carmen García, Superintendent