

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

March 05, 2019, 6:00 PM
MHUSD Board Room
Closed Session 4:30pm

Attendance Taken at 4:31 PM:

Present:

Adam Escoto
Carol Gittens
John Horner
Mary Patterson
Wendy Sullivan
Vanessa Sutter

Absent:

Heather Orosco

Updated Attendance:

Heather Orosco was updated to present at: 4:33 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Patterson called Closed Session to order at 4:31 PM.

A.1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

There was no public comment.

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.4.a. ASCIP Claim No. 1805658

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: one case

A.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - Pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code 54956.9

A.6.a. A Voice for Choice Advocacy, Inc., v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, et.al, Case No. 17CV316128

A.6.b. Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. 17CV319128; EL 17/18-001

A.6.c. Jane Doe 1 et al vs South Valley Dance Arts et al, Case No. 18CV340012

A.6.d. Morgan Hill Unified School District; San Jose Unified School District v. Peninsula Sports, Inc.; Does 1 through 50, Inclusive Case No. 18VC336443

A.6.e. Jane Doe, a minor, by and through her Guardian ad Litem, James Doe v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, and Roes 1-25 inclusive, Case No. 18CV335451

A.6.f. Catherine Rudolph v. Morgan Hill Unified School District Case No. 18CV338592

A.6.g. Approve settlement agreement OAH Case No. 201820354

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

A.9. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

B. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Ann Sobrato High School Senior, Jennifer Jara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board Members and Staff seated around the dais introduced themselves.

D. RECOGNITIONS / PRESENTATIONS

D.1. Recognize Alexis Munson - Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce 2018 Student of the Year

Each year, the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce recognizes an Outstanding Student who attends one of the schools in the Morgan Hill area. The 2019 Student of the Year is Live Oak Senior, Alexis Munson. Alexis is not only an exemplary scholar with a 4.3 GPA, and leader and high ranked athlete at Live Oak High School, but she serves as president of Live Oak High School's first Black Student Union, is a member of the Live Oak Student Voices committee, representative to the school board, and one of the founding students in the newly formed National Honor Society.

Additionally, Alexis is a Louis August Jonas Foundation alumna of Camp Rising Sun and used her experiences in a Santa Clara Library internship at the Morgan Hill Library to creating a community outreach event called "Human Library."

Alexis was honored by the Chamber of Morgan Hill and the entire community Saturday, March 2, 2019, during the Celebrate Morgan Hill Event.

The Board and public watched a video of all Alexis Munson's accomplishments and Community Member, Rich Firato, presented Alexis with a certificate of accomplishment.

D.2. Recognize Outgoing Central Student Board Member Ashley Sanchez

The Board of Education, Superintendent and staff express their appreciation to Ashley Sanchez for her contributions to the Morgan Hill Unified School District community through her service on the Board.

D.3. Equity Item: Recognize PVEA Community Liaison Araceli Garcia for the Project Cornerstone Asset Champions Awards: Positive Cultural Identity

The Board of Education, Superintendent and Staff recognized Community Liaison, Araceli Garcia from Paradise Valley Engineering Academy (PVEA) for being honored by Project Cornerstone for her work with parent engagement. Project Cornerstone, which fosters asset building for youth in our community is honoring Mrs. Garcia with the Positive Cultural Identity Award.

Paradise Valley Engineering Academy parent, Luna DeCurtis, nominated Ms. Garcia and spoke about her accomplishments with Project Cornerstone. Ms. DeCurtis expressed how proud she is of Ms. Garcia and how Ms. Garcia has blossomed through this program.

D.4. Delta Kappa Gamma Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award

Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG), an organization of professional women in education whose mission statement is to promote professional and personal growth in women educators and excellence in education. One of the ways DKG does this is through a literacy grant for women educators at the beginning of their careers. Each year, the organization offers the Penne Ferrell Fund Literacy Award to women educators in their first through third year of teaching. The Penne Ferrell award is intended to finance the cost of books, e-books, or reading apps. These reading/literacy resources are intended to supplement curriculum or for a classroom library.

Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) member, Barbara Anderson, awarded MHUSD Teachers Raven Jackson, Leslie Strich, Kendall Knutsen and Gretchen Monke and spoke on behalf of the organization.

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by Carol Gittens.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: Approve with an amendment to the February 5, 2019 minutes and moving items I.1.b to J.6 and I.4.b to J.7 passed with a motion by John Horner and a second by Vanessa Sutter.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

G. PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments.

H. COMMUNICATIONS

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

A.6.d. Morgan Hill Unified School District; San Jose Unified School District v. Peninsula Sports, Inc.; Does 1 through 50, Inclusive Case No. 18VC336443

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Carol Gittens and a second by Wendy Sullivan.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

A.6.e. Jane Doe, a minor, by and through her Guardian ad Litem, James Doe v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, and Roes 1-25 inclusive, Case No. 18CV335451

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Heather Orosco and a second by Carol Gittens.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

A.6.g. Approve settlement agreement OAH Case No. 201820354

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Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

H.2. Report: Student Board Member

Central Student Board Member, Ashley Sanchez, reported Central is beginning to plan the upcoming graduation, the AAWU awarded scholarships and Ashley was one of the recipients. Ann Sobrato High School will be hosting a movie night fundraiser for the senior class and will be holding class elections for the 2019-20 school year. No report from Live Oak High School.

H.3. Reports: Superintendent / Staff

Superintendent Betando, reported attending semester awards ceremonies; WASC review meeting; Rotary Student Award Luncheon; Rock the Mock at Live Oak High School; CAFE Project 2 Inspire Graduation; Middle School Information Nights; first Induction meeting for Live Oak National Honors Society and a SLS Meeting discussing expanding services.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ramon Zavala, reported that March is Arts Youth month. 46 teachers working with Arts TOSA, creating lesson plans through grant and providing more arts bell to bell. Martin Murphy Middle School held a talent show, teachers are submitting art work to CAFE and sending art work to display at the District Office and at the next meeting, Ed Services will be presenting the new VAPA plan for approve.

H.4. Reports: Board Members

Trustee Escoto, reported visiting the Live Oak robotics program and was impressed with the skills and talents of the students; volunteered with Uniform Volunteers at Henry Coe State Park for a program called Coe Connections, which provides field trips for students. Coe Connection volunteers offer to work with teachers to support STEM lessons. An umbrella organization to this program, Pine Ridge Association, has offered to pay for all field trips to Henry Coe Park. Trustee Escoto will share information regarding this program to Superintendent Betando and Assistant Superintendent Zavala for consideration.

Trustee Sullivan, reported attending Awards Assemblies and Middle School Information nights; thanked Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Glen Webb for inviting Trustees to sit in on the School Wise Press training looking at metrics and digging deeper into data; participated in the Live Oak High School inaugural induction of the National Honors Society ceremony; attended the SSCSBA legislature brunch.

Trustee Orosco, reported participating in Read Across America Day and read to students at Paradise Valley Engineering Academy.

Trustee Horner, reported ordering all the books for Read Across America at cost through Thinker Toys, as well as help sponsor the event; Kiwanis Club talking to Adult School on how they can support their site; attended Silicon Valley Leadership Annual Economic event, where they spoke about the housing crisis and the need for skilled workers.

President Patterson, reported attending SCCSBA monthly meeting discussing CTE; Legislative Brunch; thanked Principals and Director Glen Webb for including Trustees to the LCAP Parent Congress.

H.5. Reports: Employee Groups: Morgan Hill Classified Employee Association / Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers / Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association

Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers, Gemma Abels, reported discussions from the last MHFT Executive Council meeting, which resulted in a robust conversation on the LCAP. MHFT Executive Council is hoping to give a few recommendations for revisions / edits to the LCAP. The Executive Council members who sit on the Curriculum Council will be providing input on items discussed in those meetings. MHFT has chosen new members on the negotiations team who will attend the next board meeting. Next month, six MHFT members will attend the California Teacher Convention and will be celebrating 100 years as a union in California. One topic of discussion will include school funding.

Morgan Hill Educational Leaders Association, Principal Alex Aasen, reported leaders are working hard to meet LCAP goals. Some examples are staff professional development including arts integration training, conferences and Constructing Meaning trainings. Legislative Action Day is coming up. Many parent family engagement activities going on at school sites including Science Expo at El Toro, game night at PVEA and family dance at Walsh. Student engagement and school climate goals are being met throughout the sites including MTSS, PBIS and Restorative Justice practices.

H.6. Calendar: Upcoming events

President Patterson read from the calendar of upcoming event.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

I.1. BUSINESS SERVICES

I.1.a. Approve lease agreements for use of facilities and/or utilities at various sites

I.1.b. Ratification of contracts executed pursuant to Board Policy 3312 for the month of January 2019

This item was removed from the Consent agenda to General Business for further discussion prior to item J.6.

Trustee Horner, requested to add a general description of the contracted service in a comment section, as well as a term date on the monthly spreadsheet.

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

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

I.1.c. Adopt resolution to accept donations made to the Morgan Hill Unified School District

I.1.d. Adopt resolution to accept increases to budgets as a result of donations and make changes between funds as needed

I.1.e. Approve Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee member term extension

I.2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

I.2.a. Accept annual review of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedure

I.2.b. Approve travel for 26 members of the Ann Sobrato High School Jazz Band to participate in the Reno Jazz Festival held at the University of Nevada, Reno

I.2.c. Approve travel for thirteen members of the Live Oak High School Girls' Varsity Basketball team to attend the South Lake Tahoe Basketball Jamboree in South Lake Tahoe, California

I.3. HUMAN RESOURCES

I.3.a. Approve student teaching agreement with National University

I.3.b. 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 Special Board Meeting January 16, 2019 and January 17, 2019 and Regular Board meeting of February 5, 2019

I.4.b. Proposed revisions to Board Policy based on updates from California School Boards Association Policy Maintenance Services

This item was removed from the Consent agenda to General Business for further discussion prior to item J.7.

Motion Passed: Board moved to pull BB 9322 for further review in Policy Sub-Committee and passed with a motion by Adam Escoto and a second by Heather Orosco.

Yes Adam Escoto

Yes Carol Gittens

Yes John Horner

Yes Heather Orosco

Yes Mary Patterson

Yes Wendy Sullivan

Yes Vanessa Sutter

J. GENERAL BUSINESS - PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

J.1. Approve 2018-19 Second Interim Budget for the General Fund as reported in the Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS) report

Presented by Director of Fiscal Services, Victoria Knutson

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Wendy Sullivan and a second by John Horner.

Yes Adam Escoto

Yes Carol Gittens

Yes John Horner

Yes Heather Orosco

Yes Mary Patterson

Yes Wendy Sullivan

Yes Vanessa Sutter

J.2. Adopt resolution of non-reelection of probationary certificated employees

Presented by Assistant Superintendent Human Resources, Fawn Myers

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Carol Gittens and a second by Wendy Sullivan.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

J.3. Adopt resolution to decrease the number of certificated employees due to a reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (PKS)

Presented by Assistant Superintendent Human Resources, Fawn Myers

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mary Patterson and a second by Carol Gittens.

Yes Adam Escoto
Yes Carol Gittens
Yes John Horner
Yes Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

J.4. 2019 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election Ballots Due March 15, 2019

Vice President Gittens lead the discussion and cast of ballot for the six vacancies for CSBA Delegate Assembly, Region 20. The following candidates were selected by the Board:

*Danielle Cohen – Campbell Unified School District
Bonnie Mace – Evergreen School District
Reid Myers – Sunnyvale School District
Mary Patterson – Morgan Hill Unified School District
Andres Quintero – Alum Rock Union School District
Fiona Walter – Mountain View Los Altos High School District*

J.5. Broadcasting Board Meetings

The Board discussed the pros and cons of broadcasting board meetings. Superintendent Betando reached out to other Superintendent's to determine what other district broadcasting practices are. Superintendent Betando will report back to the board with those results.

J.6. New business: future agenda items / recognitions

Trustee Sullivan, requested to update the board request document to reflect her request for discussion of a stadium and turf field at Ann Sobrato High School.

In response to Trustee Sullivan's request, Superintendent Betando explained ongoing discussions are taking place in regards to this topic and he will update the Board when appropriate.

Trustee Sullivan, requested the possibility of offering Mandarin as another foreign language option at the High Schools.

In accordance with Board Bylaw 9323, which states "Regular Board meetings shall be adjourned at 9:30 pm unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Board," approve extension of the meeting to no later than 10:45pm

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 Heather Orosco
Yes Mary Patterson
Yes Wendy Sullivan
Yes Vanessa Sutter

Trustee Escoto, requested a discussion on declining enrollment - does it exist in our district and what are the implications?

In response to Trustee Escoto's request, Superintendent Betando explained a demographic report is presented annually and will be brought to the board in April.

K. PUPIL DISCIPLINE

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM

Steve Betando, Superintendent