

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE CONCORD CITY COUNCIL
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, April 4, 2016 (6:30 p.m.)

Board Members: President Cheryl Hansen, Vice President Debra Mason, Brian Lawrence, Linda Mayo, and Barbara Oaks

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer, General Counsel Donald Velez

Concord City Council Members: Mayor Laura M. Hoffmeister, Vice Mayor Ron Leone, Edi E. Birsan, Tim Grayson, and Daniel C. Helix

CALL TO ORDER

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present. Ms. Mason participated via teleconference from Ko Alina Beach Club, Penthouse, 300 Rodgers Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mayor Hoffmeister conducted Roll Call with all Council members present except Mr. Helix.

President Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Partansky shared his personal history with the District and the city of Concord, and expressed his opinion on the importance of communication. Mr. Partansky provided the Board members with a list of contacts in the City of Concord and a handout on resources for the disabled which he encouraged the Board to share with staff and students.

George Fulmore shared his support and enthusiasm for the schools located in Concord's Monument Corridor. Mr. Fulmore encouraged more public relations and involvement by city officials in that neighborhood. Ms. Mayo congratulated Mr. Fulmore on his piece in the Contra Costa Times, and thanked him for being an advocate for District schools in the Monument Corridor.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Presentation by Mt. Diablo Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Nellie Meyer

Dr. Meyer gave a presentation, which included information on improvements made throughout the District, graduation rates, award winning campuses and programs, facilities and technology upgrades, taxpayer savings due to bond restructuring, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Ygnacio Valley High School.

Dr. Meyer responded to City Council member questions about topics including: the Middle College program and collaboration with the community college district; School Resource Officers (SROs); the Loma Vista Adult Center facilities; state funding; and teacher shortages. Mr. Grayson commended Dr. Meyer and the Board of Education for the work that they do for the students and community.

3.2 Presentation on School Enrollment Trends

Dr. Meyer gave a presentation. Dr. Meyer and President Hansen responded to City Council member questions

3.3 Update on Communication Efforts

Communication efforts will be shared:

- a) MDUSD community outreach efforts
- b) The City of Concord's Economic Vitality Strategy

Dr. Meyer gave a presentation and shared that the District has created a Community Liaison position, and intends to create a Communications Specialist position, in order to increase community outreach.

Mayor Hoffmeister and Mr. Birsan shared examples of City Council members supporting Concord schools.

Brian Nunnally, Economic Development Manager, gave a presentation.

Mayor Hoffmeister and Mr. Nunnally responded to Board member questions about topics including the creation of new jobs and the recruitment of new businesses to Concord. Ms. Mayo requested an update at a future meeting about the K-12 educational program plans at the Concord Naval Weapons Station development.

3.4 Presentation from the Concord Police Department

A presentation from the Concord Police Department will be made:

- a) Update on School Resource Officers
- b) Update on Daytime Curfew Ordinance (Anti-Truancy Program)

Guy Swanger, Chief of Police, gave a presentation and responded to Board member questions. President Hansen complimented Chief Swanger on his selection of School Resource Officers (SROs).

The Board members, Dr. Meyer, and the Council members had a discussion about truancy and the effectiveness of the SRO program.

3.5 City Council and Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board Reports

Mr. Grayson and Mayor Hoffmeister congratulated the Board and Dr. Meyer on their outstanding work, and recognized Dr. Meyer for her stellar job working with students, teachers, and the District as a whole. President Hansen agreed that Dr. Meyer is one of the District's biggest assets.

Mr. Birsan shared his interest in distributing a poll to solicit feedback from students on city issues.

The Board members thanked the Council members for their collaboration and shared their thoughts about the information presented at the meeting.

President Hansen and Mayor Hoffmeister agreed that all of the positive things happening in the District need to be more effectively communicated to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent