

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, December 16, 2013 (7:30 p.m.)

Board Members: Barbara Oaks, Brian Lawrence, Lynne Dennler, Cheryl Hansen, and Linda Mayo

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Nellie Meyer, Assistant Superintendent Julie Braun Martin, Assistant Superintendent Rose Lock, Assistant Superintendent Kerri Mills, Interim General Counsel Lawrence Schoenke, and Chief Financial Officer Bryan Richards

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District was called to order by Barbara Oaks at 7:30 p.m. in the Board room at the MDUSD Dent Center..

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

President Oaks led the Pledge of Allegiance and took roll call with all Board members present with the exception of Ms. Dennler.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Moore stated his concern that some teachers will lose their jobs next year if the QEIA Waiver is approved.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Public Hearing Regarding Quality Investment Education Act (QEIA) Grade Level Core Class Size Averages Class Size Reduction(CSR) General Waiver Applications - Mt. Diablo High School and Oak Grove Middle School

President Oaks declared the Public Hearing open at 7:36 p.m.

Mt. Diablo High School and Oak Grove Middle School are seeking Board approval to apply for a waiver with the California State Board of Education, General Waiver, Quality Investment Education Act (QEIA), Ed Code Title Class Size Reduction Requirements, Ed Code Section 52055.740 (C, i, ii, iii), Ed Code Authority 33050.

Mt. Diablo High School's current QEIA CSR target averages for English, ELD, Mathematics, History-Social Science, and Science grades nine through twelve are 17, 22, 20, and 20, respectively. Monitoring performed by the Contra Costa County Office of Education indicates that the Class Size Reduction (CSR) requirements of the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) were fully met by Mt. Diablo HS during each year of the QEIA program. However, the school is not on track to meet the targets for 2013-2014. We are requesting an increase in core class size averages, grades 9 – 12 to 25:1.

Oak Grove Middle School's current QEIA CSR target averages for English, ELD, Mathematics, History-Social Science, and Science grades six through eight are 19.1, 23.7, and 20.1, respectively. Monitoring performed by the Contra Costa County Office of Education indicates that the Class Size Reduction (CSR) requirements of the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) were fully met by Oak Grove MS during each year of the QEIA program. At the time of the writing of this waiver request, the school is on track to meet the targets for 2013-2014. However, if mid-year enrollment continues to follow recent trends, the school may find itself unable to continue to meet these low targets. While the district could add additional sections, mid-year hiring creates difficulty with finding highly qualified teachers willing to come on board to teach the specialized tiny (one or two sections per course) part-time jobs that would be created by adding these sections. Additionally, the small classes that are necessary to maintain these grade level averages are creating unique scheduling and enrollment issues. We are requesting an increase in core class size averages, grades 6 – 8 to 25:1.

President Oaks declared the public hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

President Oaks noted that Ms. Dennler is now in attendance at the meeting.

4.2 Approval of Quality Investment Education Act (QEIA) Grade Level Core Class Size Averages Class Size Reduction (CSR) General Waiver Applications: Mt. Diablo High School and Oak Grove Middle School

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Mayo moved a substitute motion, Lawrence seconded, and President Oaks accepted for a vote, to approve the substitute motion extending the waiver through June 29, 2015. The Board voted 4-1-0 to approve the substitute motion, with Ms. Dennler dissenting.

4.3 Expulsion - Student #02-14

Staff recommends that student #02-14 be expelled from all regular schools of Mt. Diablo Unified School District, and that student #02-14 apply for re-admission after June 12, 2014. It is required that student #02-14 participate in 20 hours of individual counseling to address grief and drugs; complete 30 hours of community service; attend the California Offender Program Service (COPS) for Alcohol/Drug Offenders; attend MDUSD's Drug/Alcohol Workshop; submit proof of negative drug test; complete a 504 evaluation; and show evidence of a successful school experience to include a minimum of 2.0 GPA, 95% attendance, no suspendable behavior infractions, and earn at least 50 credits prior to applying for re-admission. The recommended placement for student #02-14 is Diablo Community Day School.

Hansen moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the expulsion of student #02-14.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:54 p.m.

5.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title: Superintendent Info

5.2 Expulsion - Student #02-14 Info

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened Open Session at 10:18 p.m.

REPORT OUT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Oaks reported that on item 5.1 the Board discussed the performance evaluation with the Superintendent. The Board was provided with a portfolio of the Superintendent's work to date, and determined that there will be a meeting early next year to develop the evaluation tool. There will be a progress report in March, followed by a final evaluation in June.

On item 5.2 the Board received information on the expulsion of student #02-14. The Board did not change the action taken previously under item 4.3.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.