

MINUTES
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wednesday, May 1, 2013 (8:00 p.m.)

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

Administrative Staff: Assistant Superintendent Julie Braun Martin, Assistant Superintendent Rose Lock, Interim Assistant Superintendent Kerri Mills, 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 Cheryl Hansen at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the MDUSD Dent Center. President Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present except Ms. Dennler, who will arrive shortly. President Hansen clarified for the record that Ms. Mayo is present and is not participating from a remote location as stated on the agenda.

REPORT OUT ON SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION HELD APRIL 28, 2013

At the Special Closed Session held on Sunday, April 28th, the Board discussed the separation agreements for the Superintendent and General Counsel. The Board placed both the Superintendent and General Counsel on administrative leave with pay, effective May 1, 2013.

Ms. Dennler arrived at 8:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Enholm, Contra Costa Community College Board Trustee, provided the Board with written comments. He asked the Board to consider adding a history of working with college districts as a desired characteristic for the new Superintendent. Mr. Enholm stated that he enjoyed attending the joint meeting with the Pleasant Hill City Council, and suggested a joint meeting between the Board and the Contra Costa Community College Board. He encouraged students to take courses from the Contra Costa Community College District over the summer.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:06 p.m.

3.1 Public Employee Appointment: To Consider the Appointment of Interim General Counsel

3.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators

3.3 Public Employee Appointment: To Consider the Process for the Appointment of Interim Superintendent

3.4 Separation Agreement with the Superintendent

3.5 Separation Agreement with General Counsel

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened Open Session at 10:00* p.m. in order to vote on a meeting extension.

Dennler moved, Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted via voice vote to extend the meeting until 12:00 a.m.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:03 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened Open Session at 11:18 p.m.

REPORT OUT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session, the Board appointed Jayne Williams as Interim General Counsel, for a length of time not to exceed four months, from May 7, 2013 through September 7, 2013, pursuant to a contract with the law firm of Meyers Nave. The proposed contract with Meyers Nave will be noticed for the Board's consideration and approval at the Board meeting on May 6, 2013.

The Board discussed and agreed upon a process for selecting an Interim Superintendent. The Board also held conference with labor negotiators regarding the appointment of the Interim General Counsel. The Board discussed the separation agreements for the Superintendent and General Counsel, with no reportable action at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Selection Process of a Firm to Conduct a Superintendent Search

At the April 28, 2013, meeting, the Board postponed action on a proposal by Leadership Associates to conduct the search for the new Superintendent of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District pending further information. At this time, the Board will consider and take action on the process to be used in the selection of a search firm. Following are two possible courses of action.

1. Issue an RFP inviting any interested firm to submit a proposal.
2. Request and consider proposals from one or more search firms that have conducted successful searches in other districts; e.g., Leadership Associates (San Ramon Valley USD); Ray and Associates (Oakland USD, Berkeley USD), or The Cosca Group (Livermore Valley JUSD, Hayward USD). Board President Hansen has contacted the three firms above seeking more information and all have responded positively.

After a discussion, Lawrence moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve to request and consider proposals from one or more search firms, including Leadership Associates, Ray and Associates, and The Cosca Group, as well as other firms as submitted by Board members. Proposals must be received by end of day on Monday, May 6, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

*All times marked are approximate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent