

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 (7:30 p.m.)

Board Members: Paul Strange, Gary Eberhart, Linda Mayo, Richard Allen, and Sherry Whitmarsh (arrived at 6:15)
Administrative Staff: Superintendent Steven Lawrence, Associate Superintendent Alan Young, Assistant Superintendents Gail Isserman, Rose Lock, Pete Pedersen, and General Counsel Greg Rolen

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District was called to order by Paul Strange at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the MDUSD Dent Center.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. in Room 6 at the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Dent Center.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m. President Strange led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and reported action taken in closed session.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session the Board considered information and gave recommendations to staff regarding negotiations, two expulsions and one readmission.

Readmission

Allen moved, Eberhart seconded and the Board voted 4-0-1 (Whitmarsh absent) to readmit one student.

EXPULSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Expulsion Recommendation for Student #30-10

Mayo moved, Allen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student #30-10 be expelled from all schools and programs in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student #30-10 may apply for readmission after January 21, 2011.

It is also required that Student #30-10 participate in individual counseling, the COPS Program, community service, the District's Anger Management Program, a successful school experience with no suspendible behavior infractions, 2.0 minimum GPA; 45 credits earned prior to applying for readmission.

Expulsion Recommendation for Student #31-10

Eberhart moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 that Student #31-10 be expelled from all schools and programs in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and that Student #31-10 may apply for readmission after January 21, 2011.

It is also required that Student #31-10 participate in individual counseling, community service, the COPS Program, the District's Teen Drug/Alcohol Workshop, a negative drug test, and show evidence of a successful school experience with no suspendible behavior infractions and 45 credits earned with a C average prior to applying for readmission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayo moved and Allen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0-0.

9.2 (Item 2) Minutes of the March 2 Board meeting.

9.3 (Item 3) Request Approval of the Parent Involvement Policy Revision BP 6020

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by school and family during the entire period the child is enrolled in school. School districts in collaboration with parents/guardians, teachers, classified staff, students, and administrators, must establish and develop efforts that support and enhance parent involvement and engagement to reflect the needs of the students and families they serve. District staff from Curriculum and Instruction, Adult Education, and Special Education collaborated with parents from the District English Language Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, Parent Advisory

Committee, and representatives from Title I School Site Councils to revise parental involvement board policy and administrative regulations.

9.4 (Item 4) Recommended Action for Certificated Personnel.

Changes in status of certificated employees.

9.5 (Item 5) Education Code 44263 - Board Authorization.

Under Ed. Code 44263, holders of any California teaching credential who have 18 lower division units or 9 upper division units in a subject can be authorized, by Board Authorization, to teach that subject(s), full or part time. Teacher and site administrator completes Consent Form, and teacher supplies copies of transcripts verifying correct number of semester units completed in the subject area to be taught.

9.6 (Item 6) Increase in Full Time Equivalent Position (FTE) for the 2010-2011 school year.

The following FTE is requested to be added to Categorical Funds for the 2010-2011 school year: Rio Vista Elementary: Teacher .20 FTE.

9.7 (Item 7) Memorandum of Agreement with the Student Teaching Program of the Benerd School of Education, University of the Pacific.

This agreement is to provide practice teaching to students enrolled in the Benerd School of Education, University of the Pacific to help them acquire the skills and knowledge needed to become professional teachers.

9.8 (Item 8) Request to increase and decrease various certificated positions funded by categorical funds.

Positions are requested to be increased or decreased as described in the attachment.

9.9 (Item 9) Recommended Action for Classified Personnel.

Changes in status of classified employees.

9.10 (Item 10) Classified Personnel: Transfer of funds for a part-time Site Technology Support Technician II Position at Clayton Valley High School.

Clayton Valley High School has requested a transfer of funds for a part-time, 8 hour/week, 10 month Site Technology Support Technician II position.

9.11 (Item 11) Monthly Budget Transfer and/or Budget Increases/Decreases For the month of February, 2010.

Some revisions are a result of prior Board Actions, changes in grant awards and changes in funding. Donations have been made to the District by private individuals and businesses. There are also deposits for payments to school sites for lab fees and other items for which the sites collect money. The appropriate revenue and expenditure budgets have already been increased by the amount of the donations.

9.12 (Item 12) Award of Bid for Bid #1559

Bid No. 1559 was called to provide the Telephone and Intercom Upgrades at Foothill Middle School. The lowest responsible, responsive bidder is Sedge Electric, Inc., for the total amount of \$243,700.00.

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to: removal and replacement of telephone and intercom system at Foothill Middle School.

Three (3) bids were received for this project. The other two (2) bids received were from Nema Construction for a base bid of \$275,000.00 and from RAN Electric, Inc., who submitted a non-responsive bid of \$215,000.00.

The budget for this project is \$280,000.00.

9.13 (Item 13) First 5 Contra Costa School-Readiness Preschool Grant.

Mt. Diablo Adult Education requests approval to submit an application for funding from First 5 Contra Costa in the amount of \$100,000.00 to implement family literacy program based preschools at Meadow Homes, Cambridge and Ygnacio Valley Elementary schools from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011.

9.14 (Item 14) Request permission to submit an application to the State Board of Education to serve as a Supplemental Education Service (SES) Provider.

Staff requests permission to submit an application to the State Board of Education in order to provide Supplemental Educational Services for schools in program improvement. This certification enables parents the option to choose Mt. Diablo Unified School District as a Supplemental Educational Services provider rather than exclusively using outside providers. Supplemental Education Service Providers offer direct tutoring services to eligible students as required by No Child Left Behind.

Supplemental Educational Services will be provided through the Mt. Diablo CARES After School Program. Mt. Diablo CARES has previously served as an approved Supplemental Education Service Provider since 2003.

9.15 (Item 15) Workforce Investment Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Section 231 and the English Literacy and Civics Education (EL Civics) supplemental funding.

Mt. Diablo Adult Education (Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, GED, Adults with Disabilities and ESL) requests authorization to apply for a one year grant under Section 231 and EL Civics Education. The grant is intended to support instruction of students, the purchase of supplementary instructional materials and supplies, provide additional services to expand support(s) for scheduling and the management of classes, expand class locations and transportation, and provide additional staff development and childcare for children of adults attending classes under Section 231 and EL Civics Education.

9.16 (Item 16) Approve an amendment in Independent Service Contract (ISC) of Evelina Villa for Spanish language interpreting and translation services for the Special Education Department for School Year 2009-2010.

Evelina Villa provides interpreting services and document translations for Spanish speaking students and their families. On June 16, 2009, the Board approved an ISC with Evelina Villa for \$40,000. As of January 22, 2010, she has used up \$24,675.00 of her total contract. We estimate that we will need an additional \$20,000 for the rest of the year.

9.17 (Item 17) Approval of Contract with Camp Arroyo YMCA for Meadow Homes Elementary School

Students at Meadow Homes Elementary school will participate in the YMCA outdoor education program at Camp Arroyo April 26-30, 2010. Because the costs exceed \$25,000, Board approval is required.

9.18 (Item 18) Approval of Contract with Exploring New Horizons (ENH) for Sequoia Elementary School

Students at Sequoia Elementary School will participate in the ENH Outdoor Education Program at Sempervirens Outdoor School on April 26-30, 2010.

9.19 (Item 19) Approval of Contract with Exploring New Horizons (ENH) for El Monte Elementary School

Students at El Monte Elementary School will participate in the Exploring New Horizons Outdoor Education Program at YMCA Camp Loma Mar on April 27-30, 2010. Because costs exceed \$25,000, Board approval is required

9.20 (Item 20) Approval of Contract with YMCA Camp Arroyo for Rio Vista Elementary School

Students at Rio Vista Elementary School will participate in the YMCA Outdoor Education Program at Camp Arroyo May 18-21, 2010. Because costs exceed \$25,000, Board approval is required.

RECOGNITIONS

11.1 FHA Hero Awards - Serendipity

Superintendent Lawrence introduced the students from the Serendipity Program at Mt. Diablo High School who received FHA Hero Awards. A certificate was presented to the students from the Board. Some of the students who received awards spoke about how the FHA Hero Association has enriched their lives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Noce, MDEA President, reported the Executive Board voted to recommend to the MDEA Rep Assembly to support the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Bond Measure and work towards its successful passage on the June ballot. He acknowledged the International Brotherhood Electrical Workers (IBEW) for their donation of \$5,000 towards conducting the recent poll. Noce also spoke about the six sites recently identified as consistently low performing schools. He asked the Board and District to look at these sites to see what programs have been put into place that are working.

Mona Ricard, Vice President of Communications for the Mt. Diablo Council of PTAs and the 32nd District PTA reported the Parent Teacher Association is working hard on home/school communication between schools and parents. The PTA is collecting signatures to put a state initiative on the ballot changing the voter approval requirement to 55% from two thirds vote as long as all accountability requirements are met. The PTA invites everyone to join in the rally Stand Up for Education, at College Park High School on Thursday, April 15, 4:30 p.m.

Student Representatives

Student representatives from the high schools reported on all the activities at their sites:

Cristian Bonjean, Prospect High School
Araceli Montoya and Karina Velazquez, Mt. Diablo High School
Jericca Rosado and Jordan Konoa, Olympic High School
Jennie Butler, Clayton Valley High School
Jinny Sun, Northgate High School
Karlie Morgan, Nueva Vista, Summit, TLC
Michael Sullivan, College Park High School
Brandon Bratcher, Ygnacio Valley High School

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lawrence reported that he visited the Serendipity Program at Mt. Diablo High during his first week in the District and was impressed by the commitment of the staff of Mt. Diablo and Clayton Valley high schools to implement career paths through Project Lead the Way.

Reports/Information

Superintendent Lawrence introduced Joanne Durkee, Director of Adult Education. She reported how career integrated academics has been integrated into the Mt. Diablo Unified School District since 2003. Project Lead the Way is a nationally recognized organization that prepares students to be productive leaders.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

17.1 Hold a public hearing and adopt the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Annual Budget Plan, the Certification of the Annual Service Plan, the California Special Education Management Information System (CASEMIS) Service Descriptions, and the Service Plan Forms for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Mayo asked members of public to read the attachment as to the number of programs and outstanding program we provide.

Mayo moved, Eberhart seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

17.2 Opportunity for public response to California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the Board's Successor Agreement proposals.

At the March 9, 2010 meeting, California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the Board's Successor Agreement proposals were publicly presented. We are now presenting these proposals for public response.

Eberhart moved, Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

17.3 Resolution 09/10-51 In Support of Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act.

Resolution in support of Californians for Improved School Funding, an organization of concerned educators and citizens, is seeking signatures to qualify a statewide initiative, the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act (the "Act"), for the November, 2010 ballot.

Allen moved, Mayo seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

17.4 Approval of Test Examiner/Proctor Job Description

Eberhart moved, Whitmarsh seconded and motion carried 5-0-0.

17.5 Memorandum of Understanding with Big Smiles Dental Services Agency

Staff requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Big Smiles Dental Service Agency. If approved, Big Smiles will provide routine dental services for children at designated district schools at no cost to the district. Big Smiles is a dental service agency with a record of successful experience in California schools. California

licensed dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists offer services on designated days. Services require parent/legal guardian permission. Dental services are free for children covered by Medi-Cal or Healthy Families health insurance. Most dental insurance plans are also accepted. Services or resources are available for children without health insurance. Schools at which services will be provided are to be determined and may initially include Cambridge, Shore Acres and Bel Air. If the organization has capacity then Meadow Homes, Ygnacio Valley Elementary, Rio Vista, Riverview, Glenbrook and Oak Grove may also be offered services.

Allen moved, Mayo seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

17.6 Classified Personnel: Resolution Relative to Elimination and Reduction of Classified Positions. This item was pulled by staff from the agenda.

17.7 Revision of Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Rule 6158

Staff has revised Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Rule 6158 to reflect language in the current Code of Regulations and to specify the number of work samples to be kept on file.

Presented as information only at this time and will be returned for action.

18.1 Board Reports

Linda Mayo reported on the schools she visited recently as well as Horizon's WASC exit meeting. She mentioned a new publication from CDE – Promising Practices and Research Based Models, Strategies and Approaches to School Family and Community Partnerships. She attended Ed Source last Friday as well where a new study was presented – Gaining Ground in the Middle Grades, Why Some Schools Do Better.

Sherry Whitmarsh attended the Ygnacio Valley High School Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit. She reported the Mt. Diablo Music Education Foundation has an opportunity for people to support trying to reinstate 5th grade music for next year. People wishing to donate should go to the website.

Dick Allen reported on the schools and programs he visited recently. He said Gateway students contributed \$250 to the Haiti emergency fund. He also announced the You Make a Difference awards will take place at Mountain View Elementary tomorrow night.

Gary Eberhart encouraged everyone to drive cautiously when near schools. He attended a recent PFC meeting and encourages fellow Board members and staff members to do so as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Steven Lawrence, Secretary