

**Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District  
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, October 21, 2019; 6:00 p.m. Closed Session/7:00 p.m. Open Session  
District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Call Meeting to Order  
The meeting was called to order at \*6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
President Faillace conducted Roll Call with Trustees S. Dave, C. Vonnegut, F. Walter and P. Faillace and Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer present.
3. Public Comments on Closed Session Items  
There was no public comment on Closed Session items.
4. Adjournment to Closed Session
  - a. Discipline, Dismissal, Release or Reassignment of Public Employee Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) - Four Cases
  - b. Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding negotiations with CSEA, DTA and non-represented groups pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiators: Leyla Benson and Nellie Meyer
  - c. Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957 Personnel Action Report – Handouts in Open Session
  - d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - Two Potential Cases
5. Reconvene into Regular Session  
President Faillace called the regular session to order at \*7:00 p.m.
6. Pledge of Allegiance  
President Faillace led the Pledge of Allegiance.
7. Roll Call  
President Faillace conducted Roll Call with Trustees S. Dave, C. Vonnegut, D. Torok, F. Walter, and P. Faillace as well as Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer present. Student Trustees Jackson Harnett and Oliver Yu were present.
8. Approval of Agenda  
C. Vonnegut Moved; F. Walter Seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0, (with two Preferential Ayes by student Trustees) to approve the agenda for the October 21, 2019, Board of Trustees meeting.

10. Disclosure of Any Reportable Action from Closed Session  
President Faillace reported there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Board Members

None.

2. Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Meyer reported:

- The district broke ground on projects at Los Altos and Mountain View high schools.
- MVLA Teacher of the Year, Lorraine Ignacio, Math teacher, was honored at the County Teacher of the Year celebration held on October 3.
- Dr. Meyer reported that she attended the recent Challenge Team meeting, led by Gay Krause, and was welcomed by a supportive group who discussed the many ways MVLA could access additional support in light of the recent loss of a student. Dr. Meyer noted that Marsha Deslauriers (CHAC) spoke about the grief process. Dr. Meyer expressed her appreciation to both organizations for supporting MVLA during a time of great need.
- MVLA students continue to receive services through the Mentor Tutor Connection. Notably, increasing mentors by 40% this school year.
- The Adult Education WASC panel committee met to prepare for the upcoming accreditation process.
- Earlier in the day on October 21, approximately 30 including MVLA administrators, staff and student Trustees met to discuss different scheduling models toward the implementation of the new law signed about later school start times. Dr. Meyer reported the group started with 30 different schedule models and she noted that considerations included how students can get assistance as needed during the school day; find time for teachers to collaborate and better meet the needs of parents through meetings; and lastly how to afford students more time for sleep in the morning.
- The IST team represented MVLA at the Santa Clara County Office of Education where they gave a presentation on how to use data to increase inclusive practices. The IST team presented all the work they've been doing and discussed how to increase student achievement utilizing data. Our district had the opportunity to provide feedback on DataZone, the new program used to analyze data which will shape reports provided to districts within the county.
- The second Parent Speaker Series event was conducted on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Keynote, Max Stossel, gave a presentation titled, "Education in the Age of Distraction". His talk centered around the psychology and algorithms behind social media how it is designed to manipulate and become an addiction, and important considerations parents should be aware of.
- Last week was Week of the Administrator celebrated at all MVLA sites.
- Upcoming events include a presentation (in collaboration with KARA) on working through grief with your child – this will be coupled with a PTA coffee beforehand; a Speaker Series parent event on the topic of vaping and the vaping crisis; and MVLA Adult School will hold a Job Fair on October 24, 2019.

S. Dave welcomed the Boy Scouts in the audience to the Board meeting.

\* Times noted are approximate.

3. Students of the Month: Los Altos – Kat Nasif-Los Altos High School and Erik Zhang-Mountain View High School  
Student Trustees introduced their school's Student of the Month, Kat Nasif (Los Altos), and Erik Zhang (Mountain View). The students responded to Trustees' questions and had their photos taken.
4. Student Board Member Reports  
Student Trustees reported on activities and events at their schools.
5. MVLA Spotlight  
Dr. Meyer spotlighted and thanked all site and district office administrative teams for their contributions to MVLA.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Dave Campbell, president of DTA and teacher, shared that the past month had been the hardest month of his career. He expressed his appreciation for the Mountain View High School administrative team and district office administrators for their support to staff and students during that difficult time. Mr. Campbell also spoke in support of the later start bill signed by Governor Newsom. He shared that staff had already started the process to adjust bell schedules prior to the signing of the new legislation. Mr. Campbell expressed his appreciation to the student Trustees who participated in the meeting earlier in the day, and shared that he appreciated that Trustee C. Vonnegut was in attendance, as well.

## **CONSOLIDATED MOTION**

Trustee F. Water pulled Consolidated Motion Item #1 for separate discussion. (See below.)

C. Vonnegut Moved; F. Walter Seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes from student Trustees) to approve items #2-14 listed under Consolidated Motion for the October 21, 2019, Board of Trustees meeting, thereby approving the following:

2. Los Altos and Mountain View High Schools' Trip to Nashville, Tennessee, April 15-19, 2020, Attend the Journalism Education Association (JEA)/National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Convention
3. Mountain View High School's International Student Exchange Trip to Iwata, Japan, April 3-13, 2020, to Participate in the Annual "Sister City" Exchange
4. Finalized Travel Plans for Mountain View High School's Choir Trip to Hawaii, February 15-23, 2020
5. Finalized Travel Plans for Mountain View High School's Choir Trip to New Zealand, March 27-April 9, 2020
6. Finalized Travel Plans for Los Altos High School's ASI Class STEM Trip to London, England, February 29-March 8, 2020
7. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for July 1 – September 30, 2019
8. Contract Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Bright Path Therapists to Provide Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for Students During the 2019-2020 School Year

9. Contract Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and The Speech Pathology Group dba Bright Path Therapists to Provide Speech and Language Assessment Services for Students During the 2019-2020 School Year
10. Contract Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Peninsula Associates to Provide Speech, Language, and Learning Services with a Focus on Assistive Technology and Augmentative Alternative Communication for Students During the 2019-2020 School Year
11. Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and RGM Kramer, Inc. to Provide Measure E Project Development Services in the 2020 Fiscal Year
12. Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and RGM Kramer, Inc. to Provide Non-Measure E Project Development Services in the 2020 Fiscal Year
13. Gifts and Donations
14. Warrants, September 2019

Excluded from the Motion:

15. Revision of Administrative Regulation 1330 – Use of School Facilities  
*(This item was excluded from the Consolidated Motion vote as Trustees did not receive sufficient time to consider.)*

Consolidated Item #1 pulled for discussion:

1. Personnel Report

F. Walter noted that she pulled this item to ensure the Resolution included was voted on.

F. Walter Moved; D. Torok Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes from student Trustees) to approve the Personnel Report and the accompanying Resolution.

## **BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

1. California Dashboard LEA Local Indicators

Margarita Navarro, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, provided an overview of the California Dashboard and an in-depth review of MVLA data on state academic indicators and district priorities reported. Ms. Navarro and Dr. Meyer answered questions posed by Board Trustees.

S. Dave Moved; F. Walter Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes from student Trustees) to approve the California Dashboard LEA Local Indicators as presented.

At this time in the meeting, Trustee F. Walter brought to the attention of the Board that Consolidated Motion Item #15 was not considered during the previous motion to approve items listed and noted that Trustee C. Vonnegut brought this to her attention. (Please refer to the note under Item #15 above.)

2. Hanover Research Report: Bell Schedule and Start Times Study

Superintendent Dr. Meyer provided the Board copies of the Hanover summary for reference during the presentation of the study commissioned last school year and provided introduced Margarita Navarro, Associate Superintendent of Education Services.

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Ms. Navarro provided an overview of the work MVLA staff has done surrounding the topics of later start and bell schedules, and reviewed the findings of the Hanover report. Board discussion ensued and questions posed by Trustees were answered by Dr. Meyer and Ms. Navarro.

3. Revision to Regular Board Meeting Schedule

D. Torok Moved; F. Walter Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the cancellation of the October 28, 2019, regular Board of Trustees meeting.

(The student Trustees were no longer in attendance.)

## **BOARD OPERATIONS**

1. Review of Calendar Events

F. Walter noted that on October 24, 2019, the Mountain View Whisman School Board will consider potential funding models for construction/land opportunities that may arise. An invitation to attend the meeting was extended to MVLA Trustees.

2. Communications/Correspondence

None.

3. Legislative Update

Dr. Meyer provided updates on three items currently in the legislation process in Sacramento:

1. Late Start for Secondary Students SB 328, (Portantino) Pupil attendance: School Start Time which was signed into law; 2. Education in Grade 12, and 3. Alternative Assessment for Smarter Balanced Eleventh Grade Test AB 751 (O'Donnell) which were vetoed by Governor Newsom.

4. Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

None suggested.

## **TIME, DATE, PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

President Faillace announced the next regular Board Meeting will be conducted on November 4, 2019, with Open Session beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office Board Room.

## **ADJOURN**

S. Dave Moved; C. Vonnegut Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at \*8:42 p.m.

## **RESUME CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED**

The Board of Trustees did not return to Closed Session.

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Minutes approved: April 20, 2020

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Secretary

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