



*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District
Board of Trustees Minutes for **March 3, 2025.**
District Office Board Room
1299 Bryant Avenue,
Mountain View, CA 94040*

Members Present: Catherine Vonnegut
Thida Cornes
Esmeralda Ortiz
Vadim Katz
Alex Levich
Members Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

The Board President will call the meeting to order.

Recommendation: Call to Order.

Board President Dr. Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All Trustees were present.

2.0 Public Comment

2.1 Public Comment on Items Scheduled for Discussion in Closed Session

This time is reserved for any person to address the Board of Trustees on items scheduled for discussion during Closed Session only. These presentations are limited to three minutes each, or a total of thirty minutes for all speakers or the three minute limit may be shortened. Speakers are not allowed to yield their time.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

No comments were made.

3.0 Closed Session Agenda

3.1 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957 Personnel Action Report – Handouts in Open Session

Recommendation: Approve the Personnel Action Report.

3.2 Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code §54597

Recommendation: For information/action.

3.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Negotiations with CSEA, DTA and Non-represented Groups Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiators: Leyla Benson and Eric Volta

Recommendation: Information/action.

3.4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - Three potential cases

Recommendation: Information/action.

4.0 Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session.

5.0 Reconvene Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Board President, Dr. Ortiz called the Regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM

6.0 Preliminary Business

6.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The Board President will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and conduct Roll Call.

Recommendation: Information.

President Dr. Ortiz led the pledge of allegiance.

6.2 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

Recommendation: Approve the meeting agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the meeting agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

6.3 Report on Action Taken in Closed Session:

In closed session, the board took the following action:

Item# 3.4 -

The board voted 5 to 0 to approve a compromise agreement with parent of a student to resolve potential and threatened claims against the District in exchange for up to \$34,290.59 for funding for an alternate program for Student from July 2024 through January 2025 and \$2,000.00 in attorney Fees.

The members voted as follows:

Motion by: Catherine Vonnegut 2nd by: Alex Levich

Vote: Cornes: Yes, Levich: Yes, Katz: Yes, Ortiz: Yes, Vonnegut: Yes.

No other action took place in Closed Session.

7.0 Students of the Month

7.1 Students of the Month/Year: Edgar Ortega Flores, Alta Vista High School and Anne Rehwald, MVLA Adult Education

The Board of Education will recognize Students of the Month/Year, Edgar Ortega Flores (Alta Vista High School) and Anne Rehwald (MVLA Adult Education).

Recommendation: For information.

February 2025 Students of the month Edgar Ortega Flores (AVHS) and Anne Rehwald (MVLA Adult Education) were recognized by the Board of Trustees, Suzanne Woolfolk, Director of Alternative Education, Julie Vo, Director of Adult Education, Student Board Representatives and Superintendent Mr. Eric Volta. Their families were also in attendance.

8.0 Communications

8.1 Board Member Reports

Trustees may wish to give a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Trustees Cornes, Levich, and Vonnegut provided the community with updates on various district-wide events and meetings they attended.

8.2 Student Board Member Reports

Student Board members may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Student Representatives Arathi Naga, from Los Altos High School and Christophe Bouteille from Mountain View High School reported on events and activities at their respective schools.

8.3 Superintendent's Report

The superintendent may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Superintendent Volta called up Suzanne Woolfolk, Director of Alternative Ed., Dr. Kip Glazer, Principal of Mountain View High School, Dr. Tracey Runeare and Julie Vo, Director of Adult Education who reported on various activities/meetings/happenings at their sites.

Mr. Volta reported about his district wide activities, meetings and updates.

8.4 District Organizations: At regular Board meetings, a single spokesperson of each recognized District organization (CSEA, DTA) may give a brief update. Items are limited to those which are informational.

Recommendation: For information.

8.5 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Anyone wishing to address the Board on any topic not listed on the agenda should make a request to the Board President by completing a request to be heard form and present it to the Superintendent’s Executive Assistant. The President will recognize those who desire to speak either during the “Public Comment” section or during the particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes. The President may choose to limit any position or topic if substantial numbers of people wish to address the Board. If you wish to speak on an issue not on the agenda, please be advised that the Board may not take action on any item not specifically listed on the agenda. The Board members may ask brief questions for clarification, but may not otherwise discuss the issue. The Board values constructive community comments and suggestions and welcomes your participation in the democratic process.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

None

9.0 Recognitions and Resolutions

9.1 Resolution No. 24/25-23: National Women's History Month

March has been designated as National Women’s History Month. Resolution No. 24/25-23 recognizes the important historic and ongoing contributions of women in our society.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 24/25-23: National Women's History Month.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 24/25-23: National Women's History Month'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

9.2 Resolution No. 24/25-34, acknowledging seven certifications required to submit modernization and new construction funding applications to the Office of Public School Construction.

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) is in the process of approving regulations regarding the distribution of Proposition 2 funds that impact how OPSC processes applications received on or after October 31, 2024, for new construction and modernization applications. Proposition 2 requires that, as a condition of participating in the School Facility Program (SFP), school districts must submit to OPSC a five-year school facilities master plan, or an updated five-year school facilities master plan, approved by the governing board of the school district. New construction and modernization application packages received on December 4, 2024, through 12 months following OAL's approval of regulation implementing these policies will be required to submit a school board resolution that includes several acknowledgements, to be specified in regulation Section 17070.54. The resolution includes the required certifications.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 24/25-34, acknowledging the certifications required to submit modernization and new construction funding applications to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC).

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adopt Resolution No. 24/25-34, acknowledging the certifications required to submit modernization and new construction funding applications to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

10.0 Presentations, Reports and Information

10.1 MVLA Adult School Annual Report 2023-2024

The MVLA Adult School Leadership Team will present the annual report to the BOE for the 2023-2024 school year. Please review the attached Annual Board Data Report 2023-2024 publication prior to viewing the slides presentation. The publication details the comprehensive adult school data used to inform school and programmatic improvements. The focus of the short slides presentation will be on WASC Goals, progress made towards those WASC Goals in each academic core program, program highlights, student success stories, and looking ahead. Adult School Leadership Team will be available to answer any questions about the data and information presented in the annual report publication after the slides presentation.

Recommendation: For Information

Julie Vo, Director of Adult Education, Jonathan Fu, Assistant Director, along with Department Chairs: Danielle Dinh, Francisco Preciado, Jessica Bit and Sarah Krajewski presented the MVLA Adult School Annual Report for the 2023-2024 school year.

11.0 Consolidated Motion

11.1 Items listed under Consolidated Motion are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion

of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.

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Recommendation: Approve all Consolidated Motion items.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve all Consolidated Motion items'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

11.2 Personnel Report

Personnel Report

The Personnel Office reports the district's personnel changes at each meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation: Approve the Personnel Report.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Personnel Report'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

11.3 Gifts And Donations

The Fiscal Services Department reports gifts and donations the district has received at each meeting of the Board of Trustees. REPORT \$1050 from Anonymous to MVHS Choir \$501.00 from Elena Martirosyan to Middle College \$1,000.00 from Byong Mok Oh and Carol Kim Oh to Middle College

Recommendation: Accept the gifts and donations listed above and request that acknowledgement be sent to the donor expressing the Board's appreciation.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Accept the gifts and donations listed above and request that acknowledgement be sent to the donor expressing the Board's appreciation'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

11.4 Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on February 10, 2025.

Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on February 10, 2025, are presented for approval.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees study, closed and regular meeting conducted on February 10, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees study, closed and regular meeting conducted on February 10, 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

All Consolidated items were approved.

12.0 Items Pulled from Consolidated Motion for Discussion

N/A

13.0 Business/Action Items

13.1 2025/2026 Academic Calendar

Recommendation: Approve the 2025/2026 academic calendar.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the 2025/2026 academic calendar'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

13.2 Board Policy: 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements - First Reading

This is the first read of the updates MVLA high school graduation requirements Board Policy, that included updates on EdCode and requirements.

Recommendation: Conduct the First Reading of Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

Associate Superintendent Teri Faught presented/reviewed Board Policy 6146.1 with the trustees. Trustee Cornes, Katz, Vonnegut, Levich and Ortiz made comments and asked questions. Superintendent Volta indicated the policy will be brought back to a future meeting for a second reading.

13.3 Change Order #2A - Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Los Altos High School Cafeteria Modernization Project.

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting Change Order #2A with Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. be ratified: -Provide labor, equipment, and material required to complete epoxy flooring demo at Speedline, floor prep (including underlayment/leveling), and installation of new walk-off carpet tile, eco-grip flooring, baseboard, and all other flooring accessories as needed per the plans and specifications. Please note: Flooring was a separate bid package during the bidding phase and was included in the overall project budget, however no bids were received from flooring contractors at the bid opening and therefore it was determined to proceed with the flooring scope as a change order under the General Contractor. -Provide all labor and equipment as needed to demo additional ceiling in kitchen corridor, restroom and mechanical closet as required to complete the plumbing demo and install new ceiling once plumbing work is completed. -Provide all Labor and Equipment as needed to demo wall tiles in Room 238 (staff gender neutral restroom), Room 228 (gender neutral staff restroom) and FRP from Service corridor walls as required for the installation of new wall finishes. -Provide all labor and equipment as needed to remove and dispose existing Ansul System. -Provide concrete demolition and infill as needed to install a new hold-down anchor at the existing footing due to obstructions with existing rebar that made drilling for the installation of the new hold-down unfeasible. Utilizing Allowance worth of \$3,905.00 from (A2) Unforeseen Upgrades. -Provide all the labor and equipment for saw cutting and removal of additional 5 feet of slab in both the directions of existing saw cutting for floor sink to open area and allow plumbing to route around (E) conduits found underneath the Kitchen slab. Utilizing Allowance worth of \$7,538.00 from (A2) Unforeseen Upgrades. -Provide all labor and equipment as required to hand dig under existing kitchen conduits to be able to access the area for plumbing and off haul the dirt. Utilizing Allowance worth of \$6,651.00 from (A2) Unforeseen Upgrades.

Recommendation: Ratify Change Order #2A - Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Los Altos High School Cafeteria Modernization Project.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Ratify Change Order #2A - Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Beals Martin and Associates, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Los Altos High School Cafeteria Modernization Project'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

13.4 Award Bids and Approve Project Budget of \$4,900,000 for the LAHS Music Building Project: Bid Package A – General Trades: Plant Construction - \$1,012,541 Bid Package D – Electrical & Low Voltage Trades: Cupertino Electric - \$690,822 Bid Package F - HVAC Trades: OC McDonald - \$413,169 Bid Package I – Roofing Trades: Best Contracting Services - \$438,385

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval to award bids to the following and approval of \$4,900,000 budget for the LAHS Music Building Project: Plant Construction Cupertino Electric OC McDonald Best Contracting Services

Recommendation: Approve awarding bid packages to the following and approve project budget of \$4,900,000 for the LAHS Music Building project: Plant Construction Cupertino Electric OC McDonald Best Contracting Services

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve awarding bid packages to the following and approve project budget of \$4,900,000 for the LAHS Music Building project: Plant Construction Cupertino Electric OC McDonald Best Contracting Services'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

13.5 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Nominations

The attachment includes the Official 2025 Delegate Assembly Ballot for Region 20 (Santa Clara County), biographical sketch forms of the candidates, and letter from CSBA.

There are vacancies in Region 20 (Santa Clara County) for membership on the 2025 CSBA Delegate Assembly. The candidates are:

- Teresa Castellanos (San Jose USD)*
- Elizabeth Halliday (Campbell Union HSD)
- Van Le (East Side Union HSD)*
- Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto (Fremont Union HSD)
- Jorge Pacheco Jr. (Santa Clara COE)*
- George Sanchez (Franklin- McKinley ESD)*
- Vaishali Sirkay (Los Altos ESD)

*denotes incumbent

Recommendation: Consider candidates and cast a ballot for no more than four candidates in the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (Region 20) election.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Consider candidates and cast a ballot for no more than four candidates in the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (Region 20) election'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **2**. The motion **(carried). 3 - 2**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes
Vadim Katz No
Alex Levich No

The Trustees discussed the first vote concerning the CSBA Assembly Ballot Vote. Trustee Vonnegut proposed casting votes for Vaishali Sirkay (Los Altos ESD) and Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto (Fremont Union HSD), which Trustee Cornes seconded.

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George Sanchez (Franklin- McKinley ESD)*
Vaishali Sirkay (Los Altos ESD) *denotes encumbent

Recommendation: Consider candidates and cast a ballot for no more than four candidates in the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (Region 20) election.

AMENDED - Motion

Member **(Alex Levich)** Moved, Member **(Vadim Katz)** Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion 'Consider candidates and cast a ballot for no more than four candidates in the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (Region 20) election'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(2)** Nay: **(3)**. The motion **(failed)**. **(2) - (3)**

Catherine Vonnegut No
Thida Cornes No
Esmeralda Ortiz No
Vadim Katz Yes
Alex Levich Yes

The second vote was a motion made by Trustee Levich to add Elizabeth Halliday and Van Le. The motion failed.

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Nakano-Matsumoto (Fremont Union HSD) Jorge Pacheco Jr. (Santa Clara COE)*
George Sanchez (Franklin- McKinley ESD)* Vaishali Sirkay (Los Altos ESD) *denotes
encumbent

Recommendation: Consider candidates and cast a ballot for no more than four
candidates in the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly
(Region 20) election.

AMENDED - Motion

Member **(Vadim Katz)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the
AMENDED motion 'Consider candidates and cast a ballot for no more than four
candidates in the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly
(Region 20) election'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**.
The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

The third vote was a motion made by Trustee Katz to add Elizabeth Halliday
and Trustee Levich second. The motion carried.

14.0 Board Operations

14.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

Trustees may wish to share suggestions for future Board reports/meetings.

Recommendation: For information.

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding a resolution to reaffirm the California
Department of Education and Board Policy 0410, as presented by Trustee Thida Cornes. This
resolution will be brought forward for consideration at the board meeting scheduled for March
17, 2025, in response to concerns about student safety. The Trustees reached a consensus to
advance this resolution to the next meeting.

14.2 Communications/Correspondence

The Board of Trustees may wish to share communications/correspondence.

Recommendation: Information.

14.3 Legislative Update

The Superintendent will share updates on legislation relevant or of interest to
education.

Recommendation: For information.

None

14.4 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet next:

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 17, 2025, District Office, Board Room

Future Board Meeting dates are:

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, April 21, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 5, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 18, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 9, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 16, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Recommendation: For information.

15.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed

15.1 Items not Completed During the First Closed Session will be Carried Over to this Closed Session

Recommendation: Information/action.

The Board President excused the regular meeting attendees and resumed closed session at 10:25 PM.

16.0 Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Action Taken in Second Closed Session

16.1 The Board will Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Any Action Taken During Second Closed Session

Recommendation: Information/action.

The Board resumed open session and noted action was taken in closed.

17.0 Adjournment

17.1 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District will adjourn.

Recommendation: Approve to adjourn the meeting.

President Dr. Ortiz adjourned the board meeting at 11:00 PM.

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*Minutes approved on **March 17, 2025:***

Dr. Esmeralda Ortiz, President

Alex Levich, Clerk

Eric Volta, Secretary
