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*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District  
Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
District Office Board Room,  
1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040*

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Board Members	Sanjay Dave
Present:	Catherine Vonnegut
	Phil Faillace
	Thida Cornes
	Esmeralda Ortiz

## 1.0 Call to Order

### 1.1 Call to Order

The Board President will call the meeting to order.

**Recommendation:** Call to Order.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Call to Order'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(5)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **carried. (5) - (0)**

## 2.0 Closed Session Agenda

### 2.1 Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code §54597 - Two Potential Cases

**Recommendation:** For information/action.

Closed Session was cancelled

### 2.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - Two Potential Case

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

Closed Session was cancelled

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

**Recommendation:** Approve the Personnel Action Report.  
**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Closed Session was cancelled.

### 3.0 Public Comment

#### 3.1 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 public comment made.

### 4.0 Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

#### 4.1 Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session to consider items listed on the Closed Session agenda.

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Closed Session was cancelled.

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

#### 5.1 Reconvene to Open Session

The Board will reconvene to Open Session.

**Recommendation:** Reconvene to Open Session.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Reconvene to Open Session'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(5)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **carried (5). (5) - (0)**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes

The board reconvened the regular open session at 7:06 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.

The Board President Phil Faillace took roll call and led the pledge of allegiance.

## 7.0 Approval of the Agenda

### 7.1 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

**Recommendation:** Approve the meeting agenda.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**xxxxx**) Moved, Member (**xxxxx**) 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)**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes

The Agenda was approved by the Board.

## 8.0 Report Out Action Taken in Closed Session

Closed session was cancelled.

## 9.0 Recognitions and Resolutions

### 9.1 MVLA Spotlight: Adin Miller and team - Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation Leaders

The Board and Superintendent wish to recognize Adin Miller and team at Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, as the MVLA Spotlight for their partnership with and support of the students, families, and communities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hill and Mountain View.

**Recommendation:** Recognize Spotlight recipients.

The spotlight recipient was not in attendance, postponed to later in the meeting upon arrival.

### 9.2 Resolution No. 23/24-09: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15 is celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Mountain View Los Altos High School District commemorates National Hispanic Heritage Month with Resolution No. 22/23-08.

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 22/23-08: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Sanjay Dave**) Moved, Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 22/23-08: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes

The Board approved the resolution.

### **9.3 Resolution No. 23/24-10: Recognition of MVLA Administrators**

MVLA Administrators have shown time and time again, they go above and beyond. They support our students in a myriad of ways. Most school administrators began their careers as teachers. The average administrator has served in public education for more than a decade. Such experience is beneficial in their work to effectively and efficiently lead public education and improve student achievement. This month we recognize and honor all of our administrators who have dedicated their lives to our students.

**Recommendation:** The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 23/24-10, Recognition of Administrators.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 23/24-10, Recognition of Administrators'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes

The Board approved the resolution.

## **10.0 Reports/Information**

No reports or information to disclose.

## **11.0 Board Member Reports**

### **11.1 Board Member Reports**

Trustees may wish to give a report.

**Recommendation:** Information.

Board member indicated highlights and attendance of district wide activities.

## **12.0 Student Board Member Reports**

### **12.1 Student Board Member Reports**

Student Board members may wish to make a report.

**Recommendation:** Information.

Student Representatives Sadie G. from Los Altos High School and Christophe B. from Mountain View High School reported on events and activities at their respective schools.

## **13.0 Superintendent's Report**

### **13.1 Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent may wish to make a report.

**Recommendation:** Information.

Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer reported on updates, highlights and activities in all the district wide sites.

## 14.0 Communications

**14.1 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.

No associations were in attendance.

## 15.0 Public Comment

### 15.1 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.

No public comment made.

## 16.0 Consolidated Motion

**16.1 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 **(Sanjay Dave)** 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  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

All Consolidated Motions were approved.

## 16.2 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 **(Sanjay Dave)** 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  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

## 16.3 Adult School – Course Approval List (A-22)

Attached is a copy of our 2023-2024 course list (A-22) as well as the CDE approval. Each year, the California State Department of Education (CDE) requires adult schools to verify that its mandated courses are on the CSE course approval list (A-22). The adult school updates its course listing online and the CDE Adult Education Division approves or disapproves its submission. In addition, the local board of trustees must review and approve the courses verified by the CDE.

**Recommendation:** Approve

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

Catherine Vonnegut Yes  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

## 16.4 Independent Contract Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School and Teen Therapy Center of Silicon Valley.

Independent Contract Agreement, Teen Therapy Center of Silicon Valley.

This Independent Contractor Agreement is for Teen Therapy Center of Silicon Valley, which provides licensed professional mental health clinicians providing counseling services based on referral by the IEP team.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Teen Therapy of Silicon Valley, for the 2023-2024 school year.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Teen Therapy of Silicon Valley, for the 2023-2024 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

#### **16.5 MOU between Pacific Clinics And Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District**

To continue to support our students' mental health at Middle College, MVLA will contract with Pacific Clinics to provide a part-time therapist for our students.

**Recommendation:** Approve the MOU between Pacific Clinics And Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the MOU between Pacific Clinics And Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

#### **16.6 SELPA Master Contract Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Vista Center for The Blind for the 2023-24 School Year.**

SELPA Master Contract, Vista Center for The Blind

This agreement is for Vista Center for The Blind, which provides specialists for visually impaired, assistive technology and orientation and mobility services.

**Recommendation:** Approve the agreement with Vista Center for The Blind for the 2023-2024 school year.

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the agreement with Vista Center for The Blind for the 2023-2024 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

#### **16.7 Agreement #7 Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and RGM Kramer, Inc. to Provide Construction Program Support Services in Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of Agreement #7 with RGM Kramer, Inc. to provide Construction Program Support Services in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

**Recommendation:** Approve Agreement #7 with with RGM Kramer, Inc. to provide Construction Program Support Services in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Agreement #7 with with RGM Kramer, Inc. to provide Construction Program Support Services in Fiscal Year 2023-2024'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Sanjay Dave Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

### **16.8 Update to 22-23 Gann Limit Calculation**

Due to a SACS software error identified at the state level, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is requiring districts to resubmit their Gann Limit calculation with the corrected forms. There is no impact to the resolution previously approved by the board, nor is there an impact to the Gann Limit as previously calculated by the district. This item is for information only.

**Recommendation:** Approve the revised Gann Limit Calculation.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the revised Gann Limit Calculation'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Sanjay Dave Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

### **16.9 Declaration of Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property**

Education Code sections 17545-17546 authorize school districts to sell or dispose of district property that is not required for school purposes or is no longer suitable for school use.

Surplus property may be sold at a publicly noticed auction conducted by district employees. Items for which no qualified bid is received, or that are less than \$2,500 in value, may be sold at private sale without advertising. Property of insufficient value to defray the cost of sale may be donated to a charitable organization or disposed of. Money received from the sale of surplus property may be placed in the district's general or reserve fund. The District owns the following items that are beyond their useful life and now need to be surplusd. The following individual items have been determined to be valued at less than \$2,500: 30 chairs 14 go kart kits 8 batteries 8 engine kits 1 Jacobson lawn mower 1 Exmark lawn mower

**Recommendation:** Approve declaration of sale or disposal of surplus property and authorize the Superintendent to sell or otherwise dispose of the property consistent with Education Code sections 17545-17546.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve declaration of sale or disposal of surplus



property and authorize the Superintendent to sell or otherwise dispose of the property consistent with Education Code sections 17545-17546'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

#### **16.10 District Credit Card Amendment**

Since July 2005, the District has used Bank of America Visa as the vendor for its credit card services. A list of people approved to use District credit cards is attached. We ask that the Board of Trustees approve the following changes to the list of people approved to use a District credit card: Addition of Kim Rogers (AVID) effective 9/26/2023.

**Recommendation:** Approve the addition of Kim Rogers effective 9/26/2023 to the list of people approved to have a District credit card.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the addition of Kim Rogers effective 9/26/2023 to the list of people approved to have a District credit card'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

#### **16.11 Gifts And Donations**

The Fiscal Services Department reports gifts and donations the district has received at each meeting of the Board of Trustees. REPORT \$619.12 from Tammy Kittle to MVHS \$1,500 from Mike and Lisa Chen to MVLA \$350 from anonymous to Freestyle Academy

**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 **(Sanjay Dave)** 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  
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes  
Sanjay Dave Yes  
Thida Cornes Yes  
Phil Faillace Yes

#### **16.12 Resolution 23/24-X: AB 361 State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences**

AB 361 extends the flexibilities provided in the Governor's prior executive order to local and state bodies to hold public meetings electronically beyond the executive order's September 30, 2021 expiration date. Approval of this item allows for remote Board of Trustees meetings for the next 30 days.

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 23/24-X: Resolution Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 23/24-X: Resolution Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Sanjay Dave Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

### **16.13 Minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Conducted on September 11, 2023**

Minutes for the Board of Trustees regular meeting conducted on September 11, 2023, are presented for approval.

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees regular meeting conducted on September 11, 2023.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Sanjay Dave)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees regular meeting conducted on September 11, 2023'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Sanjay Dave Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

### **17.0 Items Pulled from Consolidated Motion for Discussion**

No items were pulled.

### **18.0 Business/Action Items**

#### **18.1 MVLA World Language Department Presentation**

The MVLA World Language Department staff will present important information regarding our high-quality world language departments. They will cover topics such as course overviews, department strengths, goals, data, and challenges.

**Recommendation:** For Information.

Los Altos High School Department Chair Antonio Murillo and Mountain View High School Department Chair Rachel Roach presented information regarding their respective World Language programs. Board members commented and asked questions.

#### **18.2 First Reading Board Policy: Vision**

Th is the first reading of board policy 0000 regarding MVLA's Vision. This first reading emphasizes the MVLA board adopted goals within this policy and has updated language accordingly.

**Recommendation:** For Information.

This was informational only. Board discussed revisions.

### **18.3 Addendum to the Superintendent's Employment Contract**

Nellie Meyer Addendum to Contract 06-30-2023

Based on a positive evaluation, it is proposed that the Superintendent's 3-year contract be extended one year, through June 30, 2026.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Addendum to the Superintendent's employment contract.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

Sanjay Dave Yes

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

### **19.0 Board Operations**

#### **19.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings**

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

**Recommendation:** For information.

#### **19.2 Communications/Correspondence**

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

**Recommendation:** Information.

#### **19.3 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will meet next: Regular Board Meeting - Monday, October 16, 2023, at MVLA District Office, Board Room Future Board Meeting dates are: Regular Board Meeting - Monday, November 13, 2023, at MVLA District Office, Board Room Regular Board Meeting - Monday, December 18, 2023, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

**Recommendation:** For information.

President Phil Faillace presented the next Board Meeting.

### **20.0 Adjournment**

#### **20.1 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.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Thida Cornes	Yes
Sanjay Dave	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.