

**Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study Session
Monday, April 3, 2023; 4:00 p.m.
Alta Vista High School Multi-Use Room,
1325 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040**

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

The Board President will call the meeting to order.

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order.

President Faillace called the meeting to order at 4:07* p.m.

2.0 Preliminary Business and Approval of the Agenda

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

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

Recommendation: Information.

President Faillace led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted Roll Call, noting the following Trustees were present: P. Faillace; S. Dave; E. Ortiz; T. Cornes; and C. Vonnegut

2.2 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

Recommendation: Approve the meeting agenda.

3.0 Study Session

Teaching staff gave an overview of Units 1-5 and answered questions posed by trustees.

3.1 Study Session: MVLA Ethnic Studies Course

Staff will give a presentation on the MVLA Ethnic Studies pilot course.

Recommendation: For information.

3.2 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 1

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 1. The curriculum for this unit may be viewed by copying and pasting the following link in your browser:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1beAx4l85sAwCN0Qy66rS9QwF_yuv0mlA?usp=sharing

Recommendation: For information.

3.3 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 2

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 2. The curriculum for this unit may be viewed by copying and pasting the following link in your browser:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14JDK66Kj6BiLqregJwHCk29BR0Fb8s2U?usp=sharing>

Recommendation: For information.

*Times noted are approximate.

3.4 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 3

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 3. The curriculum for this unit may be viewed by copying and pasting the following link into your browser:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SFpS-SSsxHvqEsxqpgY-R2sJjPjIF0wH?usp=sharing>

Recommendation: For information.

3.5 Communications/Correspondence

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

Recommendation: For information.

President Faillace broadly referenced email communications many or all of the Trustees have received on the topic of Ethnic Studies.

3.6 Public Comment

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Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

The Board received Public Comment from the following individuals:

Ellen Wheeler
Lia Resnin
Vadim Katz
Leslie King
Rebecca Levin
Raymond White
Sophia Caramagno
Mark Balch
Li Zhang
Ella Omura
Ellen Ratner
Kisyoshi Taylor
Kenan Moos

3.7 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 4

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 4. The curriculum for this unit may be viewed by copying and pasting the following link into your browser:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zQcOvXfoCxxZmwtDnW2z9lvB-TkjiMcs?usp=share_link

Recommendation: For information.

3.8 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 5

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 5. The curriculum for this unit may be viewed by copying and pasting the following link into your browser:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zQcOvXfoCxxZmwtDnW2z9lvB-TkjiMcs?usp=share_link

Recommendation: For information.

3.9 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 6

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 6.

Recommendation: For information.

This item will be addressed at a future meeting.

3.10 Ethnic Studies Course Unit 7

Staff will present on the MVLA Ethnic Studies course - Unit 7.

Recommendation: For information.

This item will be addressed at a future meeting.

3.11 Public Comment

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Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

The Board did not return to Public Comment. (All wishing to speak did so under Item 3.6.)

3.12 Board Discussion

The Board discussed the need for an additional Study Session or meeting item to discuss Units 6 and 7.

4.0 Adjournment

4.1 Adjournment

The study session 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 (**Sanjay Dave**) 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**

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

The Study Session adjourned at 6:55* p.m.

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Minutes approved: April 24, 2023

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Secretary

Phil Faillace, Ph.D.
President

Esmeralda Ortiz
Clerk