



Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District  
Minutes for the Board of Trustees  
On Monday, May 5, 2025, at the  
District Office Board Room  
1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040  
5:30 PM Closed, 6:15 PM Study Session, and 7:00 PM Regular Session

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 5:30 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. Speakers are not allowed to yield their time.

**Recommendation:** Listen to public comment.

None

## 3.0 Closed Session Agenda

### 3.1 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957 Personnel Action Report – None

**Recommendation:** Approve the Personnel Action Report.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

### 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 Consideration of Student Discipline or Other Confidential Student Matter Pursuant to Government Code §35146 and §48912(b)**  
**Recommendation:** For Information/Action.

**3.5 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - 4 (four) Potential Cases**  
**Recommendation:** Information/action.

**3.6 Superintendent's Evaluation**  
In Closed Session, the Board will conduct the Superintendent's evaluation.  
**Recommendation:** Information.

No Action taken during closed session.

## **4.0 Adjourn to Closed Session**

## **5.0 Study Session**

**5.1 Call to order at 6:15 PM and conduct roll call**  
The Board President will conduct the study session and take Roll Call.  
**Recommendation:** Call the study session to order and take roll.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Call the study session to order and take roll'. 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

Dr. Ortiz, Board President, called the Study Session to order at 6:19 PM.

**5.2 Approval of the Study Session Agenda**  
The Board will review and approve the Study Session Agenda.  
**Recommendation:** Approve the Study Session agenda.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Study Session 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

### **5.3 Public Comment on Item(s) Listed on the Study Session**

Anyone wishing to address the Board on the topics 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 during the particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes. Please be advised that 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.

The following community members made a public comment:

Todd Volkert, Jackie Stevens, Tal Shalon, Oded Hermon and Linar Levar

### **5.4 Board Study Session: Review of MVLA Courses Meeting California's World History, Culture, and Geography Requirement**

The Board will participate in a study session to review the district's high school courses that currently fulfill the California World History, Culture, and Geography graduation requirement. Staff will present a comparison of course content across World Studies, AP World History, AP European History, and AP Human Geography, highlighting alignment to state standards and areas of partial or full coverage. Teachers representing each course will be available to provide additional context and answer Board questions. The session will support the Board in determining whether each course should continue to satisfy the state requirement or if adjustments are needed.

**Recommendation:** Hold a study session reviewing MVLA Courses Meeting California's World History, Culture, and Geography Requirement

Associate Superintendent Teri Faught, Kevin Heiken, MVHS Social Studies Teacher, Brook Mangin, MVHS Social Studies teacher, and Kelly Coble, LAHS Social Studies Teacher, presented comparisons of course content across World Studies, AP World History, AP European History, and AP Human Geography, including alignment to state standards and areas of partial and/or full coverage.

### **6.0 Reconvene Open Session at 7:00 p.m.**

Board President, Dr. Ortiz, called the Regular meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

### **7.0 Preliminary Business**

#### **7.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

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

**Recommendation:** Information.

Board President, Dr. Ortiz led the pledge of allegiance and took roll call. Noting all Trustees were present. She also noted that Arathi Naga, Student Trustee representing Los Altos High School was absent. Christophe Boutielle, Trustee representing Mountain View High school was present.

#### **7.2 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

### **7.3 Report on Action Taken in Closed Session**

No Action taken during closed session.

## **8.0 Students of the Month**

### **8.1 Recognition of May 2025, Freestyle Academy Students of the Month/Year: Ash Dillon, Achievement Award, and Nadine Sheridan, Award for Excellence.**

The Board of Education will recognize Freestyle Academy, May 2025, Students of the Month/Year: Ash Dillon and Nadine Sheridan.

**Recommendation:** Recognize Ash Dillon and Nadine Sheridan, Freestyle Academy students of the month.

Leo Florendo, Freestyle Academy Department Chair, presented Ash Dillon and Nadine Sheridan as the Students of the Year. The Board of Trustees and Superintendent Mr. Volta congratulated the Freestyle Students on their achievements. Their Families were also in attendance.

## **9.0 Recognitions and Resolutions**

### **9.1 9.1 Resolution Number 24/25-44, Recognizing Classified School Employees' Week.**

May 18-24, 2025, has been designated as Classified School Employees Week by the California School Employees Association and the State legislature. The theme this year is "Trusted, Inclusive, United".

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 24/25-44, Recognition of Classified Employees Week

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adopt Resolution No. 24/25-44, Recognition of Classified Employees Week'. 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 Number 24/25-45: Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Day**

May 7, 2025 will be California's 42nd Annual Day of the Teacher. The second Wednesday in May is designated in Education Code 37222 to recognize teachers in our state. The theme this year is "We Are the Ones We've Been Waiting For"

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 24/25-45, Recognition of Teachers.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adopt Resolution No. 24/25-45, Recognition of Teachers'. 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

**9.3 MVLA Special Spotlight: Todd Wangsness, MVLA Teacher of the Year 2024/2025**

The Board and Superintendent would like to recognize Todd Wangsness, History teacher at Los Altos High School, as the MVLA Special Spotlight recipient for his achievements as the District Teacher of the Year for 2024/2025.

**Recommendation:** Information

Eric Volta, MVLA Superintendent, along with the Board of Trustees, congratulated Mr. Wangsness on his achievement.

**10.0 Communications**

**10.1 Student Board Member Reports**

Student Board members may wish to make a report.

**Recommendation:** Information.

Student Representative Arathi Naga, from Los Altos High School, was absent. Student Representative Christophe Bouteille from Mountain View High School reported on events and activities at MVHS.

**10.2 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.

Carol Johnson, CSEA president, gave an update.

**10.3 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. 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.

The following community members addressed the Board:

Silja Paymer, Dr. Tracy Ferea, Gordon Ferguson, and Thomas Carter Nishi

## **11.0 Presentations, Reports and Information**

### **11.1 Los Altos High School Mural Project**

The visual arts department at Los Altos High School is working on a school mural to make art more visible on campus and showcase the program. Art Department Coordinator, Jessica Hayes and students will update the Board on the project. The following students are presenting: Noa Amit - 9th grade, Allysa Wong - 9th grade, Fiona Shi - 9th grade, and Tyra Bogan - 12th grade and Rolie Ojeda - 12th grade

**Recommendation:** Information.

Jessica Hayes, LAHS Art Department Chair, along with Allysa Wong, Fiona Shi, Tyra Bogan, and Rollie Ojeda, present the LAHS Mural project to the Board.

### **11.2 Freestyle Academy Program Update**

Freestyle Academy staff will present a comprehensive presentation on their program, recruitment, and outlook for 2025.

**Recommendation:** Information

Leo Florendo, Department Chair, presented an update on Freestyle Academy.

### **11.3 Master Scheduling Overview Presentation**

Master Scheduling Overview Presentation

Staff will present an overview of the master scheduling process for MVLA's high schools. The presentation will outline the key steps, timelines, and guiding principles used to develop the master schedule. The overview will also highlight how the schedule is designed to support student access to core academic programs, electives, specialized programs, and support services.

**Recommendation:** For Information.

Teri Faught, Associate Superintendent, explained the process of creating a master schedule for the comprehensive sites. The Trustees asked questions and indicated they would email if additional clarification is needed.

## **12.0 Consolidated Agenda**

**12.1 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.**

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.

**Recommendation:** Approve all Consolidated Motion items.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** 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

### **12.2 Los Altos High School's Journalism Trip to Fort Collins, Colorado, June 22-25, 2025, to Attend the Rocky Mountain Journalism Camp**

This is the final request for 4 students and 1 chaperone to travel to Fort Collins, Colorado, June 22-25, 2025, to participate in the Rocky Mountain Journalism Summer Camp. Students will not miss any days of school as this trip falls during summer break. This request is submitted with less than the required 6 months notice. Staff is asking for consideration due to the cancellation of their usual camp.

**Recommendation:** Approve Los Altos High School's Journalism Trip to Fort Collins, Colorado, June 22-25, 2025, to Attend the Rocky Mountain Journalism Camp.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Los Altos High School's Journalism Trip to Fort Collins, Colorado, June 22-25, 2025, to Attend the Rocky Mountain Journalism Camp'. 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

### **12.3 Contract for Mountain View Los Altos High School District to partner with Medical Billing Technologies Inc.**

This contract is to partner with Medical Billing Technologies Inc. for the use of their use of OptiClaim (an Electronic Healthcare Records system) to process medical claims for the CYBHI Multi-Payor Fee Schedule school-based mental health billing initiative. The cost associated with this contract is 8% of all claims processed. The fees will be due quarterly based on the payments received on the claims.

**Recommendation:** Approve Contract for Mountain View Los Altos High School District to partner with Medical Billing Technologies Inc.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Contract for Mountain View Los Altos High School District to partner with Medical Billing Technologies Inc'. 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

### **12.4 MOU for Audiologist shared between MVLA, MVWSD and LASD**



MOU enclosed

Recommendation to approve MOU as described in order to provide MVLA students with appropriate services.

**Recommendation:** To approve the MOU.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To approve the MOU'. 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

**12.5 MOU for shared DHH teacher between MVLA, MVWSD and FUHSD**

MOU enclosed

Recommendation to approve MOU as described in order to provide MVLA students with appropriate services

**Recommendation:** Recommendation to Approve

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommendation to Approve'. 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

**12.6 Second Reading on Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 (Chronic Absence and Truancy) and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113 (Absences and Excuses)**

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 (Chronic Absence and Truancy) and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113 (Absences and Excuses)

The Board will review the second reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 (Chronic Absence and Truancy) and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113 (Absences and Excuses). These policies outline the district's approach to student attendance, detailing procedures for addressing chronic absenteeism, truancy, and excused absences. The policies regulations aim to promote student attendance and engagement while ensuring compliance with state laws and regulations. The Board will have the opportunity to provide feedback before the policies are brought forward for approval at the next meeting.

**Recommendation:** Conduct the Second Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 (Chronic Absence and Truancy) and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113 (Absences and Excuses).

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Conduct the Second Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 (Chronic Absence and Truancy) and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113 (Absences and Excuses)'. 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

### **12.7 Memorandum of Understanding Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and the Santa Clara Unified School District to Provide Adult Education Teacher Credentialing Services.**

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Clara Unified School District to provide Adult Education Teacher Credentialing Services. Santa Clara Adult Education and Evergreen College are now offering a non-credit (free) Adult Ed Teaching Credential Program (preliminary and clear credentials). This will allow them to provide credentialing services to prospective MVLA teachers who need to obtain an Adult Education credential.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and the Santa Clara Unified School District to Provide Adult Education Teacher Credentialing Services.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and the Santa Clara Unified School District to Provide Adult Education Teacher Credentialing 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

### **12.8 Memorandum of Understanding Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and the Santa Clara County Office of Education to Provide Technical Services in the 2025-26 Fiscal Year**

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to provide annual technical support for district financial and technology services for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and the Santa Clara County Office of Education to provide technical services in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and the Santa Clara County Office of Education to provide technical services in the 2025-26 fiscal year'. 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

### **12.9 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and InformedK12 to Provide Services Related to District and School Site Forms and Workflow Processes.**

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of the agreement with InformedK12 to Provide Services Related to District and School Site Forms and Workflow Processes.

**Recommendation:** Approve the agreement with InformedK12 to provide services related to district and school site forms and workflow processes.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the agreement with InformedK12 to provide services related to district and school site forms and workflow processes'. 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

### **12.10 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and to Rentacrate Enterprises, LLC to Provide Classroom Moving Services During Construction for Mountain View High School Modernization and Addition to Classrooms 100, 200, 300, 400 Wings Project. DSA #01-120470**

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of the Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and to Rentacrate Enterprises, LLC to Provide Moving Services for the MVHS Modernization and Additions to Classrooms 100, 200, 300, and 400 Wings project at Mountain View High School, as referenced in the proposal dated April 9, 15, 2024 (attached).

**Recommendation:** Approve the Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and to Rentacrate Enterprises, LLC to Provide Classroom Moving Services During Construction for Mountain View High School Modernization and Addition to Classrooms 100, 200, 300, 400 Wings Project.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and to Rentacrate Enterprises, LLC to Provide Classroom Moving Services During Construction for Mountain View High School Modernization and Addition to Classrooms 100, 200, 300, 400 Wings 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

### **12.11 Change Order #8A Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Rodan Builders, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Mountain View High School Modernization and Additions to Classrooms 100-400 Wings Project**

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting Change Order #8A with Rodan Builders, Inc. be ratified: Due to inconsistencies between the construction drawings and specifications related to the transition from wireless to wired locksets for 40 classroom doors, and inclusion of access control locks on 11 locker room doors, which were not

originally specified in the bid documents, the contractor shall: 1. For 40 classroom doors that were changed from wireless to wired access control locks, furnish and install new electronic power transfer devices and continuous hinges, and perform all necessary prep work on each door and frame to accommodate the wired system. 2. For 11 locker room exterior doors that were not previously specified to include access control locks, furnish and install all necessary components, including but not limited to: cylinder cores, door pulls, mounting brackets, door sweeps, kick plates, door closers, electronic power transfer switches, and continuous hinges supporting the power transfer, and perform all necessary prep work on each door and frame to accommodate the wired system.

**Recommendation:** Ratify Change Order #8A Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Rodan Builders, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Mountain View High School Modernization and Additions to Classrooms 100-400 Wings Project.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Ratify Change Order #8A Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Rodan Builders, Inc. to Provide Services Related to the Mountain View High School Modernization and Additions to Classrooms 100-400 Wings 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

**12.12 Gifts And Donations**

The Fiscal Services Department reports gifts and donations the district has received at each meeting of the Board of Trustees. REPORT \$1,000 from Carol Weiss to Middle College \$2,000 from Barbara Angius to the LAHS Dude Angius Scholarship \$4,000 from the Matt Stone Memorial Scholarship to MVHS Matt Stone Memorial Scholarship \$10,000 from the Ken and Kathy Hao Charitable Fund to LAHS Football

**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 **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** 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

**12.13 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Lozano Smith to Provide Legal Services in the 2025-2026 School Year**

Lozano Smith Agreement for Legal Services 2024-2025

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of the agreement with Lozano Smith to represent, advise, and counsel the district from July 1, 2025, through and including June 30, 2026.

**Recommendation:** Approve the agreement between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Lozano Smith to provide legal services in the 2025-2026 school year.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the agreement between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Lozano Smith to provide legal services in the 2025-2026 school year'. 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

#### **12.14 Minutes for the Board of Trustees Special, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on April 21, 2025.**

Minutes for the Board of Trustees Special, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on April 21, 2025, are presented for approval.

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees special, closed and regular meeting conducted on April 21, 2025.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees special, closed and regular meeting conducted on April 21, 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

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

#### **13.1 Contract agreement for Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Care Solace**

##### **Care Solace Contract**

Care Solace helps individuals connect with community-based mental health providers and substance use treatment centers via a Care Companion concierge system. The goal is to connect individuals with outside of school care. This is a free service for MVLA students, families, and staff. We contract annually with Care Solace for the 2025-26, this contract will cost \$15,816.50.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Care Solace Contract for the 25-26 school year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Care Solace Contract for the 25-26 school year'. 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 Amended Independent Contractor Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Elizabeth Lee, Psy.D.**

Amended Independent Contractor Agreement, Elizabeth Lee, Psy. D.

This contract is for Elizabeth Lee, Psy.D., which provides licensed educational psychologists that provided assessments including bilingual assessments. Previously approved contract was for \$75,000.00, and the new amended total is \$102,900.00, a net increase of \$27,900.00.

**Recommendation:** Approve the amended ICA with Elizabeth Lee, Psy. D., for the 2024-2025 school year.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the amended ICA with Elizabeth Lee, Psy. D., for the 2024-2025 school year'. 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

After further discussion and clarification, the Trustees approved both consolidated items that were pulled.

## 14.0 Business/Action Items

### 14.1 Adult School Calendar for 2025-2026

The Adult School calendar adopted annually by the Board of Trustees establishes the beginning and the end of the school year, recognizes legal holidays and provides for local holidays and other periods when school is not in session. The Adult School staff has developed a 2025-2026 calendar for each of its Adult School programs

**Recommendation:** Approve Adult School Calendar

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Thida Cornes)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Adult School 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

### 14.2 Board Policy 5131.8 Mobile Communication Devices - First Reading

This is the first reading of the Mobile Communication Devices Board Policy 5131.8. Policy 5131.8 is a new policy that reflects the AB 3216 which requires the Governing Board to, by July 1, 2026, develop, adopt, and update every five years a policy to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones while at a school site or under the supervision and control of district employee(s). The policy provides guidance on the district's approach to regulating the use of smartphones and other mobile communication devices.

**Recommendation:** Conduct the First Reading of Board Policy 5131.8 Mobile Communication Devices

This was a first read only; no action was required at this time. The Board Policy will be revised using the CSBA template format and will be presented for a formal first reading at a future board meeting.

## 15.0 Board Operations

### 15.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

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

**Recommendation:** For information.

- Trustee Cornes requested a transportation and cost analysis plan from LAHS to Freestyle Academy.
- Trustee Cornes also wants East Drive access considered along with pedestrian and bicycle safety at Los Altos High School.
- Trustee Katz requested the development of a process or policy regarding after-hours high school events that involve outside speakers and off-campus guests, including procedures for administrative oversight and supervision of such events.  
Trustee Cornes would also like to have a policy and focus more on what staff can do and how to respond.  
Trustee Levich would also like a policy including a vetted process as part of it.
- Trustee Levich requested an additional study or special session regarding the graduation requirements for World History. Additionally, she expressed interest in reviewing the differences between Mountain View High School and Los Altos High School. Trustee Cornes also requested an additional review, but would like it reviewed by using a student-centered approach.

### 15.2 Communications/Correspondence

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

**Recommendation:** Information.

Eric Volta, MVLA Superintendent, indicated he spoke with Senator Becker's office for clarification on 1468 (in regards to Ethnic Studies). Mr. Volta stated that Senator Becker said "1468 is independent, and does not override AB 101".

### 15.3 Legislative Update

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

**Recommendation:** For information.

### 15.4 Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet next: Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 19, 2025, District Office, Board Room

Future Board Meeting dates are:

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.

## 16.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed

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

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

Dr. Ortiz, Board president, adjourned the regular session and announced that the Trustees would be resuming closed session.

## **17.0 Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Action Taken in Second Closed Session**

### **17.1 The Board will Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Any Action Taken During Second Closed Session**

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

The Board reconvened open session and Board President, Dr. Ortiz, announced that no action was taken in closed session.

## **18.0 Adjournment**

### **18.1 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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 PM.





*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees  
Minutes for May 5, 2025.*

*District Office Board Room  
1299 Bryant Avenue,  
Mountain View, CA 94040*

*Minutes approved on May 19, 2025.*

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*Dr. Esmeralda Ortiz, President*

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*Alex Levich, Clerk*

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*Eric Volta, Secretary*