



**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
November 28, 2017  
UNADOPTED**

**Attendance Taken at 6:05 PM:**

Present:

Daniel Bobay  
Amin Fazal  
Robert Jung  
Hon Lien  
Chris Norwood

Absent:

Ms. Priyanshi Nigam, Student Board Representative

Updated Attendance:

Priyanshi Nigam was updated to present for the Open Session.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Robert Jung and a second by Amin Fazal.

Yes Daniel Bobay

Yes Amin Fazal

Yes Robert Jung

Yes Hon Lien

Yes Chris Norwood

Absent Ms. Priyanshi Nigam

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

There were no comments from the public.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board convened to Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

**6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:24 p.m.

**7. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Minutes:

President Bobay announced that in Closed Session the Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation for a Program Manager, Mental Health

Services.

## **8. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Open Session Agenda as amended per Superintendent Jordan's statement passed with a motion by Robert Jung and a second by Amin Fazal.

Yes Daniel Bobay

Yes Amin Fazal

Yes Robert Jung

Yes Hon Lien

Yes Ms. Priyanshi Nigam

Yes Chris Norwood

Minutes:

Superintendent Jordan amended Consent Agenda Item 16I, the Lease Agreement with the Spring Valley Fire Dept as follows: (1) the reference to the UC 4H Club should be deleted, and (2) instead of Spring Valley Fire Dept. being billed directly by the utilities supplier, MUSD will be bill Spring Valley Fire Dept. for the utilities. Superintendent Jordan then handed out the corrected Lease Agreement. (This corrected Lease Agreement is attached to these minutes.)

## **9. FLAG SALUTE**

Minutes:

The flag salute was led by students from Sinnott Elementary School, Naisha Desai, Sophia Locquiao, Gonzalo Merino-Sanchez.

## **10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

Michael Tsai, Secretary of SVCTBA (Silicon Valley Chinese Technology & Business Association), stated he was pleased with the recent On The Table discussion hosted by MUSD regarding the housing crunch. There are many stories of educators having trouble with housing due to rising rent. Mr. Tsai believes that we as a community can come together and look for more solutions. Earlier this year, he worked with individuals in San Jose to explore a teacher housing program which ultimately was not approved, but he feels the program could still be successful. His group has explored the issue, and he'd be happy to discuss and share his findings with the Board.

Ed Ackerman 38-year resident of Milpitas, would like Board to consider lowering the current rate of \$500 charged to organizations for using the high school facilities, the soccer field in particular. Mr. Ackerman stated that the City recently spent \$4million renewing the sports complex and recently opened the center to the general public when it was not in use otherwise. The City normally charges organizations a reasonable fee. He's asking the Board to consider reducing the fee for local organizations to use school facilities during off hours, off season.

## **11. BOARD GROUP AGREEMENTS**

Minutes:

Board Group Agreements are available for Board Member's ready reference.

## **12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Rancho Principal Casey McMurray shared how the PIQE Program (Parents

Institute for Quality Education) increases the level of parent involvement in schools. The program is a 9-week training course "for parents to really understand how the school system works so that they are empowered and can better support their own children at the middle school level." The program includes providing the training in Spanish and Vietnamese.

Superintendent Cheryl Jordan thanked the Milpitas Youth Soccer League board members and coaches for the many hours they dedicate to helping the young people of Milpitas. "We want to honor you for making sure students have a place to participate and to connect to others in the community, and to build their sense of character and teamwork. Thank you for making our community a stronger, better place."

### **13. SUPERINTENDENT'S EXECUTIVE CABINET REPORTS**

Minutes:

-Business Services Asst. Superintendent Wendy Zhang reported: Maintenance, Operations, Transportation-All boxes delivered to school sites and departments for the Jack Emery drive. Student Nutrition Dept- working to add a mid-morning breakfast at Cal Hills for those students who miss breakfast. Facility & Bond Dept- working with City staff to finalize the cost sharing agreement for the new elementary school joint use areas; this will go to City Council on 12/15. Business Services-wrapping up first interim budget update, will share at Dec 12 board meeting.

-Learning and Development Asst. Superintendent Norma Rodriguez reported she recently met with the City to plan a Celebration of Learning which will showcase activities at MUSD; she's also planning a Sat. Dec 16 gathering for Student Councils from the elementary schools which will provide the student voice for input into the LCAP; lastly, the LCAP engagement process will begin Jan 16 with the first meeting of the District LCAP committee.

-Human Relations Asst. Superintendent Sid Haro reported the most recent Management Meeting focused on Effective Successful Communication, supporting each other and helping each other towards success. Also, he recently led the District Office Secretary promotional interviews, and he wanted to share with the Board how much he enjoyed seeing our internal employees move up in their career path.

-Principal's Report MHS Principal Francis Rojas, Jennifer Hutchison, Asst. Principal, and Skyler Draeger, Asst. Principal shared that the MHS Marching Band won several awards on Nov 18 at the Northern CA Bands Association Tournament of Champions; the school is actively working on their WASC Midcycle Review scheduled for April 30 and May 1, 2018 with input and feedback from many sources and stakeholder groups; and MHS is currently planning to develop a Freshman Transition Support Class to support students' academic as well as mental/socio-emotional health. (Learning objectives will include Self Identity and Esteem, Interpersonal Relationships, Time, Stress and Conflict Management, Mindfulness, Responsible Communication and Social Media, Sex Education and Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Goal Setting and College and Career Planning.) Principal Rojas stated that this course grew out of the search to provide education for the "whole" child. Going forward, Trustees Norwood and Jung, as well as Learning&Development Director Greg Barnes, will participate in the development of this course.

### **14. REPORTS**

**A. October 2017 Community Polling Results for Potential Bond (Superintendent)**

Minutes:

EMC Research and TBWB reported on the findings of a poll for a 2018 general obligation bond. While past polls have been conducted exclusively by telephone, this survey included both phone and online formats in order to capture a broader audience of likely voters. The interviews (400 in total) were conducted in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese from October 11 to October 19, 2017. The demographics are reflective of a likely June electorate, a representative sample, with 25% being parents of MUSD school children.

Key findings include:

A majority of voters have a positive opinion of the District and the quality of education in local schools.

Anti-growth (residential growth and development) sentiment continues to be on the rise.

A strong majority of voters are aware of the need for additional funding for school facilities.

Initial support for a bond measure for local schools is above the 55% threshold needed for passage.

Voters prioritize necessary repairs and upgrades as well as relieving overcrowding in schools.

Polling reveals that support for a bond measure is slightly higher for a November 2018 election than a June 2018 election, with potential opponents' campaign/messages fairly damaging in June. The biggest difference between June and November is the likely electorate. The June primary election will likely have a fairly lower voter turnout versus November general election, and when turnout decreases, the demographics skew older, more conservative, and less likely to have school-age children. The November electorate likely will be more favorable.

Next steps include continued outreach to the community to provide information about needs and potential plans, as well as communication within MUSD, with local community groups and leaders, and with voters at large.

Trustee Norwood asked whether having the bond measure in the November elections is more convenient or advantageous to the workload of TBWB. Mr. Charles Heath from TBWB replied that in fact the opposite is true. The company simply hires more temporary workers as needed around election times.

Trustees Lien and Jung asked regarding the sample used in the survey, Ms. Jessica Polsky of EMC research clarified that the sample is a randomly selected, fully representative sample of the expected electorate in a Milpitas election, including demographics, age, homeownership, etc.

**B. Mabel Mattos Elementary update presentation (Director, Facilities Modernization, Joe Flatley)**

Minutes:

Director Flatley shared details of the construction process and that it is going well, with good cooperation among all parties involved, with even the weather playing a supporting role. He is impressed with the level of detail at which everyone is working. "We have a great team of builders. Everybody's really cooperating and trusting each other. They're offering ideas that will save the District money, so it's really going well." Construction is on schedule for the school to open Phase 1 in August 2018. The joint use areas agreement with the City of Milpitas will be presented at the City's Dec 5, 2017 council meeting.

**C. California Healthy Kids Survey Results Local Indicator: School Climate Priority 6 (Assistant Superintendent, Learning and Development)**

Minutes:

Asst. Superintendent, Learning and Development, Norma Rodriguez reported the survey results. The survey collects the students' perceptions directly from the students. The survey is administered every other year to 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th graders and students in the nontraditional environment. Fifty-two percent of currently-enrolled 5th graders responded to the survey. For 11th graders, 76% responded. For 9th graders, 87% responded, and for students in the nontraditional environment, 91% responded. Parents have to give permission for their students to respond. The overall results are similar to results from two years ago. Students seem to feel more connected to their schools at the lower grade levels, and then decreases as they move up grades.

The data will be broken down to the site level and shared with the school principals. Next steps are to review the interventions at each school and use this data to revise our programs. On Dec 6, the Learning & Development team will share best practices across the District, based on previous meetings with each school site's leadership team, and compared against the data.

**15. ACTION ITEMS**

Minutes:

There were no Action Items.

**16. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve all consent items, with the exception of 16I. Passed with a motion by Hon Lien and a second by Chris Norwood.

Yes Daniel Bobay  
Yes Amin Fazal  
Yes Robert Jung  
Yes Hon Lien  
Yes Ms. Priyanshi Nigam  
Yes Chris Norwood

**A. Adopt the minutes of the 11.14.17 Regular Board Meeting (Superintendent's Office)**

**B. Approve the Personnel Report of 11.28.17 (Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations)**

**C. Approve the Purchase Order Report of 11.28.17 (Assistant Superintendent, Business Services)**

**D. Approve the Waterproofing Associates, Inc. bid for the Rose CDC roof repair project. (Assistant Superintendent, Business Services)**

**E. Approve the following field trip request**

**F. Approve the Agreement with BMR Health SPED Services (Assistant Superintendent, Learning & Development)**

**G. Approve Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with SCCOE for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Academic Years (Assistant Superintendent, Learning & Development)**

**H. Approve the adoption of Benchmark Advanced as the English Language Arts curriculum for MUSD elementary schools pending the outcome of the public 30-day review (Assistant Superintendent, Learning and Development)**

**I. December 1, 2017 July 1, 2018: Year-to-Year Lease of Air Pointe property to Spring Valley Fire Department (Superintendent)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the proposed lease agreement between the District and Spring Valley Fire Department, for the period from Dec. 1, 2017- July 1, 2018. Passed with a motion by Robert Jung and a second by Hon Lien.

Yes Daniel Bobay  
Yes Amin Fazal  
Yes Robert Jung  
Yes Hon Lien  
Yes Ms. Priyanshi Nigam  
Yes Chris Norwood

Minutes:

Supt. Jordan explained that this item is a year-by-year lease agreement between the District and Spring Valley Fire Dept to use the Air Point facility for instruction and training, and in exchange they will take care of the facility for MUSD and provide educational experiences for MUSD students around career exploration in the fire service. Spring Valley Fire Department will also organize community events onsite, such as family picnics and a T-ball tournament with local safety officers, school staff, students and parents.

Capt Larry Ciardella, Phil Dye, and David San Jose spoke regarding their appreciation for the opportunity to train at AirPointe which provides them a dedicated training facility (which they have not had for some time, having to train during summers at Sandy Wool Lake, and winters at the Milpitas Fire Station 1 when available), and which also does not compromise their response time to the areas for which they provide service, because of the location of the Air Point property.

## **17. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS**

Minutes:

Trustee Norwood participated in the Rancho 5K Turkey Trot, the Giving Tuesday in the nonprofit arena which works to raise funds to donate 1,000 culturally relevant books to children.

Trustee Bobay participated in meeting with Superintendent Jordan and Asst Supt Norma Rodriguez regarding the presentation on the dashboard MUSD will be presenting at the CSBA conference, also announced the Parade in Niles.

**18. DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

Minutes:

Trustee Jung mentioned 2 fundraisers of the Milpitas Community Educational Endowment, one is an online auction which runs through Dec 15, the second is a black tie event on Dec 15.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m. after a moment of silence for the 305 people killed and 128 wounded in the shooting at a crowded Sinai mosque on Nov 24, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested:

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Cheryl Jordan  
Superintendent

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Hon Lien, Clerk of the Board

*Minutes prepared by Nancy Modrall*