

Mill Valley School District Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2021 6:00 PM

Join meeting via Zoom link:

<https://www.mvschools.org/Page/8570>

PUBLIC SESSION - 6:00pm

A. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Uhlhorn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & BOARD PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

B.1. Roll Call

Minutes:

Roll Call: Trustees Uhlhorn, Pardi, Crncich Hodge, Abdoli, May present.

B.2. Approval of Agenda (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Todd May and a second by Dr. Michele Crncich Hodge.

Yes Elli Abdoli

Yes Dr. Michele Crncich Hodge

Yes Todd May

Yes Marco Pardi

Yes Emily Uhlhorn

Minutes:

Item approved as presented.

C. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

C.1. Opportunity for Public Comment

Minutes:

There was public comment regarding business expenses, COVID-19 testing, and equity, diversity and inclusion.

C.2. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Update

Minutes:

CSEA President Suzi Andrews reported on the news regarding vaccines for school employees. Ms. Andrews also stated CSEA stands with those who condemn the events from last week at the Capitol Building and the need to come together.

C.3. Mill Valley Teachers Association (MVTA) Update

Minutes:

MVTA Co-Presidents Linda Brune and Erin Frazier spoke to the Board regarding safety agreements and working with Human Resources and the Superintendent.

D. PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

D.1. Middle School EDL Update and Covid Dashboard Information and Vaccinations

Minutes:

Staff presented an update regarding the middle school extended distance learning (EDL) program including information regarding live instruction, the Apex platform for online learning, math and social studies curriculum, iReady, office hours with teachers, counseling, electives, and additional coursework. Dr. Berman shared that all schools continue to be open to in-person learning and the district is adhering to public health guidance. Dr. Berman stated the district is proceeding with vaccinations for staff. Staff were surveyed regarding their willingness to receive the vaccine and the majority surveyed replied yes.

D.2. Independent Audit Report June 30, 2020 (d)(v)

Motion Passed: Approval of Audit Report June 30, 2020 Passed with a motion by Marco Pardi and a second by Elli Abdoli.

Yes Elli Abdoli

Yes Dr. Michele Crncich Hodge

Yes Todd May

Yes Marco Pardi

Yes Emily Uhlhorn

Minutes:

Habbas Nassar, CPA, of Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation presented the independent audit report ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Nassar stated there were no audit adjustments and no audit findings. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Dr. Michele Rollins, addressed comments made in public comment specifically around credit card use by administration and it was clarified that these were funded by private donation and Kiddo! grants for staff professional development. Item approved as presented.

D.3. Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Supplementary Retirement Plan (SRP), Resolution #10-20/21 & Administrative Services Agreement

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Elli Abdoli and a second by Todd May.

Yes Elli Abdoli

Yes Dr. Michele Crncich Hodge

Yes Todd May

Yes Marco Pardi

Yes Emily Uhlhorn

Minutes:

Ryan Nicasio, Vice President of Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) presented information and the process to administer a supplementary retirement plan for eligible employees. Mr. Nicasio explained the structure of the plan, the process and the goal of increasing the number of natural attrition retirements by offering the incentive to long-term or senior employees. Mr. Nicasio stated the goal is to generate savings for the District and if there is no savings, the plan would not proceed. There was discussion with the Board. Item approved as presented.

D.4. Community Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) Update

Minutes:

Members of CFAC provided an overview of CFAC and an updated financial forecast model which included revenues, expenses, COVID-19 related expenses, enrollment and staffing. CFAC presented the model using base case key assumptions. There was discussion with the Board regarding illustrated uncertainties including property tax growth, enrollment, staffing trends, future COVID-19 expenses, passage of a school bond, and the variability in CalSTRS.

D.5. Recognition of Mill Valley School District Governing Board

Minutes:

Dr. Berman recognized the Board for their dedication to the District on behalf of students, staff and the community. Dr. Berman also expressed gratitude to Trustee Pardi for serving as the Board President in 2020.

E. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Minutes:

The Board provided updates on various zoom PTA and committee meetings they have attended in the past month.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Dr. Berman reported that a fully online kindergarten registration will begin on January 19 and the district is excited to register the new students. Dr. Berman reported the district is focused on equity and the work is driven from the resolution passed in December. The work will be supported by the Facing History, Facing Ourselves organization. All staff will be invited to participate and there will be dedicated time at staff meetings for this important work.

G. APPROVAL of CONSENT AGENDA (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Todd May and a second by Elli Abdoli.

Yes Elli Abdoli
Yes Dr. Michele Crncich Hodge
Yes Todd May
Yes Marco Pardi
Yes Emily Uhlhorn

Minutes:

Item approved as presented.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

H.1. Minutes

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.2. Warrants

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.3. Payroll Certifications

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.4. Personnel Agenda #2021-06

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.5. Variable Term Waiver Request

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.6. Williams Uniform Complaints

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.7. School Accountability Report Cards for 2019-2020

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.8. Approval of Independent Audit Services of Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

H.9. Fiscal Year 2020-21 County of Marin Annual Statement of Investment Policy

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

**H.10. 2020 Annual Continuing Disclosure Information Statement as of
December 29, 2020**

Minutes:

Consent item approved.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Trustee Uhlhorn adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

Superintendent