

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**AND THE CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library**  
**6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA**  
**Monday, February 9, 2015 (6:30 p.m.)**

Board Members: Cheryl Hansen, Debra Mason, Barbara Oaks, Brian Lawrence, and Linda Mayo

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Nellie Meyer

Clayton City Council Members: Vice Mayor Howard Geller, Councilmember Jim Diaz, Councilmember Keith Haydon, and Councilmember Julie Pierce

**CALL TO ORDER**

City of Clayton Mayor David T. Shuey was unable to attend the meeting. Vice Mayor Howard Geller and Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board President Cheryl Hansen called the meeting to order and conducted Roll Call.

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Opening remarks were made by City of Clayton Vice Mayor Howard Geller and Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board President Cheryl Hansen.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debbie LaDue asked that the Board take a stand for or against the proposed Northgate Unified School District.

Michael D. Langley voiced his concerns about the Clayton Valley Charter School.

Dee Billeter voiced her concerns about the Clayton Valley Charter School.

**REPORTS/INFORMATION**

**5.1 Introduction to School Presentations**

Dr. Nellie Meyer, Superintendent, will provide an introduction to school presentations.

Dr. Meyer presented a video, which provided an overview of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

**5.2 School Presentation - Mt. Diablo Elementary School**

Presentation by Irene Keenan, principal of Mt. Diablo Elementary School.

Dr. Meyer introduced Irene Keenan, principal of Mt. Diablo Elementary School. Ms. Keenan gave a presentation about Mt. Diablo Elementary School.

**5.3 School Presentation - Diablo View Middle School**

Presentation by Patti Bannister, principal of Diablo View Middle School.

Dr. Meyer introduced Patti Bannister, principal of Diablo View Middle School. Ms. Bannister gave a presentation about Diablo View Middle School.

#### **5.4 Information Exchange between Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the Clayton City Council**

Board members, Superintendent, and members of the Clayton City Council will provide each other updates on items of mutual interest and discuss current partnerships and other areas of cooperation. Discussion items may include:

- **Mt. Diablo Elementary campus storm water drainage issues onto the adjacent public trail and natural hillside abutting Clayton Road.**

Laura Hoffmeister, Assistant to the City Manager, explained the issues caused by the Mt. Diablo Elementary storm water drainage pipe emptying onto the adjacent public trail and natural hillside abutting Clayton Road.

A discussion among the City Council and Board Members followed.

- **Discuss/feedback on recent Mt. Diablo Elementary modified school traffic circulation changes.**
- **Discuss/feedback about promoting/encouraging the concept of chaperoned “walking school buses” to help mitigate congestion at MDE campus (coordinated through PFC).**

Ms. Pierce proposed encouraging more use of the Walking School Bus program, where neighborhood parents collectively walk kids to school.

A discussion among the City Council and Board Members followed.

Public Comment:

Jackie Travers\* asked for more information on the Walking School Bus program and for any other recommendations or suggestions that Mt. Diablo Elementary can consider to further improve traffic flow.

- **Discuss/share the prospect of paid after-school programs at Diablo View Middle School. City community recreation contractor in Gym has capacity to provide programs if students/parents have interest.**

City Council Members and Board Members discussed the prospect of paid after-school programs at Diablo View Middle School.

Public Comment:

Willie Mims\* spoke about the process for proposing paid after-school programs.

- **Measure C Facilities update for Mt. Diablo Elementary, Diablo View Middle, and Clayton Valley Charter High School.**

Tim Cody gave an update on Measure C Facilities at Mt. Diablo Elementary, Diablo View Middle, and Clayton Valley Charter High School.

Public Comment:

Riley Travers\*, student, gave examples of facilities in need of repair at the school, including showers and lockers.

Ms. Hansen and Mr. Lawrence responded with information about future Measure C projects, and noted that school sites determine their own priority lists for facilities projects.

Misha Safron, parent, asked that the District take over the responsibility of determining the facility priorities at Clayton Valley Charter High School.

Ms. Hansen clarified that the District is responsible for physical plant modernization and renovation. Clayton Valley Charter High School, as tenants of the District, is responsible for daily maintenance. Ms. Hansen shared that parents who have any concerns about issues that may affect student health should contact the District.

Dr. Meyer pointed out that the voters approved certain items as priorities, such as ADA accessibility. When asked who students could contact with feedback about facilities, Dr. Meyer recommended contacting the Clayton Valley Charter High School campus operations staff.

A member of the original Measure C committee at Clayton Valley Charter School shared that the committee chose improvements that were needed at that time, including stadium snack shack and restroom facility improvements.

Willie Mims\* pointed out that Clayton Valley Charter High School is an independent charter school, not a dependent charter school.

Jackie Travers\* voiced her opinion that Measure C funds should be directed toward school buildings and classrooms.

A city council member asked for clarification on the responsibilities of Tim Cody and Jeff McDaniel.

• **Share information/feedback regarding Clayton Valley Charter High School relationship.**

Public Comment:

Allison Snow, Misha Safron, Laurie Arboul, Matt Hill, Matt Mazzei, Sharon DeGener, Walter Rike\*, Jim Middendorf, Chris O'Connell, Willie Mims\*, Bud Beamer\*, Riley Travers\*, Jackie Travers\*, and Bridget Billeter\* expressed their concerns about Clayton Valley Charter High School.

Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Hansen shared their thoughts about Clayton Valley Charter High School.

Ms. Pierce and Mr. Haydon shared their thoughts about the Clayton Valley Charter High School.

Ms. Mason commended the students that got up to speak.

There was a discussion about scheduling future joint meetings.

Ms. Mayo announced that a presentation on Common Core Standards will be held at the Pleasant Hill Library next month; details are available on the Library schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

\*No speaker card submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.  
Superintendent