

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wednesday, July 15, 2015 (9:00 a.m.)

Board Members: President Cheryl Hansen, Vice President Debra Mason, Brian Lawrence, and Barbara Oaks

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Nellie Meyer, Associate General Counsel Deborah Cooksey

CALL TO ORDER

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present except Ms. Mayo and Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence will participate in the meeting via teleconference. President Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Public Hearing: Rocketship Charter School Petition Under Education Code Section 47605(b)

On June 18, 2015, the District received a petition to form the Rocketship Charter School. Today, the School Board will hold a public hearing to receive input on the petition. At a public meeting on or before August 17, 2015, the Board will take action to grant or deny the petition. Staff, in consultation with legal counsel, is conducting a review and analysis of the petition against the legal criteria set forth in Education Code section 47605, and will provide its written analysis of the petition, and discussion of potential options, to the School Board before the determination meeting. The School Board will take no action tonight, but will receive public input on the petition during the public hearing. The petitioners will be provided an opportunity to make a 10-minute presentation before the public hearing.

To view the files contained in the Rocketship Charter School Petition document, please copy and paste the following address into your browser:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/oxnmkuzctvjcf6d/AADoAuBnyjwWKZb77CAj_p0Ja?dl=0

President Hansen opened the public hearing at 9:07* a.m.

President Hansen gave a synopsis of the process for evaluating and voting on a charter petition, and announced that the Board will vote on this petition on August 10, 2015.

David Kuizenga, Vice President, Bay Area, and Barrett Burkett, ISE Specialist, Discovery Prep, gave a presentation on the Rocketship Charter School program.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Perez, Lety Gomez, Sylvia Barragas, and Christina Gutierrez spoke in support of the Rocketship Charter School program.

Mr. Lawrence left the meeting via teleconference at 9:31 a.m.

Michael Langley shared his concerns about the Rocketship Charter School program.

President Hansen closed the public hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Mrs. Oaks requested information on visiting a school in progress as well as the school day schedule. David Kuizenga and Maricela Guerrero, Principal, Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep, responded to her questions.

Mason moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 3-0-0-2 (with Lawrence and Mayo absent) to accept the Rocketship Charter School petition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mason moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 3-0-0-2 (with Lawrence and Mayo absent) to approve all Consent Agenda items, thereby approving the following:

6.1 Concord High School's trip to Antioch Fairgrounds, August 10-12, 2015

Concord High School is requesting permission to take their Marching Band of 95 students, along with 16 chaperones to the Antioch Fairgrounds in California. This trip provides a critical culture building component to the band program.

6.2 Ygnacio Valley High School's Field Trip to Brannan Island State Park, August 1-2, 2015

Ygnacio Valley High School is requesting permission for their Careers in Education Academy to take an overnight trip to Brannan Island for team building and leadership preparation for the Education Academy Leadership Team on August 1 - 2, 2015. Twenty five students will travel by District bus and be camping on Brannan Island. They will be chaperoned by five adults.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

*Times indicated are approximate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent