

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, February 23, 2015 (6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.)

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

4.1 Item #1) Readmission of Student #03-14 into the Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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4.2 (Item #2) Request for Second Extension of the District Administrative Panel Hearing for Student E-A15

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4.3 (Item #3) Anticipated Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Gov't. Code Sec. 54956.9(b), Significant Exposure to Litigation: Two Cases

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4.4 (Item #4) Existing Litigation - Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) regarding the matter of Larsen v. MDUSD

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4.5 (Item #5) Public Employment (Gov. Code Sec. 54957.6)

This item was for information only.

ROLL CALL

President Hansen conducted Roll Call with all Board members present except Mr. Lawrence.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Lawrence arrived during Closed Session.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

President Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present. President Hansen welcomed Student Representative Rafael Velazquez-Ramos from Mt. Diablo High School.

REPORT OUT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

8.1 (Item #1) Readmission of Student #03-14 into the Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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The Board took action to support the readmission of Student #03-14 into the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

8.2 (Item #2) Request for Second Extension of the District Administrative Panel Hearing for Student E-A15
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The Board took action to approve the second extension of the District Administrative Panel Hearing for Student E-A15.

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The Board conferred with legal counsel on one case of litigation. No action was taken.

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The Board conferred with legal counsel, and took action in a 5-0-0 vote.

8.5 (Item #5) Public Employment (Gov. Code Sec. 54957.6)

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The Board conferred with staff; no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

9.1 Appointment of Program Specialist, Special Education

Interviews have been conducted, and a candidate has been selected to fill the position of Program Specialist, Special Education.

Oaks moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the appointment of Jessica Pozos to the position of Program Specialist, Special Education.

RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

10.1 Resolution #14/15-39 Women's History Month

California Education Code section 51204.5 specifically calls for instruction in the social sciences to include the study of the role and contributions of both men and women to the economic, political, and social development of California and our nation. Women have played, and continue to play, critical roles in the economic, cultural and social spheres of our nation's life.

Mayo moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Resolution #14/15-39 Women's History Month.

10.2 Resolution #14/15-40 Arts Education Month

Mt. Diablo Unified School District proclaims the month of March as Arts Education Month, and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional materials.

Mason moved, Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Resolution #14/15-40 Arts Education Month.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Student Representatives reported on activities at their high schools.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Mason shared that she attended the Adult Education Consortium co-led by Joanne Durkee, and she attended the Beyond School Hours conference where she went to some informative sessions on Common Core. Ms. Mason reported that she attended an informational meeting about the District's Dual Immersion program, and she queried why that program is not being offered in Bay Point or the Monument Corridor. Ms. Mason shared that she attended the swearing in of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, and also went to the Education Forum in Walnut Creek where Assemblywomen Susan Bonilla and Catharine Baker were in attendance, and listened to different school districts share their concerns about Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Funding. Ms. Mason shared that she and Ms. Hansen attended a meeting of the City of Concord to discuss plans for the Naval Weapons Station, and toured Los Medanos College with a regent from their Board. Ms. Mason visited the Science Fair at Valhalla Elementary, and expressed that it was a lot of fun.

Ms. Oaks shared that she attended the event that the District hosted for Congressman Mark DeSaulnier at Mt. Diablo High School. Mr. DeSaulnier requested input on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Ms. Oaks noted that it was very informative to hear from all of the participants from within the District. She pointed out that Mr. DeSaulnier welcomes community members and Board members to email his office with any input. Ms. Oaks shared that she attended the Concord High School Jazz Band's Music and Hope concert, which was a lot of fun.

Ms. Mayo announced that on April 16, the Contra Costa County School Boards Association will hold "An Evening with County Superintendents and CSBA" at the Alameda County Office of Education. She noted that this event includes an advance meeting for the Contra Costa County delegation at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Mayo shared that the California State PTA has added additional resources and tools to its website, www.capta.org, to help parents and administrators evaluate LCAP parent engagement and to plan for next year. Ms. Mayo announced that the House of Representatives will vote this week on the Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—No Child Left Behind. Ms. Mayo encouraged everyone to contact their representative. Ms. Mayo noted that California's legislators wrapped up the submittal of their proposed bills this week. Ms. Mayo announced that the Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair still needs additional judges for 250 projects on March 27 at Los Medanos College. She encouraged everyone to consider enrolling as a judge at www.cccsef.org.

Ms. Hansen announced that the Board will be holding its first joint meeting with the Contra Costa Community College Board on May 11. She shared that the Board's goal has been to reach out and build a partnership with colleges and universities. Ms. Hansen mentioned that she is particularly interested in exploring dual enrollment programs for high school students. Ms. Hansen shared that she and Ms. Mason attended a meeting of the City of Concord to discuss plans for the Naval Weapons Station. She explained that three proposals were brought forward by developers, and each mentioned opening schools. Ms. Hansen shared that at the joint meeting with the City of Concord in April, the Board will work to open the communication about the plans for the Naval Weapons Station. Ms. Hansen noted that these are plans which will take ten years or more to implement. Ms. Hansen acknowledged Joanne Durkee for her work at the Adult Education Consortium. She noted that Ms. Durkee is very well known throughout the state for her work in Adult Education. Ms. Hansen thanked Denise Lambert and the Concord High Band Boosters for their fundraising concert, which donated half of the proceeds to the District's Homeless and Foster Youth program. Ms. Hansen asked Dr. Meyer if she would like to give a summary of the changes to the staff represented on the dais during the Board meeting. Dr. Meyer explained that fewer staff members are seated on the dais in order to allow more seating for guest presenters.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Meyer thanked Rafael Velazquez-Ramos for being the student representative.

Dr. Meyer shared that since the last Board meeting, she has had the pleasure of visiting Pleasant Hill Elementary, Strandwood Elementary, Sequoia Middle, and Mt. Diablo and College Park High Schools. She noted that next week she will visit Olympic and Northgate High Schools. Dr. Meyer shared that she has very much enjoyed hearing the student voices, and using them to inform the decisions being made in the District.

Dr. Meyer shared the “LCAP at a Glance,” a one-page summary of the District’s Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals, which are: parent and community engagement, professional learning, and preparing students for college and career. Dr. Meyer pointed out that this document has been translated into Spanish, and will be translated into other languages. The “LCAP at a Glance” has been presented to the DLAC committee and other community groups. Dr. Meyer announced that each District department leader has shared these goals with their team. Dr. Meyer shared that she hopes to post the “LCAP at a Glance” at school sites to make it accessible to everyone. She pointed out that equity permeates everything in the document, and that setting academic goals is a big step toward ensuring that students are on their way to college and career readiness.

Dr. Meyer shared that she met with the ASB Leadership at College Park High School as part of her LCAP outreach. She noted that the students requested information on Ed Code and policies surrounding student activities, which have been provided to them. Dr. Meyer shared that the students are very proud of the welcoming and safe climate at their school.

Dr. Meyer shared that Mt. Diablo High School hosted a visit from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier. With his new appointment to the Education Committee, and the upcoming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—No Child Left Behind, Congressman DeSaulnier is looking to hear from a variety of people. Dr. Meyer noted that many people voiced their concerns about the over-assessment of students. Student Representative Velazquez-Ramos shared that MDHS student leadership was not invited to the event, so the visit was not included in his report. Dr. Meyer invited Mr. Velazquez-Ramos to send any comments that he has regarding No Child Left Behind to her, and she would ensure that they are sent to Congressman DeSaulnier.

Dr. Meyer thanked Denise Lambert and other Concord High School parent volunteers for putting on the Music and Hope event. Dr. Meyer shared that the Booster club felt it was important to give back to the community through the District’s foster youth program led by James Wogan. Dr. Meyer noted that there is a strong music program at Concord High School, led by Gary Courtney.

Dr. Meyer shared a photo of Northgate student Joseph Wu, who was featured in Diablo Magazine this month. Diablo Magazine identified students around the East Bay who have superpowers like those in the movie “The Incredibles.” Joseph Wu’s superpower skills are in the area of real estate.

Dr. Meyer shared that the District participated in an Adult Education Summit this month with community colleges and other districts. Dr. Meyer noted that Joanne Durkee chaired the event, and received an award and a standing ovation for her contributions to adult education.

Dr. Meyer announced that at the next meeting the Board will celebrate the success of the MDUSD teachers of the year.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

14.1 Common Core Presentation

Jonathan Eagan, Executive Director, Instructional Support, will make a presentation on Common Core State Standards.

Jonathan Eagan and Aurelia Buscemi gave a presentation. The Board members had a discussion following the presentation.

Public Comment:

Willie Mims shared that he enjoyed the presentation, and voiced his concerns about the teacher’s role as a facilitator.

This item was for information only.

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment:

J. Parker asked for clarification on legal fees referenced in (Item #9) Fiscal Transactions for the Month of January 2015.

Mayo moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve all Consent Agenda items, with the exception of Items #4 and #8.

15.1 (Item #1) Items listed under Consent Agenda 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.

15.2 (Item #2) Approve the Contract between Silverspur Christian Camp and Wren Ave Elementary

Students at Wren Ave Elementary are participating in an Outdoor Ed. program at Silverspur Christian Camp April 28 -May 1, 2015.

15.3 (Item #3) Diablo View Middle School Symphonic Band and Jazz Band Field Trip to Anaheim, California

Symphonic Band and Jazz Band students at Diablo View Middle School will perform at Disneyland and participate in a soundtrack recording session/clinic on March 12-15, 2015. Forty-four students and nine adult chaperones will attend.

15.4 (Item #5) Mt. Diablo High School's Sustainable Hospitality Trip to Washington DC, April 5 - 10, 2015

Instructors Cindy Gershen, Pamela Deane and Mary Buckley will be taking a team of 14 seniors to Washington, DC to teach their educational nutritional theater to a DC high school and compete in a Healthy Food Cook-Off.

15.5 (Item #6) Northgate High School's Choir Trip to Anaheim CA, April 22 - 26, 2015

Monica Maddern will be accompanying her Vocal Music groups to Los Angeles to participate in workshops with professionals in education and the music business. Choirs will be performing in Disneyland.

15.6 (Item #7) Student Teaching Agreement between San Francisco State University and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

This agreement will provide teaching, clinical, or administrative experience for students enrolled in teacher and clinical training or administrative internship curricula.

15.7 (Item #9) Fiscal Transactions for the Month of January 2015

Payments have been made to meet the District's obligations to salaries, improvements, and other outgoing expenses.

15.8 (Item #10) Submission of the Kaiser Grant

Staff requests authorization to submit a grant request to Kaiser Permanente's Community Benefit Program to support youth and nutrition education in the Mt. Diablo CARES After School Programs through the Summer Garden Academy at Riverview Middle. This program supports students from Mt. Diablo and Ygnacio Valley High Schools. Mt. Diablo CARES has been the recipient of the Kaiser grant since 2010. During the 2014-15 school year, the Kaiser grant will support 20 Summer Garden Academy youth stipends. If funded, the grant will provide \$10,000 for one year.

15.9 (Item #11) 2015 Career Integrated Academics Committee Membership, in Compliance with Carl Perkins Applied Technology Funding

The Career Integrated Academics Committee provides oversight to Board Policy 6030, which recognizes the need for applied learning that will support student success in college and careers. This Committee also provides oversight, per the Five Year Plan for use of Perkins funding, of the use of Perkins funding in MDUSD high schools and middle schools, supporting Career Technical Education and career pathways. Perkins funding requires annual

Board of Education approval of the membership of this advisory board for the use of Perkins funding. The Board approval timing is being adjusted to align with Board member assignment timeline. Perkins funding requires that this “Advisory” body meets at least once per year.

15.10 (Item #12) Recommended Action for Certificated Personnel

Changes in status of the following certificated employees.

15.11 (Item #13) Recommended Action for Classified Personnel

Changes in status for the following classified employees.

15.12 (Item #14) Request to Increase and Decrease Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the 2014-15 School Year

The attached positions are requested to be increased and decreased as described.

15.13 (Item #15) Classified Personnel: Request to Increase/Decrease Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the 2014-15 School Year

The attached positions are requested to be increased/decreased as described.

15.14 (Item #16) Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on January 26, 2015

Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on January 26, 2015, are being brought forward for approval.

15.15 (Item #17) Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on February 2, 2015

Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on February 2, 2015, are being brought forward for approval.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

16.1 (Item #4) Concord High School's Band Trip to Anaheim CA, March 25-29, 2015

The Instrumental Music Program will travel to Southern California to participate in a series of performances, clinics,, and studio recording sessions at the Performing Arts Program, March 25, 2015 through March 29, 2015. Students will have the opportunity to perform in one of the busiest theme parks in the world. Students will go backstage and work with world-class clinicians, and participate in Soundtrack Studio recording sessions.

Ms. Mason asked for confirmation that the fundraising for this activity was consistent with AB1575 requirements. Dr. Meyer confirmed that the fundraising was appropriate for this particular activity.

Mason moved, Lawrence seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Concord High School's Band Trip to Anaheim, CA, March 25-29, 2015.

16.2 (Item #8) Contract with Rainbow Community Center to Serve Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth Under MDUSD Workforce Investment Act Youth Employment Services Program (Mt. Diablo YES)

Mt. Diablo Unified Student Services successful grant application in 2014 resulted in the establishment of Mt. Diablo Unified Youth Employment Services (YES) operated by School Linked Services. Priority populations to be served per grant include foster youth, homeless youth, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Outreach, engagement, and employment readiness services to LGBTQ youth will be provided in partnership with the Rainbow Community Center, a Board-approved MOU partnership agency.

Ms. Mason pointed out that according to the provided documentation, this partnership has already commenced and she asked for clarification of whether or not this is a new program. James Wogan clarified that this is a new contract with a previously established District partner, and responded to Board member questions.

Mayo moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the contract with Rainbow Community Center.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

There were no District Organizations represented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Willie Mims questioned why minutes from the joint meeting with the City of Clayton have not yet been made available. Mr. Mims also shared his opinion on the incident at Mt. Diablo High School where a student was tasered by a Concord Police Officer.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

19.1 Amend Independent Contract with The Regents of the University of California on Behalf of the UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project

We would like to increase our contract in the amount of \$11,000 so we may provide appropriate professional development on March 13, 2015. We have requested a Science-only portion, in addition to requiring additional facilitators for Social Science for our high school professional development day.

Mayo moved, Mason seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the increase and amendment to the independent service contract with The Regents of the University of California for the UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project.

19.2 Create Job Description for Administrator-Assessment, Research and Evaluation

Staff is restructuring the position of Manager, Research and Evaluation and eliminating this position. This new job description for Administrator-Assessment, Research and Evaluation will replace the position of Manager, Research and Evaluation. This position will plan, organize, coordinate, implement, and direct the assessment, research, and evaluation services of the District. The new position will entail a greater scope of technology integration with testing and data retrieval and analysis.

Public Comment:

Willie Mims shared his opinion that an educational degree requirement should be included on the job description.

The Board members had a brief discussion. Ms. Hansen and Dr. Meyer acknowledged Joe Marsich for his contributions to the District.

This item was for information only.

19.3 Contract Extension of CALNET II State Contract to June 30, 2016

On January 29, 2014, the contract with CALNET II expired. CALNET II was a contract awarded to multiple vendors for telecommunications services in 2008 through a State request for proposals. Since 2008, MDUSD has utilized the voice and Data provisions of the contract which was awarded to AT&T. This contract allows school districts to enjoy reduced pricing, and it is recognized by the Schools and Libraries Program for additional E-rate discounts. The State has finalized and awarded contracts for CALNET III, but now the FCC unveiled E-rate II and with it a new funding model for eligible services. Under E-rate II, telephone discounts will be phased out over the next three years. For this contract year, we will receive 2/3 the discount we enjoyed last year. We are requesting an extension of current pricing until June 30, 2016, with an option to extend until June 30, 2018. This will allow us the time to convert our data and telephone services no longer covered in E-rate II to services that are eligible for E-rate discounts. Since it may take some time to convert to the new services, we are asking for a contract extension until next year's E-rate funding window.

Joe Estrada responded to Board member questions.

Mayo moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve to award the contract extension of the CALNET II State Contract to ATT until June 30, 2016.

19.4 Meeting Extension

Adjournment time will be no later than 10:30 p.m. for all regular and special meetings unless extended to a specific time as determined by a majority of the Board.

A Meeting Extension was not required.

19.5 Execution of Documents

During this time, the Superintendent and Board Members will execute documents approved during this meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Mayo requested that the Board close the meeting in memory of Marilyn Jamerson.

Dr. Meyer acknowledged Christopher Gonzalez, an 8th grader at Oak Grove Middle School, who lost his life in a traffic accident.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not reconvene Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. in memory of Marilyn Jamerson.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent