

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Wednesday, September 24, 2014 (6:00 p.m./7:30 p.m.)

Board Members: Barbara Oaks, Brian Lawrence, Lynne Dennler, Cheryl Hansen, and Linda Mayo

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Nellie Meyer; Assistant Superintendent Julie Braun-Martin, Executive Director of Operations Jeff McDaniel, and Interim General Counsel Larry Schoenke

CALL TO ORDER

President Oaks called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annie Nolan spoke about the status of the CSEA workforce.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

4.1 (Item #1) Readmission of Student #15-13 into the Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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4.4 (Item #4) Conference with Labor Negotiator(s) - Unrepresented Employee - Superintendent Negotiator: Barbara Oaks

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Open Session reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

President Oaks led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present.

REPORT OUT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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The Board received information.

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The Board received information and gave direction.

8.4 (Item #4) Conference with Negotiators - Unrepresented Employee - Superintendent Negotiator: Barbara Oaks

The Board gave direction to legal counsel.

RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Resolution 14/15-12 Disability Awareness Month

October has been designated as Disability Awareness Month. The Special Education Department and the Mt. Diablo Unified School District wish to affirm its support of the importance of an appreciation for the diversity of all people. The Mt. Diablo Unified School District also recognizes the contributions made by people with disabilities throughout history and encourages schools to participate in activities that enhance awareness of, and sensitivity to, individuals with disabilities.

Hansen moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve to adopt Disability Awareness Month Resolution No. 14/15-12.

9.2 Resolution No. 14/15-14 - Attendance Awareness Month

September has been designated as Attendance Awareness Month. The Mt. Diablo Unified School District hereby commits to a continued focus on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally and socially. Resolution No. 14/15-14 proclaiming September as Attendance Awareness Month will be distributed to all schools within the District.

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve to adopt Resolution No. 14/15-14 recognizing September 2014 as Attendance Awareness Month.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

10.1 Appointment of Principal - Northgate High School

Interviews have been conducted, and a candidate has been selected to fill the position of Principal - Northgate High School.

Lawrence moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the appointment of Michael McAlister to the position of Principal at Northgate High School.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Mayo spoke about her visits to Diablo View Middle School, Bancroft Elementary School, Bel Air Elementary School, and Hidden Valley Elementary School. Ms. Mayo shared the excitement around the new science buildings being constructed at the middle and high schools, and encouraged everyone to view photos of the new buildings on the Measure C website. Ms. Mayo attended the Bond Oversight Committee Meeting, and noted that the Committee is planning dates for its' report to the Board next year. The Committee also discussed dates for a future bond sale to assure continued cash flow for the District's construction projects. Ms. Mayo announced that more volunteers are needed to serve on the Bond Oversight Committee, and that anyone interested should contact Tim Cody or Dr. Meyer. Ms. Mayo thanked the members of the Committee for their time and work.

Ms. Mayo attended the Teacher of the Year event, where MDUSD teachers Stephen Slater and Kathleen Young were recognized. Ms. Mayo announced that Pleasant Hill Community Service Day begins early on Saturday morning and encouraged people to participate.

Mr. Lawrence apologized that a resolution around Banned Books Week was not placed on the agenda due to a miscommunication. He voiced his pride in the District's history of not banning books. Mr. Lawrence congratulated Dr. Meyer on her one year anniversary as Superintendent, and thanked her for joining the District. Mr. Lawrence shared his excitement about the accomplishments in the District over the past year, as well as his anticipation for the future.

Ms. Dennler wished Dr. Meyer a "Happy Anniversary", and noted how much has been accomplished in such a short period of time.

Ms. Hansen stated that Dr. Meyer is the best superintendent that she has met in her 40 years in education. Ms. Hansen attended the Teacher of the Year event, and noted the dedication and excitement of the teachers there. She pointed out that County Superintendent Joseph Ovick will be retiring in December, and that he has been a great supporter of teachers for many years. Ms. Hansen thanked the American Library Association for supporting free thought and speech for 150 years. This Friday, Ms. Hansen has been invited to Ygnacio Valley High School to give a presentation at their Education Academy; she is excited about that opportunity.

Ms. Oaks thanked Dr. Meyer for her work this past year. Ms. Oaks attended the Budget Committee Meeting, and noted that Nance Juner did a great job of explaining the budget information in layman's terms. She invited anyone who is interested to attend the next Budget Committee Meeting, to be held on December 9th at 5:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Meyer shared that this past year has been wonderful, both personally and professionally. Dr. Meyer commented on both successes and challenges, and noted that this District has the ingredients for success, including wonderful students, parental support, caring staff, and strong Board leadership.

Since the last Board meeting, Dr. Meyer has visited Pleasant Hill Elementary School, College Park High School, and Northgate High School.

Dr. Meyer gave a special thank you to the parents who participated in the Parent Advisory Committee Meeting, where they discussed school improvements and the Local Control Accountability Plan. She thanked Lorie O'Brien for facilitating the meeting.

Dr. Meyer shared that this week the District hosted a reception on the topic of chronic absenteeism. Students and parents who had already shown improvement in the first month of school were invited to attend, along with representatives from the District Attorney's office, local police departments, MDUSD, and the PTA. District staff spoke to students and parents about their needs. Dr. Meyer announced a policy change which she intends to present to the Board at a future date, regarding family leave for high school students who are parents.

Dr. Meyer shared that the Master Plan for English Learners is complete and ready for distribution. She thanked Jeanne Duarte and Carmen Garces for their work on this document, as well as the training they are providing to support the schools. Copies of the plan are available at the Willow Creek Center.

Dr. Meyer shared that this month Meadow Homes was recognized for their Zumba program by the Monument Impact Organization. The program was commended for the impact it has on the health and fitness of our parents. It has also created a community of parents who support the school in other ways.

Dr. Meyer noted that the District is monitoring daily the teacher vacancies and that there are still gaps in Special Education, Math, and Spanish. Staff is currently exploring all methods of recruiting and hiring in these areas.

Dr. Meyer commended the Benefits, Personnel, Budget, and Legal offices for their work on the staff health fairs held in the District Office.

Dr. Meyer thanked Mr. Lawrence for raising the subject of banned books.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

13.1 Measure C Project Update

Staff will provide an update of Measure C projects to the Board.

Tim Cody gave a presentation. This item was for information only.

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment:

John Ferrante voiced his concern that there are not enough controls within the District to oversee the four positions which can sign District deeds over to another body. (Item #14.22)

Lawrence moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve all Consent Agenda items, with the exception of Items #14.22 and #14.23, thereby approving the following:

14.1 (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.

14.3 (Item #3) Request to Increase Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the 2014-15 School Year

14.4 (Item #4) Classified Personnel: Request to Increase/Decrease Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for the 2014-15 School Year

14.5 (Item #5) Fiscal Transactions for the Month of August 2014

Payments have been made to meet the District's obligations for salaries, contracts, equipment, capital improvements and other outgo.

14.6 (Item #6) Approval of Contract Increase with Non-Public Agency, Creating Behavioral and Educational Momentum (CBEM)

CBEM is a certified California Non-Public Agency (NPA) that provides Applied Behavioral Services according to the terms of the student's Individual Educational Program. Services are for two homebound students that require an intensive highly specialized program at this time. The District currently has a contract in the amount of \$24,500 with CBEM. Additional funds in the amount of \$74,910 are requested at this time.

14.7 (Item #7) Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Spectrum Center for 2014-15 Collaborative Program

The Mt. Diablo/Spectrum Collaborative Program Model began in 2003, at a time when the District had not developed autism specific classrooms. The purpose of this model was to provide immediate programs and services for students that were both FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education) and LRE (Least Restrictive Environment) by having these classrooms on District comprehensive school sites. As the District has implemented its' plan for autism classrooms and services, corresponding adjustments to the Spectrum classrooms have occurred. Mt. Diablo Unified School District is proposing to continue to collaborate with Spectrum Center, a Non-Public School, to serve students on one District campus for the 2014-15 school year. The details of the agreement and the history of cost reductions can be found in the attachments.

14.8 (Item #8) Execution of Non-Public School Master Contracts for the 2014-15 School Year

Mt. Diablo Unified School District's (MDUSD) Execution of Non Public School Placements for the 2014-15 School Year. Request for funds includes basic education, related services, and room & board/mental health services for students in residential placements.

14.9 (Item #9) Approval of Master Contract with Non-Public Agency Community Options for Families & Youth (COFY)

COFY is a certified Non-Public Agency that provides Mental Health related services for students of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District according to the terms of their Individualized Educational Program. Services include counseling, family therapy, and case management services for students placed in residential programs.

14.10 (Item #10) Approve Independent Services Contract with Mary Phalon, Support Counselor and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Mary Phalon will provide counseling services to Foothill Middle School students. She will work with administrators, teachers and other professional staff to support student academic success at Foothill.

14.11 (Item #11) John F. Kennedy University - Independent Services Contract

If approved, JFKU Graduate School of Psychology Counseling Interns will provide counseling services at designated schools. JFKU Psychology Interns have participated in fieldwork placements in MDUSD for the past 10 years.

14.12 (Item #12) Educational Testing Service (ETS) High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)

Mt. Diablo Adult Education requests approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to become a permanent authorized Educational Testing Service (ETS) testing center effective October 1, 2014, for the purpose of administering the ETS High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) on behalf of ETS.

14.13 (Item #13) Approve Contract with Talk Solutions/Pleasant Hill Middle School and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Talk Solutions will provide services to all grades at Pleasant Hill Middle School with an emphasis on 6th grade students. Support services will include:

- In-class workshops/lessons
- Lunch time activities
- Leading students in conflict resolution strategies
- Situational/urgent conflict resolutions
- Small group support with an emphasis on positive behaviors that reflect Pleasant Hill Middle Schools Citizenship standards

14.14 (Item #14) Approve Contract with Marin County Office of Education (COE) Outdoor School of Walker Creek Ranch for Walnut Acres Elementary School

Students at Walnut Acres Elementary School will participate in the Marin County Outdoor School Program at Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma, CA, June 1-4, 2015.

14.15 (Item #15) Approve Contract with Westminster Woods Camp and Sequoia Elementary School

Students at Sequoia Elementary School are participating in an outdoor education program at Westminster Woods, June 1 - June 4, 2015.

14.16 (Item #16) Firedoll Foundation Grant

Mt. Diablo Adult Education requests approval to submit its' annual grant proposal to the Straus Family Fund, a Donor-Advised Fund of the San Francisco Foundation in the amount of \$22,103.57 for the continuance of support services to students in the "On Track" program (adult students with acquired brain injuries), a one- hour per week intensive class for students afflicted with aphasia, and the cost of the Lead Instructor and the Student Support Services Specialist to attend the 2015 Santa Clara Brain Injury Conference.

14.17 (Item #17) Field Trips: Sequoia Middle School

Sequoia Middle School students will be going on overnight field trips to the following locations:

1. Lassen National Park, Oct. 4-5, 2014, approximately 40 6th grade students will gain field experience of volcanic and geothermal features, 6th grade Science standards 1a, 1d, 1e, 1f, 2d, 7f, and 7h.
2. Camp Sempervirens in Santa Cruz, Oct. 24-26, 2014, 35-50 Drama I & II classes will work on team building, monologues, character development, auditioning, and acting techniques.

14.18 (Item #18) Approval of Text for Honors Economics Course: Krugman's Economics for AP (bfw Worth)

Historically Economics Honors courses have used the same textbook as AP Economics. The pace of the course is adjusted to allow for different areas of emphasis than the Advanced Placement course but still maintaining rigor appropriate for a high school honors course. Staff is requesting Krugman's Economics for AP (bfw Worth) be additionally approved for use in Economics Honors courses.

14.20 (Item #20) Notice of Completion for Bid #1649: PE Building Renovation at Mt. Diablo High School

Bid No. 1649 was called to provide PE Building Renovation at Mt. Diablo High School. The lowest responsible bidder was B Bros Construction, Inc. for the bid award amount of \$349,770. The scope of work included, but was not limited to: renovate existing PE building at Mt. Diablo High School to accommodate a sports medicine classroom and HVAC renovations, selective demolition, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, low-voltage, casework, tile flooring and finishes, preparation, and hazardous materials removal.

There was an additive change order on this project in the amount of \$4,499. Work and services for this project have been satisfactorily completed for a total expenditure of \$354,269.

14.21 (Item #21) Approve Final Change Order (FCO) #1649-001 to B Bros Construction, Inc.

On February 26, 2014, the Board of Education awarded Bid #1649 to B Bros Construction, Inc. for \$349,770 for the provision of all tools, materials, labor and equipment necessary to complete site work, demolition and construction necessary renovate existing P.E. building at Mt. Diablo High School.

As a result of the need to 1) upgrade floor sink; 2) de-scope miscellaneous components and add restroom exhaust fan; 3) in-fill door to hallway and match adjacent surfaces; 4) abatement of discovered asbestos covered piping; and 5) additional roofing to facilitate relocation of all HVAC piping to roof, a final change order in the amount of \$4,499 is necessary. The single, final change order will result in a final, revised contract value of \$354,269.

14.22 (Item #24) Temporary Suspend Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 (Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 established the intradistrict transfer period as October 1- January 15. Staff is currently working on school enrollment, school capacity, and identifying schools with available space for transfer students. Therefore, staff is requesting a temporary suspension of Board Policy 5116.1 and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 to establish a new transfer period to October 15, 2014 through January 15, 2015.

14.23 (Item #25) Memo Of Understanding Between Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) and Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) for the 2014-15 School Year

On January 15, 2014, the Contra Costa SELPA Governance Council approved a change in billing practices for SDC students placed in the CCCOE SDC programs. Starting in the 2014-15 school year, the final cost will be based on the actual costs of providing the program divided by the average number of students in the program. The average enrollment of students will be taken four times during the year on October 31, January 15, March 15, and June 1. Once established, the cost per pupil amount shall not increase more than two percent in the current operating year. Districts will be billed twice per year for services provided. At this time MDUSD places between 70-80 students into CCCOE programs each year. In addition, the same billing practice will be applied to students placed into MDUSD by LEAs in other SELPAs, resulting in an increase in revenue to the District. This number varies between 10-15 students placed in our District each year.

14.24 (Item #26) Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on May 20, 2013

Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on May 20, 2013, are being brought forward for approval.

14.25 (Item #27) Minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 15, 2013

Minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 15, 2013, are being brought forward for approval.

14.26 (Item #28) Minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 8, 2013

Minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 8, 2013, are being brought forward for approval.

14.27 (Item #29) Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on May 6, 2013

Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on May 6, 2013, are being brought forward for approval.

14.28 (Item #30) Minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 1, 2013

Minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting held on May 1, 2013, are being brought forward for approval.

14.29 (Item #31) Recommended Action for Classified Personnel

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

15.1 (Item #22) Approve Resolution 14/15-13 for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District for Acceptance and Consent to a Deed or Grant of Real Property

Resolution No. 14/15-13 is proposed for Mt. Diablo Unified School District for acceptance and consent to a Deed or Grant of Real Property. This resolution grants authority to Superintendent, Executive Director, Operations or Director, Measure C to grant acceptance of Easement or Quitclaim requests.

Mr. Schoenke clarified the details of this resolution and responded to Board member questions.

Mayo moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Resolution No. 14/15-13, Certificate of Acceptance.

15.2 (Item #23) Approve Quitclaim of Easements between the Contra Costa Water District and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

The Contra Costa Water District has submitted a quitclaim deed release request for previously acquired easements at Sequoia Middle School and Pleasant Hill Middle School. Per Governmental Code 27281, this quitclaim request is submitted for Board of Education approval.

Mayo moved, Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the quitclaim of easement between Contra Costa Water District and MDUSD.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joann Jacobs, Education Commission for the City of Pleasant Hill, invited everyone attend the Board of Education Candidate's Forum they are hosting on October 2nd.

Dan Reynolds, teacher, announced that yesterday was National Voter Registration Day. He encouraged everyone to register to vote. Mr. Reynolds also thanked the Board and Dr. Meyer for speaking out in support of Banned Books Week.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Dorothy Weisenberger, Community Advisory Committee, announced that the CAC will be hosting a Board of Education Candidate's Forum on October 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Dent Center. Ms. Weisenberger also urged the Board members to vote yes for SEA hours restoration, and she asked the District to consider offering more behavior education for SEAs.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

18.1 Approve creation of 12 School Counselor Positions

Staff requests authorization to create 12 School Counselor positions in the District to provide developmentally appropriate and comprehensive counseling services focused on academic success, personal and social development and career and college guidance to students. The need for site-based counseling services was shared consistently District-wide at the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) community meetings during the 2013-14 school year, at school site visits and dialogue with staff. In addition, in response to needs identified during the 2013-14 school year at the six pilot equity schools, (Bel Air, El Monte, and Shore Acres Elementary, Oak Grove and Riverview Middle and Ygnacio Valley High School) the need for direct counseling support and intervention for students and staff was shared. As a reminder, in July 2012, MDUSD was identified as Significantly Disproportionate for the over-identification of African American students for Emotional Disturbance. As such, MDUSD is responsible for implementing a Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) Plan outlining how the District will address disproportionality and will re-allocate 15% of existing Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds for the 2014-15 school year to support this effort. The six pilot equity schools received targeted support and professional development to address disproportionality during the 2013-14 school year.

Staff is proposing to hire one School Counselor at each of the five comprehensive high schools and at Olympic Alternative High School to support academic and social needs of students funded by Local Control Funding Formula (general fund) dollars. In addition, one school counselor would be hired at each of the six pilot equity schools funded by IDEA funds. The proposed 12 School Counselors will provide the onsite academic and social-emotional support to students and will serve as a model for possible expansion to other grade spans and schools in the District in the future.

Ms. Hansen and Ms. Oaks spoke in support of creating these positions and noted that they look forward to seeing the expansion of this program in the future. Dr. Meyer thanked the team that worked on implementing these positions.

Hansen moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the creation of 12 School Counselor positions.

18.2 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

The Contra Costa County Treasurer's Office, to better manage documents, requires all Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) participants to update their resolution 14/15-6 of investment of monies in LAIF managed by the State of California Treasury.

Dr. Meyer clarified that this is an annual resolution.

Dennler moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 14/15-6 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

18.3 Adoption of Beginning Guitar as a Year Long Course of Study

A committee of high school Music Teachers and a School Support Administrator for VAPA went through the District process to write a new course of study for high school Beginning Guitar. The new course of study has been revised to be offered as a year long course, as opposed to a semester long course. In addition, the new course has been revised to incorporate the Common Core Standards for Mathematical Practices and is aligned with UC Course Guidelines. This process was necessary as the previous Guitar course had not been updated since 2004 and is now seeking UC a-g approval.

Dennler moved, Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve Beginning Guitar as a year long course of study.

18.4 Revision of BB 9250 Heath and Welfare Benefits

Propose that the Board adopt the following BB9250 as a replacement for our current bylaw. Acalanes, Liberty, Martinez, San Ramon, Pittsburg, Pleasanton, and Dublin are some of the districts that have already adopted this bylaw.

It is further proposed that this new bylaw be "grandfathered in" beginning December 1, 2014 and apply to all Board members who are newly elected, re-elected, or appointed as of November 4, 2014.

The current language of BB 9250 - Health and Welfare Benefits reads:

"Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program for District employees. Each member of the Board shall be entitled to health benefit coverage for the Board member and dependents equivalent to that provided by the District for its employees."

Revised language to read:

"Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for District employees. Board members who elect to participate shall pay the full cost of coverage."

Public Comment:

J. Parker spoke in favor of keeping health and welfare benefits for Board members.

After a long discussion, Hansen moved, Oaks seconded, and the Board voted 2-3-0 (with Lawrence, Mayo, and Dennler dissenting). The motion does not carry to approve the revision of BB 9250 - Health and Welfare Benefits.

18.5 Additional Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education

Representatives from the cities that comprise the District and other entities with interests in education, have expressed their desire to meet with the Board of Education on a scheduled basis to share information, discuss topics of mutual interest, and foster positive relationships between District and entity staff. These meetings will be in addition to the regularly scheduled Board meetings.

After a discussion, Hansen moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 4-1-0 (with Lawrence dissenting) to approve the addition of dates to be added to the Board of Education meeting schedule for the purpose of meeting with city government staff, educational entities or other matters as deemed appropriate by the Board President. This is a pilot program for the 2014-15 year on the following dates: October 20, 2014, November 10, 2014, December 8, 2014, January 12, 2015, February 9, 2015, March 9, 2015, April 13, 2015, and May 11, 2015.

18.6 SEA Hours Restoration

In June, 2011 Mt. Diablo Unified School District, like all school districts in California employed a variety of measures designed to reduce costs in a statewide economic downturn. In weighing all available options that would keep the District in legal compliance with federal and state mandates, consideration was given to many options. One adopted measure was the reduction of Special Education Assistant hours to three hour positions for Resource Specialist teachers.

In the short term this was an effective solution but over time this is not sustainable. While continuing to maintain the state mandated caseload limit of 28 students, the Resource Specialists are experiencing additional workload that could potentially impact the quality of services provided. The District funds 70 three hour positions, but 24 are currently vacant due to the difficulty we have in hiring staff for the unbenefited position.

Additionally, the reduced hours have resulted in reduced level of support for our students in the classroom. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates students with disabilities be educated in the least restrictive environment, or Resource program. The goal for California that 76% of students will be served in general education classroom with support from the Resource Specialist. At this time the District is identified as significantly disproportionate in this area, serving only 38% of our students in this setting. By providing additional support to the program we believe we can increase the numbers of students served in the Resource program.

In order to provide support for students and staff in the least restrictive environment we recommend restoring the funding to increase the Special Education Assistants to five hours for the Resource Program.

Public Comment:

Denise Lambert spoke in support of SEA hours restoration.

Wendi Aghily responded to Board member questions.

Dennler moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve restoration of hours to SEA positions.

18.7 Agreement for Facilities Use between City of Clayton and MDUSD

On May 24, 2001, the Clayton Redevelopment Agency entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District for the construction and use of the gymnasium at Diablo View Middle School. Due to changes in usage, the City of Clayton and Mt. Diablo Unified School District both exercised options to revisit the initial agreement. Upon meeting with both parties, a revised proposed contract is being submitted for review.

Jeff McDaniel and Lawrence Schoenke responded to Board member questions.

After a discussion, Hansen moved, Dennler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Agreement for Facilities Use between the City of Clayton and MDUSD for use of the gymnasium at Diablo View Middle School.

18.8 Minutes for the Special Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on June 30, 2014

Minutes for the Special Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on June 30, 2014, are being brought forward for approval.

Dennler moved, Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes for the Special Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on June 30, 2014.

18.9 Minutes for the Special Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on July 14, 2014

Minutes for the Special Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on July 14, 2014, are being brought forward for approval.

Dennler moved, Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes for the Special Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on July 14, 2014.

18.10 Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on August 13, 2014

Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on August 13, 2014, are being brought forward for approval.

Hansen moved, Mayo seconded, and the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes for the Board of Education Meeting held on August 13, 2014.

18.11 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.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Future Agenda Items.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board did not reconvene Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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