

**Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, November 18, 2019; 5:00 p.m. Closed Session/7:00 p.m. Open Session
District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040**

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

President Faillace called the meeting to order at *5:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

President Faillace conducted Roll Call with Trustees D. Torok, C. Vonnegut, F. Walter, P. Faillace and Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer present. Due to an emergency, Trustee S. Dave participated via teleconference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2.1 Public Comment on Items Scheduled for Discussion in Closed Session

There was no Public Comment.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

3.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Negotiations with CSEA, DTA and Non-represented Groups Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiators: Leyla Benson and Nellie Meyer

3.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - Three Potential Cases

3.3 Confidential Student Matters Pursuant to Ed. Code 35145.5 - Eight Cases

3.4 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957 Personnel Action Report – Handouts in Open Session

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:00 P.M.

4.1 Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board retired to Closed Session at *5:00 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

5.1 Reconvene to Open Session

President Faillace called Open Session to order at *7:10 p.m.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

6.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

President Faillace led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted Roll Call with Trustees D. Torok, C. Vonnegut, F. Walter, P. Faillace and Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer present in the room. Due to an emergency, Trustee S. Dave participated via teleconference. Student Trustee, Oliver Yu and Jackson Harnett were present.

REPORT OUT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Faillace reported there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

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RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Resolution Number 20-7: Resolution in Support of Local Government Action to Prevent and Reduce Youth Tobacco Use Through Tobacco Sales Restrictions, Including Sales of Unflavored Tobacco Products & Reducing Density of Tobacco Stores

F. Walter Moved; C. Vonnegut Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes from student Trustees) to adopt Resolution Number 20-7: Resolution in Support of Local Government Action to Prevent and Reduce Youth Tobacco Use Through Tobacco Sales Restrictions, Including Sales of Unflavored Tobacco Products & Reducing Density of Tobacco Stores.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

9.1 Board Member Reports

Trustee F. Walter reported that she attended a class at Los Altos the previous Friday morning. She shared she enjoyed hearing an urban planning final presentation judged by an industry panel with awards given to top presentations. Trustee Walter noted that the judges held students to a high measure and posed a lot of thoughtful questions to the presenters.

Trustee D. Torok reported that she and Trustee F. Walter attended Mountain View High School's production of "The Servant of Two Masters", and found it to be very entertaining.

* Times noted are approximate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer reported:

- The Los Altos Student Art Fair display of student art compared to that found at San Francisco's MOMA. (She shared photos of student art.)
- The first season of sports was very successful and playoffs ensued.
- Dr. Meyer shared that City Strategy has been a topic of conversation with the Board. She explained the anticipated redevelopment over the next 5-10 years may yield an increase of 1,000 additional students, which the district needs to plan for.
- Dr. Meyer was invited to speak about MVLA at a recent City Council Meeting.
- Topics at the Challenge Team meeting the prior week included how to work with students and how to be proactive about wellness. Trustees F. Walter and C. Vonnegut were in attendance. Dr. Meyer noted that the Challenge Team is a great partnership with the local cities, hospitals and other community organizations.
- Dr. Meyer shared that the Speaker Series event on vaping was held on November 14, 2019, and yielded enlightening information for attendees. Speaker Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher spoke to a full audience. The next Speaker Series event will be January 28, 2020, at Mountain View High School. Dr. William Stixrud and Ned Johnson will present "*The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control Over Their Lives*".

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

11.1 Students of the Month: Erin Alexander - Mountain View High School and Pedro Ruiz - Los Altos High School

Student Trustees introduced their respective schools' Student of the Month, Erin Alexander (Mountain View High School) and Pedro Ruiz (Los Altos High School). The students responded to Trustees' questions and had their photos taken.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

12.1 Student Board Member Reports

Student Trustees reported on activities and events at their schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

13.1 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Dr. Michelle Jonelis (parent, physician and resident) gave public comment on school start times, advocating for a 9:00 a.m. or later start time. She offered her assistance to the district during the transition.

President Faillace noted that the topic of school start time is not a unilateral decision by the Board, but a negotiated item with the district's teachers' union.

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CONSOLIDATED MOTION

14.1 Consolidated Motion

Item #14.2 was pulled for discussion by F. Walter.

D. Torok Moved; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes from student Trustees) to approve Item #1, and #3-11, on the Consolidated Motion thereby approving the following:

- 14.3 Los Altos High School's Trip to Nampa, Idaho, March 25-29, 2020, to Compete in the Robotics Competition at the Ford Center
- 14.4 Mountain View High School's Trip to Houston, Texas, April 14-19, 2020, to Compete in the International STEM/Robotics Competition
- 14.5 Mountain View High School's Trip to North Carolina State University, in Raleigh, North Carolina, May 14-17, 2020, to Participate in the Science Olympiad
- 14.6 Increased Mental Health Services provided by Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)
- 14.7 Proposed Courses of Study for the 2020/21 School Year
- 14.8 Warrants, October 2019
- 14.9 Declaration of Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property
- 14.10 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and El Cajon Project - Betty Ewing to Provide Culinary Arts Pathway Training Program Services for MVLA Students in the 2019-2020 School Year
- 14.11 Independent Contractor Agreement with HopSkipDrive, Inc., for Special Education Transportation in the 2019/2020 School Year

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR DISCUSSION

14.2 Personnel Report

This item was pulled for discussion and separate action by F. Walter.

William Blair thanked the Board and spoke briefly about his vision for his new role as District Wellness Coordinator.

F. Walter Moved; C. Vonnegut Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes by student Trustees) to approve the Personnel Report.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

16.1 Public Hearing and Acceptance of Mountain View Los Altos High School District (MVLA) and the District Teachers' Association (DTA) Contract Reopeners for 2019-20

President Faillace opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m. There was no public comment so the hearing was closed.

D. Torok Moved; F. Walter Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with two Preferential Ayes from student Trustees) to approve acceptance of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District (MVLA) and the District Teachers' Association (DTA) Contract Reopeners for 2019-20.

16.2 Self-Insurer's Annual Report for Workers' Compensation 2018-2019

Mike Mathiesen, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, explained that the annual report for Workers' Compensation is required by law and is presented to the Board for information only.

16.3 Annual District Accountability Report

Margarita Navarro, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, and Brigitte Sarraf, Director of Assessment and Evaluation, presented the annual District Accountability Report based on student achievement data from the 2018-2019 school year. Trustees discussed the information presented and Dr. Meyer, Ms. Navarro, and Ms. Sarraf answered questions posed by board members.

BOARD OPERATIONS

17.1 Review of Calendar Events

PIQE will be held on November 20, 2019, beginning at 6:40 p.m. in the Mountain View High School theater.

The Reclassification Ceremony will be held on December 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountain View High School cafeteria.

17.2 Communications/Correspondence

None noted.

17.3 Legislative Update

Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer provided updates on legislation recently signed by the governor, and legislation currently in process:

- Adult School: Student Enrollment, SB 554 (Roth D), Public schools: Advanced Scholastic and Vocational Training Program. Status: 9/12/2019 - Signed by the governor.
- Health: Immunizations, SB 276 (Pan D), Immunizations: Medical Exemptions. Status: 9/9/2019 - Signed by the governor.
- Board Members: Refines Provisions Around Pupil Board Member Service, Assembly Bill 709 (Bonta).
- Attendance: Transfer Policy, AB 1127 (Rivas, Luz D), Interdistrict Attendance: Prohibition on transfers by a school district of residence. Status: 9/27/2019 - Signed by the governor.
- Pupil Services: Bullying, AB 34 (Ramos D), Pupils: bullying and harassment prevention information. Status: 9/12/2019 – Signed by the governor.

17.4 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

None noted.

* Times noted are approximate.

17.5 Date, Time and Place of Next Meetings

President Faillace announced the next regular meeting will be conducted on December 2, 2019. The annual Board reorganization will be conducted on December 16, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

18.1 Adjourn Meeting

C. Vonnegut Moved; F. Walter Seconded; and the Board voted 5-0-0 (with one Preferential Ayes from student Trustee, Oliver Yu) to adjourn the meeting at *9:40 p.m.

RESUME CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED

19.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed

The Board of Trustees did not return to Closed Session.

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Minutes approved: May 4, 2020

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Secretary

Sanjay Dave
President

Catherine Vonnegut
Clerk

*Approved at the Regular Board of Trustees meeting conducted May 4, 2020.
Signed copies will be uploaded at a later date.*