

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

**February 23, 2017**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Robin Crist called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, Ca.

**Quorum**

A quorum was established with the following board members present: Robin Crist, Kenneth Dickson, Paul Diffley, Kris Thomasian and Patrick Kelley, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board.

Member absent: Barbara Muir

**Staff Members Present**

Darren Daniel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Bill Olien, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities/Operational Services  
Pamela Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Howard Dimler, Executive Director of Student Support  
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Executive Director of Elementary Education  
Mary Walters, Executive Director Secondary Education  
Laura Gonzales, Executive Assistant

**Employee Organization Representatives Present**

Tom Kuzma, President, Murrieta Teachers Association  
Linda Lunn, President, Murrieta Council PTA/PTSA

**A.1 Public Comment regarding Closed Session Item**

None

**B. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

**B.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

**C. CONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

**C.1 Call to Order/Report Out of Closed Session**

President Crist convened Public Session to order at 3:04 p.m. She reported that a quorum was present and that Board Clerk, Barbara Muir, was absent. Mrs. Crist announced that the Board held a conference in Closed Session with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation and that no actions were taken.

## **C.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kenneth Dickson. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Robin Crist  
Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Absent Barbara Muir  
Yes Kris Thomasian

## **C.3 Board Workshop: Direction Setting for 2017/18**

Pamela Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Michael Harte, Coordinator of Student Information Systems previewed the state's new accountability system, "California School Dashboard." Mrs. Wilson indicated that the report revealed three areas of need: English learners, Mathematics and Students with Disabilities.

The Board and senior staff continued their discussion from the January 26, 2017 Board Workshop regarding direction setting for the 2017/18 school year. Superintendent Kelley indicated that in light of a challenging budget year to come, and results from the School Dashboard, he directed staff to highlight areas of priority within the LCAP goals for the Board's review. The Board provided their feedback, recommendations, and areas for future consideration.

## **RECESS**

President Crist recessed the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

## **D. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

President Crist reconvened the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

### **D.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **D.2 Public Comment**

Zhanna Preston, Executive Director of Special Education introduced Dustin Punzel, Program Coordinator, Assistive Technology who announced that the Murrieta Valley Unified School District will hold its first Special Olympics on May 19, 2017 at Murrieta Mesa High School.

## **E. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **E.1 Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trip requests**

Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kris Thomasian. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Robin Crist  
Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Absent Barbara Muir  
Yes Kris Thomasian

#### **Murrieta Mesa High School**

Robotics State Finals Tournament  
Yearbook Spring Workshop

Bakersfield, CA  
Ontario, CA

March 3-4, 2017  
May 5-6, 2017

**F. FACILITIES/OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

**F.1 Approval of the appointment of members to the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Measure BB General Obligation Bond**

Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Paul Diffley. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Robin Crist  
Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Absent Barbara Muir  
Yes Kris Thomasian

Citizens' Oversight Committee Members

Business Representative	Mark Rieber
Senior Citizens' Group	
Parent/Guardian	Mac Byers Kailey Files
Parent/Guardian & PTA	Nicole Grumkoski Wynne Shaffer
Taxpayer Organization	
At-Large Community Members	John Brown Kendra Gedeon

**F.2 Adult Transition Program overview**

Zhanna Preston, Executive Director of Special Education reported that currently the Adult Transition Program (ATP) is housed at each of the high school campuses. She shared the programmatic advantages of moving the program to an off-site location. ATP teachers also reported on the benefits of housing the program in a commercial building to better support and advance opportunities for these students.

Bill Olien, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities/Operational Services reported that commercial space adjacent to the District Support Center is currently available. He presented a schematic space plan designed to house the special needs of the ATP Program. He indicated that the cost of the lease is \$285,355 and would be funded using Community Facilities District taxes. He added that business partnerships would be explored to help defray some costs.

Mr. Olien requested direction from the Board due to the current availability of the space. The Board concurred on the concept and directed Mr. Olien to submit a lease agreement for the Board's review and action.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

*Approved by the Governing Board March 9, 2017*



**Robin Crist, Board President**