

# MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING September 10, 2020

PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20  
THIS MEETING WAS HELD AS A TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
OBSERVERS WERE ABLE TO VIEW THE MEETING LIVESTREAMED VIA THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE

### A. CALL TO ORDER

President Linda Lunn called the Regular Teleconference Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:30 p.m.

#### A.1 Establishment of Quorum – Roll Call

A quorum was established with the following board members present:

Kenneth Dickson – Trustee Area 3

Paul Diffley – Trustee Area 5

Linda Lunn – Trustee Area 4

Oscar Rivas – Trustee Area 1

Absent:

Kris Thomasian – Trustee Area 2

#### A.2 Public Comment regarding Closed Session Item(s)

None

### B. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session to discuss the following Items:

#### B.1 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9, paragraph (1) of subdivision (d), the Governing Board met with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation. Name of case: G. Bullard-Lampkin

#### B.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation - District Superintendent

Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the Governing Board met to discuss the evaluation of the District Superintendent.

### C. PUBLIC SESSION

#### C.1 Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum

President Lunn reconvened the meeting into public session at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Lunn stated that votes will be conducted by roll call and provided instructions on how to present comments for the record. She proceeded to conduct a roll call to establish a quorum.

#### Establishment of Quorum – Roll Call:

Present: Kenneth Dickson, Paul Diffley, Linda Lunn, Oscar Rivas

Absent: Kris Thomasian

Mrs. Lunn announced that the meeting was being audio recorded.

### **Staff Members Present**

Patrick Kelley, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board  
Bill Olien, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations  
Darren Daniel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mary Walters, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

### **Employee Organization Representatives Present**

Kim Binning-Chevlin, President, Murrieta Educators Association  
Anna Leos, President, California School Employees Association, Murrieta Chapter 223

### **C.2 Report Out of Closed Session**

President Lunn announced that the Board met in Closed Session to conference with legal counsel and to discuss the performance evaluation of the Superintendent and reported that no action was taken.

### **C.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Oscar Rivas led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **C.4 Approval of Agenda**

Action Taken: Motion by Kenneth Dickson / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes	Kenneth Dickson
Yes	Paul Diffley
Yes	Linda Lunn
Yes	Oscar Rivas
Absent	Kris Thomasian

### **C.5 Communications**

#### **a. Public Comment**

None

#### **b. Employee Organizations Communication**

Kim Binning-Chevlin, President Murrieta Educators Association announced changes to the MEA Executive Board. Mrs. Binning-Chevlin commented on the significant challenges teachers are facing in this pandemic environment to ensure students are receiving a quality education. She stated that the MEA membership is looking forward to working together with district administration and the Board to safely bring students back on campus.

Anna Leos, President California School Employees Association, Murrieta Chapter 223 commented on the importance of safety precautions for all students and staff during the pandemic. Ms. Leos complimented Dr. Preston and Mrs. Israelsen on their willingness to work closely with classified employees while developing plans for in-person specialized special education services and the reopening of the Child Development Center.

#### **c. Superintendent Communication**

Superintendent Patrick Kelley acknowledged the enormous amount of work that staff, administration, teachers, support staff and parents are shouldering during virtual learning. He said the majority of our students are rising to the occasion, but we must remain focused on those students that are having difficulty connecting to learning in this virtual

**c. Superintendent Communication (continued)**

environment. Mr. Kelley expressed his concern for the communities throughout our state that are being affected by the tragic wildfires.

**d. Board Member Communication**

Board member Paul Diffley thanked the teachers for their ability to innovate, create and press forward during virtual learning.

Board member Kenneth Dickson remarked that we are accomplishing extraordinary things in an extraordinary time, and said it is a compliment to the Superintendent, staff, students, families, and our community.

Board member Oscar Rivas said he has first-hand experience with the struggles parents are facing as they work from home while juggling the responsibilities of helping their children with virtual learning. He remarked that this has been a great lesson in empathy for all.

Board member Linda Lunn stated that it was amazing to witness the delivery of high-quality content in a virtual learning environment and thanked the staff members for the tremendous work they are all doing.

**C.6 Resuming Specialized In-Person Services for Students**

Staff Presenters: Patrick Kelley, Superintendent; Howard Dimler, Executive Director, Student Support Services; Zhanna Preston, Executive Director, Special Education; Kathleen Israelsen, Director Family Services; Dale Velk, Director, Student Support Services.

Mrs. Israelsen reported that the child development center opened five classrooms for children eighteen months to four years old on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and that they are working on two plans for offering services to TK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Dr. Preston outlined the plans to provide in-person individual preschool special education assessments along with other special education and English learner assessments to students. She also said they are looking forward to starting in-person special education small cohort instruction, as current health orders would allow. Mr. Dimler said plans are being developed to bring a small group of students back on campus that are having difficulty engaging in virtual learning due to connectivity problems in their households. Mr. Velk outlined the criteria for resuming youth sports and physical education small group conditioning. Mr. Kelley concluded with information on the application process for an Elementary waiver and the many different restrictions and requirements under a waiver re-opening.

**C.7 Review of Board Bylaw: BB 9270, Conflict of Interest**

The Board received this bylaw for review. No changes were recommended.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action Taken: Motion by Oscar Rivas / Second by Paul Diffley to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes Kenneth Dickson
- Yes Paul Diffley
- Yes Linda Lunn
- Yes Oscar Rivas
- Absent Kris Thomasian

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)**

**D.1 Ratification of Report of Purchases and Warrants Issued**

Report of Purchases from July 30, 2020 through August 26, 2020, and warrants issued on claim numbers X184445 through X185164 in the amount of \$7,207,085.25.

**D.2 Approval to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Materials**

QUANTITY	ITEM DESCRIPTION
75	Laptop Computers
31	Chromebooks
1	Dell Monitor
1	Elmo Overhead Projector

**D.3 Approval of Concordia University Irvine School Counselor Candidate Practicum/Fieldwork Agreement effective September 11, 2020 – September 11, 2023.**

**E. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**E.1 Approval of Personnel Report**

Action Taken: Motion by Oscar Rivas / Second by Paul Diffley. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

Type: R = Replacement G = Growth

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE**

Name:	Tatum Hardison	Effective Date:	9/01/2020	Type:	G
Assignment:	Speech Language Pathologist – Special Education				
Name:	Peter Harper	Effective Date:	9/01/2020	Type:	R
Assignment:	Teacher – Dorothy McElhinney Middle				

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – RECLASSIFICATION**

Employee:	Christina English	Effective Date:	8/20/2020
From:	Special Education Assistant I – Range 15		
To:	Special Education Assistant II – Range 17		
Employee:	Tiffany Wood	Effective Date:	8/20/2020
From:	D.I.S. Aide I – Range 15		
To:	Special Education Assistant II – Range 17		

**RESIGNATIONS/RELEASES – CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED**

Employee # – Effective Date	Employee # – Effective Date	Employee # – Effective Date
301033 – 8/20/2020	235394 -8/31/2020	303067 – 8/24/2020
191614 – 9/04/2020		

**E.2 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Murrieta Valley Unified School District and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter 223.**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**E.3 Authorization for Speech Pathologist to be Employed under Education Code 44831 for the 2020/21 School Year**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**E.4 Assignment of Middle School Teachers to teach in a departmentalized classroom per Education Code 44256(b)**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**E.5 Assignment of Middle School Teachers to teach in a departmentalized classroom per Education Code 44258.2**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**E.6 Authorization for Specified Credentialed Teachers to teach Physical Education one period per day per Education Code 44258.7**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**E.7 Assignment of High School Teachers to teach in a departmentalized classroom per Education Code 44263**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**F.1 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-03 Denouncing Racism and Supporting Equity, Safety and Well Being of all Students**

Each Board member read a section of the resolution aloud while pausing between to allow Tamara Dewey, Coordinator of Equity and Diversity to provide clarification and examples of district actions taken thus far toward equity.

Action Taken: Motion by Oscar Rivas / Second by Paul Diffley. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**F.2 First Reading of Proposed New Board Policy BP 0415 – Equity**

The Board received the above listed Board Policy for first reading

**F.3 Public Hearing and Presentation of the 2020/21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan**

Mary Walters, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services, Howard Dimler, Executive Director, Student Support Services and Jennifer Schriver, Executive Director, Secondary Education, presented the District’s plan to address student learning in the current pandemic environment. The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan addressed continuity of virtual/in-person learning, devices and connectivity, student participation and progress, professional development, staff roles and responsibilities, supports for students with unique needs, learning loss strategies, mental health and social and emotional well-being, student engagement, school nutrition and increased or improved services for Foster Youth, English learners and low income students. The 2020/21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan includes planned expenditures of approximately \$23,562,000.

President Lunn opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and asked if any written comments or questions had been received. Not having received any, she closed the hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**F.4 Public Hearing regarding the proposed adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-04 Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2020/21**

President Lunn opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. and asked if any written comments or questions had been received. Not having received any, she closed the hearing at 6:31 p.m.

**F.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-04 Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2020/21**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**F.6 Approval of 2020/21 Peer Assistance and Review Consulting Teachers and Teacher Induction Program Mentors**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**G. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

**G.1 Approval of 2019/20 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement**

Action Taken: Motion by Oscar Rivas / Second by Kenneth Dickson. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**G.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-05 Appropriations Due to the Reconciliation of the 2019/20 Estimated Ending Fund Balances to the 2019/20 Unaudited Actuals Ending Fund Balances**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**G.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-06 to Establish a District Gann Limit for Fiscal Year 2020/21**

Action Taken: Motion by Kenneth Dickson / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**G.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-07 Approval to Apply for State Allocation Board School Facility Bond Funds for Murrieta Elementary School and Murrieta Canyon Academy New Classroom Buildings**

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

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**G.5 Approval of Change Orders from Lighting Technology Services, Inc. totaling \$30,871.00 for interior lighting at seven school sites**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes Kenneth Dickson  
Yes Paul Diffley  
Yes Linda Lunn  
Yes Oscar Rivas  
Absent Kris Thomasian

**G.6 Review of Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities**

The Board received this report for review

**G.7 Review of Associated Student Body Financial Reports for the quarter ended June 30, 2020**

The Board received this report for review.

**H. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)**

None

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

President Lunn adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

*Approved by the Governing Board November 12, 2020*

  
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**Paul F. Diffley III, Clerk of the Board**