

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

April 15, 2021

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Linda Lunn called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:45 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California. Members of the public could also observe the meeting via livestream broadcast, as in person capacity was limited due to public health guidelines.

**A.1 Establishment of Quorum**

Kenneth Dickson – Trustee Area 3

Paul Diffley – Trustee Area 5

Linda Lunn – Trustee Area 4

Oscar Rivas – Trustee Area 1

Kris Thomasian – Trustee Area 2

Absent: None

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

None

**B. CLOSED SESSION**

**B.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation - District Superintendent**

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

**B.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

Pursuant to Government Code 54945, the Board met to consider discipline, dismissal or release of public employee(s).

**B.3 Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, the Board met with designated district representatives to discuss labor negotiations.

**C. PUBLIC SESSION**

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

President Lunn reconvened the meeting into public session at 5:00 p.m. She stated that votes will be conducted by roll call and proceeded to conduct a roll call for establishment of a quorum.

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

Mrs. Lunn announced that the meeting was being audio recorded and livestream broadcast

**Staff Members Present**

Patrick Kelley, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

Bill Olien, Deputy Superintendent

Darren Daniel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Mary Walters, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

**C.1 Call to Order / Establishment of Quorum** (continued)

**Employee Organization Representative Present**

Kimberly Binning-Chevlin, President Murrieta Educators Association

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

President Lunn announced that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss the Superintendent's performance evaluation, consider discipline/dismissal/release of public employee, conference with labor negotiators, and reported the following action taken in Closed Session:

Action Taken: Motion by Kenneth Dickson / Second by Paul Diffley to release Classified Employees #299009 and #253982 effective April 15, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

**C.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Oscar Rivas led the Pledge of Allegiance

**C.4 Approval of Agenda**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kris Thomasian to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**C.5 Communications**

**a. Special Recognition**

Superintendent Patrick Kelley presented the California Department of Education Model SARB award to Katy Wood, Coordinator, Student Support. As the Model SARB Chairperson, Katy Wood obtained this recognition for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for implementing measures to minimize student dropouts and promote student success.

**b. Public Comment**

Written public comment from Kate expressing her desire to keep the current hybrid learning model in place until the end of this school year, and Dayna expressing her desire to return to full time in person instruction this semester were each read aloud by a staff member.

Michelle Weaver, Kori Bick and Dustin Smith provided in person public comment in support of bringing students back to campus full time, five days a week immediately, instead of waiting for the fall semester. They expressed concerns for students' social and emotional wellbeing by continuing in the hybrid and/or virtual learning environment.

**c. Employee Organizations Communication**

Kimberly Binning-Chevlin, President of the Murrieta Teachers Association said that this is a year of never-ending changes but is excited to welcome students back in school as the pandemic continues to retreat. Mrs. Binning-Chevlin shared the results of the recent Executive Board Election: Lisa Van Ryzin, Treasurer, Julie Pulatie, Middle School Director, Chris Shoults, High School Director and Kimberly Binning-Chevlin, President

**d. Superintendent Communication**

Superintendent Patrick Kelley congratulated Kim on her reelection as MEA President. He also thanked the speakers this evening, stating how important our parent community has been during this pandemic. Mr. Kelley reaffirmed that the parent’s desire for students to return to the classroom full time is the official position the district is working toward.

**e. Board Member Communication**

Board member Kenneth Dickson said he is hoping to recapture part of the school year for the students, while complying with the current health mandates. He thanked the public speakers for providing their valuable input.

Board member Paul Diffley congratulated Katy Wood for receiving the Model SARB award. Mr. Diffley said it is proving to be very difficult to return to “normalcy” during this school year despite the desire of almost all the teachers, administrators, and people on the dais. He thanked the parents for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns.

Board member Oscar Rivas said he is grateful to be able to celebrate the positive events in the District with the return of students to in-person instruction and the return of some high school athletic events. Mr. Rivas recognized all the work every employee has put in to make these things happen.

Board member Kris Thomasian thanked the parents for sharing their concerns and reiterated how important it is to hear from the community. Mrs. Thomasian reported participating in CSBA’s virtual Legislative Advocacy week and meeting with CSEA’s leadership team. She congratulated Katy Wood on her outstanding work on the Model CSBA Program.

Board member Linda Lunn reported attending the last two home football games and CSBA’s virtual Legislative Advocacy week. Mrs. Lunn thanked Stacy Matusek and the Business Services team for their stellar work resulting in another positive meeting with the auditors. She also thanked the public speakers for providing their input.

**C.6 Return to In-Person Instruction Update**

Staff Presenters: Patrick Kelley, Superintendent; Bill Olien, Deputy Superintendent; Darren Daniel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Mary Walters, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Staff provided an updated on the transition from virtual instruction to in-person hybrid instruction across all grade levels. The following hybrid and virtual student attendance percentages were reported: Elementary - 62.21% hybrid 37.79% virtual; Middle - 59.13% hybrid, 40.87% virtual; High – 47.06% hybrid, 52.94% virtual. Plans for a modified in person graduation for the class of 2021, and the return to full-time in-person instruction for the 2021/22 school year were discussed.

**C.7 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-18 authorizing Compensation for Board Member Paul Diffley for his absence at the February 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

Action Taken: Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**C.8 Approval of Minutes of February 10 and February 25, 2021 Board meetings**

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  
Yes Kris Thomasian

**C.9 First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Board Bylaws: BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications, BB 9310 - Board Policies, BB 9320 Meetings and Notices, BB 9323 - Meeting Conduct**

The Board received the above bylaws for first reading. No changes were recommended.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Oscar Rivas 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  
Yes Kris Thomasian

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

Report of Purchases from March 6, 2021 through March 31, 2021 and warrants issued on claim numbers X189262 through X189870 in the amount of \$4,584,773.97.

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

| QUANTITY | ITEM DESCRIPTION          |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 9        | Laptop Computers          |
| 1        | Power Wheelchair          |
| 1        | Electric Scooter          |
| 1        | Adapted Bike              |
| 1        | Bariatric Toileting Chair |
| 1        | Walker                    |
| 2        | Desktop Computers         |
| 2        | Elmos                     |
| 1        | Stackable Washer/Dryer    |

### D.3 Approval of Student Teaching Agreement with Liberty University

## E. HUMAN RESOURCES

### E.1 Approval of Personnel Report

Action Taken: Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

Type: R = Replacement G = Growth

#### CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – PROMOTION/TRANSFER

|           |   |                 |            |       |   |
|-----------|---|-----------------|------------|-------|---|
| Employee: | Morgan Singleton II                                 | Effective Date: | 07/01/2021 | Type: | R |
| From:     | Resource Specialist – Shivela Middle                |                 |            |       |   |
| To:       | Senior Program Specialist – District Support Center |                 |            |       |   |

#### CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE

|             |                                    |                 |            |       |   |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------|---|
| Name:       | Tera Adamson                       | Effective Date: | 03/08/2021 | Type: | G |
| Assignment: | Teacher – Avaxat Elementary        |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Kristin Barr                       | Effective Date: | 03/01/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | Teacher – Alta Murrieta Elementary |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Carie Carlson                      | Effective Date: | 03/01/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | Teacher – Buchanan Elementary      |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Mireya Gresham                     | Effective Date: | 03/22/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | Teacher – Lisa J. Mails Elementary |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Belen Sanchez                      | Effective Date: | 03/18/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | Teacher – Shivela Middle           |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Sean Wisdom                        | Effective Date: | 03/08/2021 | Type: | G |
| Assignment: | Teacher – Rail Ranch Elementary    |                 |            |       |   |

#### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – PROMOTION/TRANSFER

|           |   |                 |            |       |   |
|-----------|---|-----------------|------------|-------|---|
| Employee: | Kurt Miller   | Effective Date: | 03/08/2021 | Type: | R |
| From:     | Lead Custodian - Operations                         |                 |            |       |   |
| To:       | Custodial Crew Leader – Operations                  |                 |            |       |   |
| Employee: | Michelle Pelletier                                  | Effective Date: | 03/11/2021 | Type: | R |
| From:     | Guidance Technician – Student Support Services      |                 |            |       |   |
| To:       | Student Information Systems Technician – Technology |                 |            |       |   |
| Employee: | Nancy Taylor  | Effective Date: | 03/25/2021 | Type: | R |
| From:     | Special Education Assistant II – Murrieta Mesa High |                 |            |       |   |
| To:       | Health Technician – Tovashal Elementary             |                 |            |       |   |
| Employee: | William Wolter Jr.                                  | Effective Date: | 03/15/2021 | Type: | R |
| From:     | Instructional Assistant – Thompson Middle           |                 |            |       |   |
| To:       | D.I.S. Aide I – Thompson Middle                     |                 |            |       |   |

**E.1 Approval of Personnel Report** (continued)

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL – NEW HIRE**

|             |   |                 |            |       |   |
|-------------|---|-----------------|------------|-------|---|
| Name:       | Melissa Cardenas  | Effective Date: | 03/15/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | D.I.S. Aide I – Antelope Hills Elementary               |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Stacy Cossey  | Effective Date: | 03/02/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | D.I.S. Aide I – Dorothy McElhinney Middle               |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Alicia Cronin   | Effective Date: | 03/22/2021 | Type: | G |
| Assignment: | Special Education Assistant I – Murrieta Canyon Academy |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Kasey Hawksley  | Effective Date: | 04/12/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | School Bus Driver – Transportation                      |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Janis Little  | Effective Date: | 04/07/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | School Bus Driver – Transportation                      |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Heather Osborn  | Effective Date: | 03/09/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | D.I.S. Aide I – Avaxat Elementary                       |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Marlena Oviedo  | Effective Date: | 04/05/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | Child Care Worker I – Family Services                   |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Althea Recolaso   | Effective Date: | 03/08/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | D.I.S. Aide I – Rail Ranch Elementary                   |                 |            |       |   |
| Name:       | Vanessa Rohbock   | Effective Date: | 04/05/2021 | Type: | R |
| Assignment: | D.I.S. Aide I – Vista Murrieta High                     |                 |            |       |   |

**SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL – CLASSIFIED**

|             |                 |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Daisy Dixon | Angela Warnsing |  |  |
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**RESIGNATIONS/RELEASES – CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED**

| Employee # – Effective Date | Employee # – Effective Date | Employee # – Effective Date |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 298506-3/10/2021            | 293399-3/05/2021            | 260382-3/09/2021            |
| 171471-6/04/2021            | 299220-6/16/2021            | 267429-3/26/2021            |
| 055737-3/12/2021            | 285499-2/05/2021            | 257159-3/16/2021            |
| 124089-6/25/2021            | 136915-12/14/2020           | 278337-6/04/2021            |
| 230488-4/01/2021            | 203724-6/11/2021            | 237589-3/27/2021            |
| 208148-4/23/2021            |                             |                             |

**E.2 Public Hearing regarding California School Employees Association's, and its Murrieta Valley Chapter 223, Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2021/22 School Year**

President Lunn opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. and asked for public comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the hearing at 6:06 p.m.

**E.3 Adoption of California School Employees Association's, and its Murrieta Valley Chapter 223, Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2021/22 School Year**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kris Thomasian. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**E.4 Public Hearing regarding Murrieta Valley Unified School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association and its Murrieta Chapter 223 for the 2021/22 School Year**

President Lunn opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. and asked for public comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the hearing at 6:07 p.m.

**E.5 Adoption of Murrieta Valley Unified School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association and its Murrieta Valley Chapter 223 for the 2021/22 School Year**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kris Thomasian. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**E.6 Public Hearing regarding Murrieta Educators Association's Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2021/22 School Year**

President Lunn opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. and asked for public comments or questions.

Lisa Murray, Vice President Murrieta Educators Association, spoke about the many challenges MEA members have encountered while teaching during the pandemic. Mrs. Murray said this is the end of a three-year collective bargaining agreement and every article of the contract is open for negotiations. She expressed MEA's willingness to work collaboratively with District leadership in an effort to settle the 2021/22 contract in a timely manner.

President Lunn closed the hearing at 6:12 p.m.

**E.7 Adoption of Murrieta Educators Association's Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2021/22 School Year (Action Item)**

Action Taken: Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**E.8 Public Hearing regarding Murrieta Valley Unified School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Educators Association for the 2021/22 School Year**

President Lunn opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. and asked for public comments or questions. Hearing none, she closed the hearing at 6:13 p.m.

**E.9 Adoption of Murrieta Valley Unified School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Educators Association for the 2021/22 School Year**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kris Thomasian. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**F.1 Approval to Waive the Senior Culminating Project and Junior Reflective Essay graduation requirements delineated in BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2022**

Action Taken: Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

**F.2 Approval of New High School Course Outlines**

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  
Yes Kris Thomasian

New Courses:

7629: Business Principles Marketing and Finance      7641: Business Logistics Fundamentals RCOE  
7926: Culinary Management      7962: Construction Technology II

**F.3 Appointment of Ashley Lawler to Serve on the Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area Community Advisory Committee for Two Years**

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  
Yes Kris Thomasian

**F.4 Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report**

The Board received this report indicating that no complaints were filed for the third quarter of the 2020/21 school year.



## **G. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

### **G.1 Adoption of Resolution No. 20/21-19, Authorization to Encumber Funds for Fiscal Year 2021/22**

Action Taken: Motion by Paul Diffley / Second by Kris Thomasian. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

### **G.2 Approval to Award a Contract to Best Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,483,969.00 for roofing at various school sites**

Action Taken: Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Oscar Rivas. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

### **G.3 Approval to Award a Contract to Condor, Inc. in the amount of \$312,000.00 for pool replaster at Murrieta Valley High School**

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  
Yes Kris Thomasian

### **G.4 Approval of Change Order totaling \$2,147.26 for the Murrieta Mesa High School New Classroom Building**

Action Taken: Motion by Kris Thomasian / Second by Kenneth Dickson. Motion Passed by the following vote:

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

### **G.5 Approval of the Appointment of Cyndi Waller to the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Measure BB General Obligation Bond**

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  
Yes Kris Thomasian

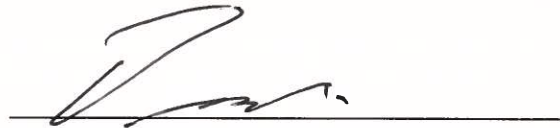
**H. CLOSED SESSION** (Optional)

None

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

President Lunn adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

*Approved by the Governing Board May 13, 2021*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Rivas', is written over a solid horizontal line.

**Oscar Rivas, Clerk of the Board**