



## MEETING MINUTES

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### Attendees

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#### Voting Board Members

Paul Diffley III, Board President  
Linda Lunn, Board Member  
Nicolas Pardue, Clerk of the Board  
Julie Vandegrift, Board Member  
Nancy Young, Board Member

#### Staff Members

Dr. Ward Andrus, Superintendent  
Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent  
Richard Rideout, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

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### A. OPENING BUSINESS

#### 1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the Board of Education special meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Office, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California.

#### 2. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with Trustees Paul F. Diffley III, Linda Lunn, Nicolas Pardue, Julie Vandegrift, and Nancy Young in attendance.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

None

### C. CLOSED SESSION

President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 4:02 p.m.

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

#### Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes  
Linda Lunn - Yes  
Nicolas Pardue - Yes  
Julie Vandegrift - Yes  
Nancy Young - Yes

**C. CLOSED SESSION** (continued)

**1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 the Board met with the following Real Property Negotiators regarding property APNs 906240051, 906670010, 904050046

Agency Negotiators:

Dr. Ward Andrus, Superintendent  
Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent  
James Whittington, Chief Financial Officer  
Jose Contreras, Director of Facilities  
Gordon Mize, Senior Vice President, Lee & Associates

**2. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, the Governing Board met in Closed Session with designated representatives to discuss labor negotiations.

Employee organizations:

Murrieta Educators' Association  
California School Employees Association - Murrieta Chapter 223.

District designated representatives:

Dr. Ward Andrus, Superintendent  
Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations  
Richard Rideout, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
James Whittington, Chief Financial Officer  
Craig Frame, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Daniel Baldwin, Director, Human Resources

**D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

President Diffley reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:01 p.m. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed to the public.

**1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session**

President Diffley reported that no action was taken during the closed session conference with Real Property Negotiators and Labor Negotiators.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vista Murrieta High School JROTC students presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** (continued)

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**4. Special Recognition**

The Board of Education presented certificates to Lisa J. Mails Elementary School principal, Trisha Morel, Shivela Middle School principal, Jason Hamm, Warm Springs Middle School principal, Terry Picchiottino, and Vista Murrieta High School principal, Celeste Scallion in honor of being recognized by the California Department of Education as California Purple Star Schools. The program signals which schools are the most committed and best equipped to meet the unique needs of military-connected students and their families.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Dennine Harrison, Murrieta Valley Unified School District Military Liaison, School Site Military Representatives, Kristi Gaskill, Karl Johnstone, Sheryl Alvarado, Corina Hinojosa, Christine Delgado, Sandra Traux, Samantha Noland and Camp Pendleton school liaison, Maria Swanson.

**5. Public Comment regarding Meeting Agenda Items**

Pam Barret and Steve Briggs each provided comments regarding agenda item F.3 Family Engagement Presentation.

The following individuals each provided comments regarding agenda item F.4 Approval to Waive First Reading and Rescind Board Policy 5020.1 - Parental Notification: Karen Poznanski, Jamie Goebel, Kris Thomasian, Corinne Smith, Elijah Reading, Axel Myers-Skadal, Ruby Secules, Alice Forney, Greg Langworthy, Elanor Briggs, Francis Burns, Teresa Wells, Avery Saucier, Bruce Dennis, Danger, Angela Talarzyk, Christine Massa, Bob Kowell, Stori Nagel,

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of the Consent Calendar items E.1 through E.3 as presented.

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR** (continued)

**1. Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips**

**Vista Murrieta High School**

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|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Cross Country Camp | Big Bear, CA  | July 28-Aug. 1, 2024 |
| Cheer Camp         | Riverside, CA | July 25-27, 2024     |

**2. Approval of Out of State Travel**

2024 MS-ISAC and EI-ISAC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida June 22 - 26, 2024, to connect and collaborate with their peers on cybersecurity best practices, threats, and risk trends.

- Attendee: Jonathan Pratt, Chief Technology Officer

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the December 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

**F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-18 Supporting the Need for Expanded Public Higher Education Institutions within Southwestern Riverside County and Funding for the Cost of Tenant Improvements to Create an Expanded Presence for California State University San Marcos at the Mt. San Jacinto College Campus in Temecula Valley**

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

**2. Receive Goals and Directions for 2024/25 School Year**

Dr. Andrus compiled the Goals and Directions for the 2024/25 school year, as discussed during the February 27, 2024, Board of Education Workshop, and presented it to the Board for review.

**3. Family Engagement Presentation**

Presenters: Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Tamara Dewey, Coordinator, Educational Services. The Shivela Middle School CEI Team: Jason Hamm, Principal; Jay Brown, Assistant Principal; Lisa Mirabal, Site Secretary; Patty Edmisten, Counselor; Debbie Cortez, Teacher; Christine Martin, Parent Liaison; Ellen Larson, Community Member

## F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

### 3. Family Engagement Presentation (continued)

The Board received information on the various elements of the District's Family Engagement initiative, such as:

- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: defined as inclusive academic instruction, inclusive behavior instruction, and inclusive social-emotional instruction.
- Community Engagement Initiative (Shivela Middle School is in the second year of piloting the initiative). The purpose of the Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) was defined as building capacity in communities and school districts to have crucial conversations with each other with a focus on improving outcomes for students. A comparison was made between family involvement and family engagement, highlighting that family engagement is centered on gaining partners rather than the family involvement approach of instructing parents on how they can contribute.
- Partnership for Thriving Students and Families, which brings together parent leads of the District's advisory councils (AAPAC, DELAC, LPAC and SEPAC) along with assistant superintendent, directors, coordinators, site administration, teachers and classified staff from the elementary, middle, high school and district levels.

The staff is currently developing the next phases, which will involve incorporating Parent Liaisons to narrow the divide between schools and families, as well as establishing a dedicated area for a Parent Center.

### 4. Approval to Waive First Reading and Rescind Board Policy 5020.1 - Parental Notification

The Board members engaged in a lengthy conversation about the legal implications of maintaining the current version of Board Policy 5020.1 - Parental Notification as opposed to updating it with alternative language that mirrors the revision Chino Valley recently adopted.

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - No

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - No

Julie Vandegrift - No

Nancy Young - Yes

The board members sought clarification regarding the action. Dr. Andrus clarified that the policy remains in effect, but the President has the authority to instruct staff to schedule a discussion for rescinding existing policy 5020.1 - Parental Notification and to consider replacing it with an alternate version at a future meeting. Dr. Andrus further clarified that the implementation of BP 5020.1 - Parental Notification is dependent upon Board approval of an administrative regulation that will outline the process of implementation.

**F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)**

**5. Approval of Personnel Report**

Motion to approve the personnel report dated March 28, 2023, which includes: Classified Personnel promotion, transfer and new hire; Certificated and Classified Substitute personnel; Certificated and Classified personnel resignations and/or releases; and Athletic Coaches.

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes  
Linda Lunn - Yes  
Nicolas Pardue - Yes  
Julie Vandegrift - Yes  
Nancy Young - Yes

**6. Approval of Course Based Independent Study Courses**

Motion to approve the attached high school course based independent study courses amended list.

Motion made by: Nancy Young. Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes  
Linda Lunn - Yes  
Nicolas Pardue - Yes  
Julie Vandegrift - Yes  
Nancy Young - Yes

**G. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)**

None

**H. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (Optional)**

**1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**


President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Education special meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue. Motion seconded by: Julie Vandegrift

Voting:

Paul Diffley III – Yes  
Linda Lunn - Yes  
Nicolas Pardue - Yes  
Julie Vandegrift – Yes  
Nancy Young – Yes

*Approved by the Governing Board May 23, 2024*

  
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Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board