



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Board Members

Paul F. Diffley III, Board President
Linda Lunn, Trustee
Nicolas Pardue, Trustee
Julie Vandegrift, Trustee
Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board
Isabella Dadalt, Student 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.

Student Representatives to the Board

Murrieta Canyon Academy - Aery Redmon
Murrieta Mesa High School - Haven Anozie
Murrieta Valley High School - Meghan Lewis
Vista Murrieta High School - Alana Elliot

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 4:32 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 to closed session at 4:33 p.m.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

1. Student Discipline

Pursuant to Education Code 48918, the Governing Board met to consider student disciplinary action for case no. 2023-2024-127 and case no. 2023-2024-128.

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

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 5:05 p.m. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed to the public. Mr. Diffley read a statement regarding the importance of Career Technical Education (CTE) courses then directed the Board and Senior Staff to re-focus their efforts on CTE.

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

President Diffley reported that no action was taken during closed session.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Murrieta Valley High School student representative, Meghan Lewis, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

Student Preferential Vote: Yes

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Student Representative Reports

Murrieta Canyon Academy student representative reported on academics, activities and upcoming events.

Vista Murrieta High School student, Alana Elliott, reported on academics, athletics, activities and upcoming events.

Murrieta Valley High School student representative, Meghan Lewis, reported on academics, athletics, activities and upcoming events.

Murrieta Mesa High School student representative, Haven Anozie reported on academics, athletics, activities and upcoming events.

2. Public Comment

Lucky Harutunian spoke about banning CRT from our schools.

Rudi Krause spoke about maintaining "*Olympic integrity*".

Jose Carreno spoke about the proposed bond measure under consideration. He asked if there were any alternatives to a bond measure, such as the possibility of year-round school to alleviate crowded schools.

Dr. Steven James spoke about bullying at Buchanan Elementary School.

The following individuals expressed their support for the existing Parental Notification policy 5020.1: Robin Nielson, Alice Forney, Josefina Hartley, Ellen Verloop, Bob Kowell, Francis Burns. Opposed: Kelly Parsons, Teresa Wells, Christina Miller

Karen Poznanski addressed Mr. Pardue regarding past comments about "outing policies" disguised as Parental Notification.

3. Employee Organization Reports

Neither representative from Murrieta Educators Association nor California School Employees Association, Murrieta Chapter 223 were present

4. Student Board Member Report

Student Board member, Isabella Dadalt reported that the topics for the next Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting included the need for a life skills class to prepare them for life after high school.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar items F.1 through F.7 as presented.

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

Student Preferential Vote: Yes

F. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

1. Ratification of Report of Purchases and Warrants Issued

Report of Purchases from November 27, 2023, through December 20, 2023, and warrants issued on the claim numbers X212577 through X213300 in the amount of \$2,910,466.13, and the Nutrition Services Warrants issued on check numbers 14958 through 15016 in the amount of \$1,602,535.49.

2. Acceptance of Donations

Site	Donor	Est. Value
Alta Murrieta	Buckets of Water, LLC	\$33.00
Buchanan	Blackbaud Giving Fund	580.00
E. Hale Curran	Chipotle	\$661.88
	Raising Cane's	\$135.00
Lisa J Mails	Jamieson Family Ice/Rita's	\$559.0
	Lisa J Mails PTSA	\$9,000.00
Murrieta Elementary	Murrieta Elementary PTC	\$2,275.44
Rail Ranch	Reading for Education	\$6.39
Tovashal	Wimpy Kid, Inc	\$750.00
Murrieta Canyon Academy	Bring Change 2 Mind	\$150.00

3. Approval to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Materials

Quantity	Item
10	Apple iMac Computers
2	Elmo Projectors
15 Boxes	E-Waster
150	Desktop Computers
250	Computer Monitors
1	Projector Screen
2	Lawn Mowers
1	Golf Cart - Cart #543
1	Golf Cart - Cart #530

4. Approval of University Agreements

University of Massachusetts Global

- Fieldwork Agreement; 3 Year Term upon approval.
- Clinical Agreement; 3 Year Term upon approval.
- Supervised Internship Agreement; 3 Year Term upon approval.

5. Approval of Out of State Travel

- Coast2Coast Federal Advocacy Trip, April 6 - 11, 2024 in Washington D.C.
 - Attendee: Nicolas Pardue, Board Member
- National Athletic Trainers Association Clinical Symposium, June 25-28, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana
 - Attendee: Jordan Taylor, VMHS Athletic Trainer

F. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

5. Approval of Out of State Travel (continued)

- IB Environmental Systems and Societies Training, April 6-8, 2024 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
 - Attendee: Danielle Ennis, MVHS IB Teacher

6. Approval to Readmit Expelled Students

Student Case #: 2022-2023-119

School: Vista Murrieta High School

Grade: 10

Student Case #: 2022-2023-120

School: Murrieta Mesa High School

Grade: 10

The Executive Director of Student Support Services has verified that all conditions of readmission were met.

7. Approval of Minutes

The October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting and October 24, 2023 Special Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-12 Proclaiming the month of January 2024 as School Board Recognition Month

Dr. Andrus requested this agenda item to share his appreciation for each Board member for their ongoing efforts to maintain the high standards of the school district.

2. Facilities and Technology Update

Darren Daniel, Deputy Superintendent, discussed the ongoing residential development in the City of Murrieta and its implications for Murrieta Valley USD school facilities. The city will add 1,217 total housing in 2024/25, and an additional 1,898 units in 2025/26, with a projected total of 6,900 by 2033/34. Mr. Daniel discussed the anticipated necessity for a new school on the city's west side to accommodate this growth.

Justin Rich, Executive Director of Cooperative Strategies, presented demographic data, enrollment projections, and student transfer population information to the Board. The projections indicate a slight decrease in enrollment during the 2024/25 school year, followed by a steady increase through 2033/34.

Jose Contreras, Director of Facilities, shared progress being made on the new building at Murrieta Elementary School, the modernization project at Alta Murrieta Elementary School, and the TK modular classroom project at Lisa J. Mails Elementary School. He provided an overview of completed and upcoming facilities and maintenance projects throughout the district and mentioned the installation of electric vehicle charging stations for school buses in the bus yard.

James Whittington, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the status of funds by funding sources. Jonathan Pratt, the Chief Technology Officer, presented an overview of the department to the Board, emphasizing the Helpdesk's efficiency in handling more than 8,000 work orders and over 8,000 calls in a year. Additionally, Mr. Pratt discussed the District's technology devices, their usage, and the productivity platforms.

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. Approval of Personnel Report

Approve the attached personnel report dated January 18, 2024 as presented. The report lists newly hired certificated personnel, promotion, transfer and newly hired classified personnel; certificated and classified substitute personnel and resignations and 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

4. Public presentation of and opportunity for public comment on California School Employees Association and its Murrieta Valley Chapter 223's Initial Contract Proposal to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District for the 2024/25 School Year

Winston Carter, Second Vice President, California School Employees Association Chapter 223, provided a summary of the initial contract proposal to the Murrieta Valley Unified School District.

5. Public presentation of and opportunity for public comment on Murrieta Valley Unified School District's Initial Contract Proposal to the California School Employees Association and its Murrieta Valley Chapter 223 for the 2024/25 School Year

There were no comments made on this item.

6. 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 2024/25 School Year

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

7. Student Discipline Stipulated Expulsion Case No. 2023-2024-127

Approve the staff recommendation to expel the student referenced in case no. 2023-2024-127 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; however, suspending the expulsion and enrolling the student at Murrieta Canyon Academy and participate in the Carpe Diem program for the remainder of first semester and all the second semester of the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion made by: Nancy Young. Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

8. Student Discipline Stipulated Expulsion Case No. 2023-2024-128

Approve the staff recommendation to expel the student referenced in case no. 2023-2024-128 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; however, suspending the expulsion and enrolling the student at Murrieta Canyon Academy and participate in the Carpe Diem program for the remainder of first semester and all the second semester of the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion made by: Nancy Young. Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

9. Acceptance of the District Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23

Brian Ruff, Partner Eide Bailly reported there were no findings or corrections needed to the 2023/24 District Audit Report.

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue. Motion seconded by: Linda Lunn

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

Student Preferential Vote - Yes

10. Acceptance of the District Building Fund (Measure BB) Financial and Performance Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23

Brian Ruff, Partner Eide Bailly reported there were no findings or corrections needed to the 2023/24 District Building Fund (Measure BB) Audit Report.

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

Student Preferential Vote: Yes

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

- 11. Approval to Award a Contract to Roadway Engineering & Construction Corporation in the amount of \$2,063,400.00 for the Lisa J. Mails ES TK Modular Classrooms, Bid No. 2023-24-03**

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

Student Preferential Vote - Yes

- 12. Approval to Award a Contract to BorderLAN Inc. in the amount of \$242,214.88 for District Wide Firewall Hardware and Support**

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

Student Preferential Vote - Yes

- 13. Approval to Award a Contract to CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$160,075.83 for District Wide Wireless Hardware and Support**

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

Student Preferential Vote: Yes

- 14. Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-13 Accounting of Development Fees for Fiscal Year 2022/23 in Fund 25**

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

Student Preferential Vote - Yes

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

15. Approve Publication of the 2022/23 School Accountability Report Cards

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

Student Preferential Vote - Yes

RECESS: Mr. Diffley called for a recess at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Diffley reconvened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

16. First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Administrative Regulation

The Board received AR 6200 - Adult Education for first reading.

17. Review and Discuss Board Policy 6145.5 Student Organizations and Equal Access

Trustee Julie Vandegrift submitted the following language for discussion and possible addition to Board Policy 6145.5 Student Organizations and Equal Access.

Right of Parents/Guardians to be informed of non-curricular participation/student-initiated club/club attendance.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their student's attendance at any non-curricular/student-initiated club activity during the school day. If a student participates in a club or student organization that meets on the District's campuses or property, a parent or guardian must be notified in writing about their student's attendance within one week. This notice must include a true and accurate description of the club or organization, as well as the contact information (inclusive of legal name, age, relationship to the District) for any adult involved with the club or organization.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) have a right to attend one meeting of each of the clubs or student clubs and organizations that meet on the District's campuses or property within a reasonable period of time from making the request, to observe the club or organization in which their student is enrolled. In the alternative, clubs and organizations may have a parent/guardian event scheduled in the first semester of the school year

Dr. Andrus discussed the complexities of adopting the suggested language, noting that the district currently only informs parents about student absences, not every event a student participates in. The district does not have an attendance system for extracurricular and student club activities, which are normally held during lunch, and before or after school.

Board members continued their discussion on this topic. It was noted that information regarding school clubs and staff advisors is available on each school's website for parents to access. Dr. Andrus said staff would research any additional attendance options and report his findings to the Board members in his weekly update. No further action was discussed.

18. Receive 2024 Annual Governance Calendar

The Board received the 2024 Annual Governance Calendar.

19. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Board received this report indicating that no complaints were filed for the second quarter of the 2023/24 school year.

H. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Andrus spoke about the second semester getting underway and upcoming graduation dates. He expressed gratitude to the Special Education department for their collaboration with The Special Olympics and highlighted the recent conference at Pechanga. This event included several sessions conducted at district sites for representatives from over 40 school districts. Dr. Andrus thanked the community members for submitting comments regarding facilities and potential bond measure.

I. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Linda Lunn reported attending many district events including: the staff Professional Development Day, California School Employee Association general meeting, judging the spelling bee at Thompson Middle School, Student of the month breakfast and working with Lorie Stone on the Women's Leadership event at Murrieta Hot Springs Resort. Mrs. Lunn commented on the landscaping improvements and fresh paint on the District Office building.

Trustee Nicolas Pardue reported on his site visit to Murrieta Canyon Academy. Mr. Pardue shared his thoughts regarding students' choice of their educational track. He said it isn't always clear to students what they want to pursue as a career, so we shouldn't continue to force all students to take advanced courses. Schools should offer a variety of paths to accommodate different interests and abilities.

Trustee Nancy Young reported attending the California School Employee Association general meeting at Shivela Middle School, the Southwest Riverside County Higher Education meeting which focused on efforts to bring a four-year college to the area, site visits to Buchanan Elementary and Vista Murrieta High School, and the spelling bee.

Trustee Julie Vandegrift participated in the Lozano Smith Ethics Training webinar, Human Trafficking event, visited Buchanan Elementary School intervention and special day classes, along with researching the impacts of a potential bond.

Trustee Paul Diffley reiterated that passing a bond would not result in tax implications. He reported attending the spelling bee and highlighted upcoming drama productions at the high schools. Mr. Diffley noted that he has been instrumental in gathering donations of instruments for the band programs and said he and Dr. Andrus have been working on additional relevant CTE class offerings in the upcoming years.

J. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)

None

K. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (Optional)

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

L. ADJOURNMENT

President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III – Yes

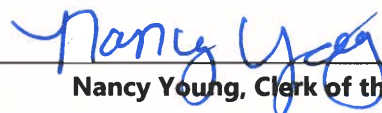
Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift – Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

Approved by the Governing Board July 23, 2024


Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

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Murrieta Valley Unified School District
Personnel Report
January 18, 2024

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A. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Cerda	Hailey	Teacher	Learn at Home	12/15/2023	G
Holub	Steve	Teacher	Murrieta Elementary	12/15/2023	R
James	Patricia	Speech Pathologist	Special Education	2/12/2024	G
Navarro	Jordan	Speech Pathologist	Special Education	1/8/2024	R
Paras	Nicole	Teacher	Antelope Hills Elementary	12/14/2023	R

B. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

PROMOTION/TRANSFER:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Site From	Position To	Site To	Effective Date	Type
Pung	Myra	Nutrition Worker I	Vista Murrieta High	Attendance Clerk	Vista Murrieta High	1/8/2024	R
Selvaggio	Angel	DIS Aide	Murrieta Valley High	Campus Security	Murrieta Valley High	1/8/2024	R

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Aguayo	Jaime	School Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	12/18/2023	R
Arellano	Devanni	Instructional Assistant	Buchanan Elementary	12/11/2023	R
Bennett	Crystal	DIS Aide, IBI	Alta Murrieta Elementary	1/8/2024	R
Burns	Rich	School Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	12/18/2023	R
Dillashaw	Jennifer	DIS Aide	Special Education	1/8/2024	R
Dominguez	Enrique	Custodian	Murrieta Valley High	1/3/2024	R
Gibson	Fallon	DIS Aide	Monte Vista Elementary	12/12/2023	G
Gomez	Yessenia	Café/Playground	Buchanan Elementary	1/8/2024	R
Payan	Ilene	Instructional Assistant (VAPA)	Educational Services	1/8/2024	R
Sakaguchi	Ayako	Support Aide I	Family Services	12/12/2023	R
Sandez	Yadira	Support Aide I	Family Services	12/7/2023	R
Snowden	Carol	School Bus Driver Trainee	Transportation	12/18/2023	R
Tangas	Michelle	DIS Aide, IBI	Dorothy McElhinney Middle	1/8/2024	R
Vargas	Michelle	Instructional Assistant	Educational Services	12/12/2023	R
Velazquez	Daniel	Instructional Assistant (VAPA)	Educational Services	1/9/2024	R

C. SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

CERTIFICATED:

Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Holub, Steve	Montembeau, Michelle				

CLASSIFIED:

Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Brown, Kathy	Brown, Kevin	Cambell, Christopher	Garza, Mary	Graves, Olga	Jessee, Chad
Martin, Haleigh	Mejia, Stephanie	Van Hoff, Katrina	Vargas, Michelle	Williams, Samantha	

D. RESIGNATIONS / RELEASES (Certificated & Classified)

Employee No. and Effective Date	Employee No. and Effective Date	Employee No. and Effective Date	Employee No. and Effective Date
098022 - 6/30/2024	108584 - 6/30/2024	109282 - 6/30/2024	136829 - 6/30/2024
147959 - 4/5/2024	171790 - 6/30/2024	197681 - 12/21/2023	209919 - 12/8/2023
211231 - 1/4/2024	244139 - 6/30/2024	252373 - 12/15/2023	269714 - 12/13/2023
273212 - 1/2/2024	292672 - 12/8/2023	296977 - 12/15/2023	331977 - 1/19/2024
335701 - 1/12/2024	335751 - 1/8/2024	339377 - 12/15/2023	341177 - 1/5/2024

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E. ATHLETIC COACHES

Name	Sport	Site
Cipres, Mark	Baseball	Murrieta Mesa High
Barret, Aaron	Wrestling & Baseball	Murrieta Valley High
Martinez, Christopher	Boys' Wrestling	Murrieta Valley High
Parker, Alexander	Girls' Basketball	Murrieta Valley High
Clanton, Brandon	Boys' Lacross	Vista Murrieta High
Fagen, Eric	Boys' Golf	Vista Murrieta High
Ford, Lonnie	Boys' Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High
Hurtado-Leyva, Maria	Boys' Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High
Mackey, Allison	Stunt Cheer	Vista Murrieta High
Quick, Nicholas	Boys' Basketball	Vista Murrieta High
Sadow, Keli	Girls' Soccer	Vista Murrieta High
Trujillo, Brandon	Boys' Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High
Williams Archer, Danay (Ivan)	Boys' Baseball	Vista Murrieta High