



## 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  
Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Jonathan Pratt, Chief Technology Officer  
Richard Rideout, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
James Whittington, Chief Financial Officer  
Howard Dimler, Executive Director, Student Support  
Craig Frame, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Joe Parla, Executive Director, Elementary Education  
Dr. Zhanna Preston, Executive Director, Special Education  
Jennifer Schriver, Executive Director, Secondary Education  
Monica Gutierrez, Public Information Officer  
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

#### Employee Organization Representatives

Kimberly Binning-Chevlin, President, Murrieta Educators Association  
Freddie Musquiz, President, California School Employees Association, Murrieta Chapter 223

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### A. OPENING BUSINESS

#### 1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Office, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed to the public.

#### 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.

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

Trustee Nancy Young led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. 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

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

None

## **B. BOARD WORKSHOP**

### **1. Direction Setting for the 2024/25 School Year**

Dr. Andrus, Superintendent, reviewed the agenda and the purpose of the annual workshop.

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Faythe Mutchnick-Jayx provided mid-year LCAP data for the Board's review. She also facilitated a discussion on the achievements measured by data and metrics in the 2023/24 Goals and Direction December progress report.

The group's discussion focused on providing input for the topics outlined in the 2024/25 Draft Goals and Directions. Dr. Andrus emphasized that the district's primary focus areas are student achievement, support, and opportunities for growth.

The group endorsed the following focus areas for the 2024/25 Goals and Directions:

- Professional Learning Communities
- Transitional Kindergarten
- Workplace Readiness
- Mathematics
- Inclusion
- Alternative Learning Opportunities
- English Learners
- Professional Growth for Classified, Certificated and Administration/Management Employees
- Multi-Tiered systems
- Student Engagement
- Student Attendance
- Family Engagement

Dr. Andrus stated that he would submit a report of the annual goals and directions for the 2024/25 school year for Board review at the March 28, 2024 Special Board meeting.

## **B. BOARD WORKSHOP (continued)**

### **2. Facilities Master Planning**

The Facilities Master Planning discussion was facilitated by district staff along with the following district partners who contribute individualized expertise to the Facility Master Plan and implementation process.

- Dr. Tim McLarney, President - True North Research
- Bonnie Moss, Principal - CliffordMoss
- Jin Kim, Managing Director - Piper Sandler & Co.
- Carl Stiehl, City Planner - City of Murrieta, Development Services
- Susan Miller, Senior Director - Woolpert

Dr. Tim McLarney, President, True North Research presented the results of the bond feasibility survey. He summarized key conclusions that indicated a bond would be feasible for the 2024 ballot based on the following conclusions:

- Voters ranked improving the quality of education in local schools among the most important issue facing the community.
- Solid natural support for the bond measure (62%), which jumps to 68% with clarification regarding tax rate extension.
- Popular projects and improvements
- Strong positive arguments
- All ballot tests are above 55%, even after opposition arguments.

Jin Kim, Managing Director, Piper Sandler & Co. provided a comprehensive review of General Obligation Bonds. He summarized past General Obligation Bond Programs for Murrieta Valley Unified School District: Measure D, now fully repaid; Measure K, with its final year of tax levy in fiscal year 2028/29; Measure E, with its final year of tax levy in fiscal year 2032/33; and Measure BB, with \$9,843,182 remaining voter-approved bond authorization.

Deputy Superintendent, Darren Daniel, and City Planner Carl Stiehl, from the City of Murrieta's, Development Services, discussed the projected residential development up to 2033/2034 and its potential impact on school enrollment, facility capacities, and district boundaries. The projection estimates a total of 6,900 total residential units by 2033/34 with the bulk of units being constructed between 2024 and 2028.

Deputy Superintendent, Darren Daniel and Woolpert's Senior Director, Susan Miller, facilitated the group discussion on district-wide enrollment projections, and the master plan for current and/or future facilities. They reported that elementary school enrollment is projected to increase from 9,090 in the 2023/24 school year to 10,837 by the 2033/34 school year.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

President Diffley announced that no action would be taken during closed session. Therefore, the meeting would be adjourned at the conclusion of the closed session. He asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 4:15 p.m.

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

**1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 the Board met in closed session with 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

**D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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

None

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

President Diffley asked for a motion to adjourn the Board of Education special meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

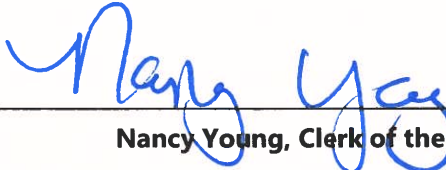
Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

*Approved by the Governing Board May 9, 2024*

  
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**Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board**