

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Linda Lunn, Board President
Paul Diffley, Board Member
Kris Thomasian, Board Member
Ellen Larson, Board Member

Staff Members

Patrick Kelley, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Mary Walters, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Julie Diaz, Executive Assistant

A. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Patrick Kelley administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Ellen Larson.

B. CALL TO ORDER

President Linda Lunn called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta California.

1. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with board members Paul Diffley, Ellen Larson, Linda Lunn, and Kris Thomasian present.

2. Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Item(s)

None

C. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code, Section 54956.9, the Governing Board met in closed session to discuss anticipated litigation.

D. CEREMONIAL ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Superintendent Patrick Kelley administered the Oath of Office to Ellen Larson in public session.

E. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

President Lunn reconvened the meeting into public session at 5:02 p.m. She stated that votes would be conducted by roll call and proceeded to conduct a roll call for establishment of a quorum.

Present: Paul Diffley, Ellen Larson, Linda Lunn, Kris Thomasian

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Ellen Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Report Out of Closed Session

No action was taken during the conference with legal counsel during closed session.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Paul Diffley; Motion seconded by: Kris Thomasian

Voting:

Paul Diffley - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Kris Thomasian - Yes

Ellen Larson - Yes

5. Public Comment regarding Meeting Agenda Item(s)

None

6. Recognition of Board Member, Oscar Rivas

Former Board member Mr. Oscar Rivas resigned his seat on the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Board of Education due to relocating out of his elected Trustee Area. Mr. Kelley and each Board member expressed their gratitude to Mr. Rivas for his service to the students and families of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District from 2018 to 2021.

7. Presentations by Search Firms to Potentially Conduct New Superintendent Search

Mr. Ben Johnson, Consultant for McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, and Ms. Sandy Sanchez-Thorstenson and Mr. Kent Bechler, Consultants for Leadership Associates each presented proposals for the Board's consideration to conduct the search for the next superintendent of the Murrieta Valley Unified School District.

At the conclusion of Board member discussions regarding the information presented by each search firm, President Lunn asked if there was a motion to select one of the search firms to conduct a superintendent search for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. Board Member **Kris Thomasian made a motion to select Leadership Associates to assist the Board and the Board Sub-Committee in the superintendent search process, subject to a written agreement.**

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7 Presentations by Search Firms to Potentially Conduct New Superintendent Search (continued)

Motion made by: Kris Thomasian; Motion seconded by: Paul Diffley

Voting:

Paul Diffley - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Kris Thomasian - Yes
Ellen Larson – Yes

8. Discussion and Approval of Process for Filling a Board Member Vacancy

The Board of Education discussed the process to fill board member Oscar Rivas' Trustee Area 1 vacancy. **Paul Diffley made a motion to approve filling this vacancy through a provisional appointment.**

Motion made by: Paul Diffley; Motion seconded by: Ellen Larson

Voting:

Paul Diffley - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Kris Thomasian - Yes
Ellen Larson - Yes

President Lunn asked to establish a subcommittee of two Board members to review the applications for eligibility. Paul Diffley and Ellen Larson stated their interest in being on the subcommittee.

Motion made by: Kris Thomasian to appoint Ellen Larson and Paul Diffley to the subcommittee; Motion seconded by: Ellen Larson

Voting:

Paul Diffley - Yes
Ellen Larson - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Kris Thomasian – Yes

F. ADJOURNMENT

President Lunn adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Approved by the Governing Board February 10, 2022



Paul F. Diffley III, Clerk
of The Board