

**MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2014**

**Call to Order** President Thomasian called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Support Center, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California.

**Quorum** A quorum was established with the following Board Members present: Robin Crist, Kenneth Dickson, Paul Diffley, Barbara Muir, Kris Thomasian and Patrick Kelley, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board.

Member absent: None

**Attendance**

**Staff Members**

Stacy Coleman, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Bill Olien, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities/Operational Services  
Guy Romero, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Pamela Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Laura Gonzales, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board

**Employee Organization Representatives**

Kathy Ericson, President, Murrieta Teachers Association

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mackenzie Wood, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Cole Canyon Elementary School and member of the Odyssey of the Mind Team.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by **DIFFLEY**, second by **CRIST**, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Crist	X			
Dickson	X			
Diffley	X			
Muir	X			
Thomasian	X			

**Public Comments**

None.

**Presentation/  
Recognition**

Superintendent Kelley recognized the **Cole Canyon Elementary School "Odyssey of the Mind"** team for winning the state championship and moving on to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Iowa. Mrs. **Constance Youens**, Advisor and Mrs. **Cindy Branson Waller**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher were praised for leading their team to the finals.

**B-1: Information and Presentation regarding Math Pathways**

Shannon Augustin, teacher at Murrieta Valley High School, Girle Ebuem, teacher at Murrieta Mesa High School, and Annette Kitagawa-Keebler, Administrator with the Riverside County Office of Education provided detailed information regarding the differences between the 1997 Mathematics State Standards and today's Common Core State Standards – Mathematics, and Traditional Math versus Integrated Math Pathways.

Mrs. Augustin remarked that the next steps include selecting the pathway that best serves our students, high schools will focus on Standards of Mathematical Practice (SMP), performance tasks and transitioning to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests, and middle schools will pilot Common Core (6-8) curriculum for textbook adoptions.

**B-2: Information and Presentation regarding the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Program at E. Hale Curran Elementary School**

Pam Rodden, incoming Principal of E. Hale Curran Elementary School provided the Board with a presentation on the Curran Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiative and plans to transform the school into a STEM school of emphasis.

Board Member Diffley recommended that staff also include the arts in Curran's emphasis and proposed changing the name from STEM to STEAM. Superintendent Kelley asked staff to explore this concept.

**Closed Session**

The Board met in Closed session from 7:20 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to discuss student disciplinary actions, conference with labor negotiators and discuss the performance evaluation for the District Superintendent.

**Public Session / Report Out of Closed Session**

President Thomasian reconvened the meeting into public session at 7:45 p.m. and reported that no actions were taken in Closed Session.

**C-1: Expulsion of High School Student Number 480-000-378**

Motion by **DICKSON**, second by **CRIST**, that the Board Education expel student number 480-000-378 for the violation of Education Code 48900 (c) for the remainder of the second semester of the 2013/14 school year. The enforcement of the expulsion shall be suspended based upon the student's and parent's agreement with the terms and conditions of the education placement determined by administration during the term of the expulsion.

The motion carried unanimously.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Crist	X			
Dickson	X			
Diffley	X			
Muir	X			
Thomasian	X			

**D-2: Expulsion of High School Student Number 238-036-185**

Motion by **DIFFLEY**, second by **MUIR**, that the Board Education expel student number 238-036-185 for the violation of Education Code 48900 (c) for the remainder of the second semester of the 2013/14 school year and the first semester of the 2014/15 school year. The enforcement of the expulsion shall be suspended based upon the student's and parent's agreement with the terms and conditions of the education placement determined by administration during the term of the expulsion.

The motion carried unanimously.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Crist	X			
Dickson	X			
Diffley	X			
Muir	X			
Thomasian	X			

**D-3: Expulsion of High School Student Number 956-002-076**

Motion by **CRIST**, second by **DIFFLEY**, that the Board Education expel student number 956-002-076 for the violation of Education Code 48900 (.4) and (k) for the remainder of the remainder of the second semester of the 2013/14 school year and the first semester of the 2014/15 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Crist	X			
Dickson	X			
Diffley	X			
Muir	X			
Thomasian	X			

**D-4: Expulsion of High School Student Number 379-000-467**

Motion by **MUIR**, second by **CRIST**, that the Board Education expel student number 379-000-467 for the violation of Education Code 48900 (b) for the remainder of the remainder of the second semester of the 2013/14 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Crist	X			
Dickson	X			
Diffley	X			
Muir	X			
Thomasian	X			

**Adjournment**

President Thomasian adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

*Approved by the Governing Board June 26, 2014*

  
Barbara Muir, Clerk of the Board

