

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2011

- Call to Order** President Diffley called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 10:05 a.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, Ken Dickson, Paul Diffley, Kris Thomasian, Margi Wray, and Dr. Stan Scheer, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.
- Absent: None
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Attendance** ***Staff Members***
Dr. M. Buck DeWeese, Deputy Superintendent
Pat Kelley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Bill Olien, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities/Operational Services
Guy Romero, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Laura Gonzales, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
- Approval of Agenda** **MSCU CRIST/WRAY** to approve the agenda as presented.
- Public Comments** Public comments were received from the following individuals:
- Mary Kelly, Murrieta Valley Council PTA Executive Vice President read aloud a Council PTA resolution dated November 17, 2009, urging the City of Murrieta and County of Riverside to deny the licensing or transfer of a license to any establishment which sells alcoholic beverages within 600 feet of schools.
- Rachel Jacobs, Murrieta Valley High School PTSA member, expressed her support for Council PTA's position on keeping alcohol sales a minimum of 600 feet from schools.
- Board Member Kris Thomasian read aloud a letter from Debbie Marshall who was in attendance, asking the Board to oppose the City's proposed code changes relating to the sale of alcohol near schools.
- Gary Thomasian urged the Board to take a position which mirrors state standards which prohibits the sale of alcohol 600 square feet from schools.
- Public comment was received from Steve Rawlings in favor of the proposed City of Murrieta's alcohol code changes eliminating distance restrictions from schools.

Public Comments
(Continued)

President Diffley reported receiving e-mails from community members opposing the changes to alcohol sales near schools and read aloud e-mails from David Cook and Reid Harper.

**A-5: Discussion
regarding the City of
Murrieta's Proposed
Alcohol Code Changes**

Cynthia Kinser, Planner with the City of Murrieta shared a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Planning Commission Workshop — Alcohol Beverage Sales" originally presented at a City Planning Commission workshop on June 9, 2010. Ms. Kinser indicated that the City Planning Commission asked staff to explore new regulations that provide greater flexibility without negatively impacting public safety. She reported that the City of Murrieta is proposing the repeal and replacement of Title 16, Article III, Chapter 16.44 (Standards for Specific Land Uses), Section 16.44.030 Alcoholic Beverage Sales. The proposed changes will establish standards for businesses engaged in alcoholic beverage sales uses as well as reasonable and uniform standards to prevent the inappropriate location and/or operation of alcoholic beverage sales uses within the City. The proposed changes seek to eliminate the current zoning requirement of maintaining 1,000 square feet of separation between alcohol sales and K-12 public or private schools and/or public parks.

Lt. Sean Hadden with the City of Murrieta Police Department was present to answer questions from the Board.

Following the presentation, President Diffley asked for comments from Board Members. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that since consensus amongst Board Members was not reached regarding a recommendation to the City Council concerning the sale of alcohol near schools, no position was taken.

Adjournment

President Diffley adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Approved by the Governing Board March 10, 2011



Kris Thomasian, Clerk of the Board