



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

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
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 Mesa High School - Haven Anozie
Murrieta Valley High School - Meghan Lewis
Vista Murrieta High School - Alana Elliott

Employee Organization Representatives

Kimberly Binning-Chevlin, President, Murrieta Educators Association

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 4:03 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 the meeting to closed session at 4:04 p.m.

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the Board met to consider discipline, dismissal, release or complaint of public employee(s).

2. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9, the Board discussed matters that may result in litigation in closed session.

3. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, the Governing Board met in Closed Session with designated representatives to discuss labor negotiations.

Employee organizations:

Murrieta Educators' Association

California School Employees Association - Murrieta Chapter 223.

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 5:06 p.m. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed to the public.

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

President Diffley reported that the Board took the following action in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54957:

Motion made by Nicolas Pardue. Motion seconded by Linda Lunn and voted upon unanimously to release classified employee 245430 effective November 9, 2023.

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (continued)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vista Murrieta High School student representative, Alana Elliott 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 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.

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

2. Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Dr. Ward Andrus said the District was honored to receive a certificate of recognition from State Senator Kelly Sayarto for our contribution to the Veterans Expo, providing employment opportunities to veterans. He reported that the District also hosted Assemblywoman Sanchez's Fentanyl Town Hall meeting. Dr. Andrus attended high school athletic events and drama productions and participated in the Field of Honor with over 1,556 fifth graders attending. He announced that the District would be awarded a Golden Bell at the California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference later this month for inclusion efforts, recognizing our commitment to integrating students with disabilities into regular education classes and experiences, fostering empathy and meaningful connections among students.

3. Public Comment

Alice Forney, John Leonard, and Yvette Anthony requested that the Board delay voting on AR 6161.1 for further revisions.

Bob Kowell requested the removal of the reference to the crisis text line listed on BP 5142 - Safety.

E. COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

3. Public Comment (continued)

Angela Burch, Teresa Wells, Karen Poznanski, Robert Seneff, Jamie Goebel, discussed their dissatisfaction with Board member behavior, lies and divisiveness.

Lucky Harutunian discussed student test scores and her suggestion to refocus on academics and leave political activities out of the classroom.

Pam Barret spoke about the upcoming Veterans Holiday and encouraged the audience to attend the Murrieta Field of Honor.

Kris Thomasian expressed concerns with Pro Bono legal service providers and urged the Board not to entertain their offers.

Jane DeLaurier expressed concerns about Board Policy 5020.1- Parental Notification and potential ramifications stemming from the requirement to notify parents if a student requests to identify as a gender other than the student's biological sex or gender listed on the student's birth certificate.

Arthur Amor shared concerns about Julie Vandegrift's comments regarding gender transition being encouraged in Murrieta Schools.

Rudi Krause commented about vaccinated people, critical race theory, and the homosexual community.

4. Employee Organization Reports

Kimberly Binning-Chevlin, president of Murrieta Educators Association spoke about the crucial role elementary arts and PE programs play in enhancing students' social-emotional development. Mrs. Binning-Chevlin highlighted MEA member, Adriana Toon's presentation at the CTA LGBTQ Plus Conference that offered practical strategies for educators to create inclusive classrooms, emphasizing sensitivity and awareness. She expressed her appreciation for the educators' hard work and said everyone is looking forward to the upcoming break.

5. Board Member Reports

Trustee Nancy Young reported attending the Key Communicator Forum, the San Bernardino County/Riverside County School Board's Association Fall Joint Meeting, Supporting the Whole Child Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting, Rotary luncheons, Field of Honor events, Student of the Month breakfast and visiting E. Hale Curran Elementary, Murrieta Valley and Murrieta Mesa high schools, and chaperoning Vista Murrieta High School's CTE Engineering field trip.

Trustee Julie Vandegrift encouraged everyone to check in on any Veterans in their family during this Veterans Day holiday. Mrs. Vandegrift read excerpts from a Press Enterprise Article regarding student suspensions and the toll they take on "at risk kids". She reported attending the Supporting the Whole Child Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting and shared her concern about the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) involvement in education, expressing her opinion that schools should focus on education and the CDC should focus on health.

E. COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

5. Board Member Reports (continued)

Student Board Member, Isabella Dadalt shared discussion items from the last Student Advisory Council meeting, stating that finding a resolution to restrooms being closed during the school day and E-bike safety were the main focus areas.

Trustee Paul Diffley reported attending the African American Parent Advisory Council meeting, Latino Parent Advisory Committee meeting, Drama productions at Murrieta Valley, Murrieta Mesa and Vista Murrieta high schools, the San Bernardino County and Riverside County School Boards Association fall joint meeting and met with staff to address concerns about mathematics.

Trustee Linda Lunn reported attending the Key Communicators meeting, Curriculum Advisory meeting, accompanying Murrieta Valley USD high school students at the March Air Force Base job fair, Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Elected Women's luncheon, the San Bernardino County and Riverside County School Boards Association fall joint meeting, Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month breakfast, Supporting the Whole Child Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting, fentanyl town hall meeting hosted by Assemblymember Kate Sanchez and the Rotary Field of Honor event.

Trustee Nicolas Pardue spoke about the importance of Career Technical Education course offerings for those students who really aren't college bound. He reported attending the Latino Parent Advisory Committee meeting and attending the fentanyl town hall meeting hosted by Assemblymember Kate Sanchez.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar items F.1 through F.6 as presented.

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

Student Preferential Vote: Yes

1. Ratification of Report of Purchases and Warrants Issued

Report of Purchases from September 26, 2023 through October 23, 2023 and warrants issued on the claim numbers X210825 through X211701 in the amount of \$8,024,348.57, and the Nutrition Services Warrants issued on check numbers 14931 through 14957 in the amount of \$787,290.41.

2. Acceptance of Donations

Site	Donor	Est. Value
Antelope Hills	Reading for Education	\$397.51

F. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

2. Acceptance of Donations (continued)

Site	Donor	Est. Value
Buchanan	Reading for Education	\$401.68
	Susan and Lawrence House	\$100.00
Monte Vista	Monte Vista PTA	\$4,297.86

3. Approval to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Materials

Quantity	Item
1	Golf Cart
4	Calculators
1	Convection Oven
7	Landscape Trimmers
6	Landscape Blowers
3	Landscape Mowers
4	Landscape Weed Trimmers
1	2005 Ford E150
1	1999 Ford F250

4. Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

Alta Murrieta Elementary

Pathfinder Camp Mountain Center, CA Mar. 13-15, 2024

E. Hale Curran Elementary

Pathfinder Camp Mountain Center, CA Feb. 5-7, 2024

Murrieta Mesa High School

AVID College Tour Various, CA Feb. 13-15, 2024

CalHOSA Conference Anaheim, CA April 4-7, 2024

Murrieta Valley High School

Virtual Enterprise Competition San Diego, CA Dec. 3-4, 2023

Wrestling Tournament Clovis, CA Dec. 15-18, 2023

Girl's Basketball Tournament San Francisco, CA Dec. 27-31, 2023

Wrestling Tournament Placencia, CA Dec. 29-30, 2023

Wrestling Tournament Clovis, CA Jan. 4-7, 2024

AVID College Tour Various, CA Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2024

Dance Competition Orlando, FL Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2024

Cheer Orlando, FL Feb. 7-12, 2024

Vista Murrieta High School

Dance National Championship Orlando, FL Feb. 1-6, 2024

AVID College Tour Various, CA Feb. 5-7, 2024

Dance USA Championship Anaheim, CA Mar. 22-24, 2024

Murrieta Mesa/Murrieta Valley High School

Choir Tour Oahu, HI Mar. 13-17, 2024

F. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

4. Approval of Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips (continued)

Murrieta Mesa/Murrieta Valley/Vista Murrieta High School

Girl's Golf State Championship	Monterey, CA	Nov. 14-15, 2023
Girl's Volleyball State Championship	TBD, CA	Nov. 16-18, 2023
Cross Country State Championship	Fresno, CA	Nov. 24-25, 2023
Girl's Tennis State Championship	TBD, CA	Nov. 24-26, 2023
Football State Championship	TBD, CA	Dec. 7-9, 2023
Wrestling State Championship	TBD, CA	Feb. 9-10, 2024
CASL State Leadership Conference	Ontario, CA	Apr. 13-15, 2024

5. Approval of Out of State Travel

TSD Conference, Transporting Students with Disabilities and Special Needs, November 15-20, 2023 in Frisco, TX.

- Attendees: Jennifer Hanshaw, Director of Transportation, AnnMarie Lopez, Transportation Coordinator, Kellie Cook, Kasey Hawksley and Rachel Sosa, Driver Instructors

6. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 Regular Meeting and October 12, 2023 Special Meeting as presented.

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Murrieta Valley Unified School District Career Technical Education Presentation

Educational Services Coordinators Valerie Backus, Diana Ruiz and Mick Wager shared the career readiness sequence that starts in elementary schools with the introduction to career awareness and ultimately supports the vision of every Murrieta Valley USD graduate being workplace ready and prepared to earn a post-high school credential. The presenters provided an overview of the number of participants and completers for each of the current CTE offerings and shared new pathway courses under consideration: Education, Agriculture, Medical Sciences, Manufacturing and Building and Construction.

2. Selection of the Annual Organizational Meeting Date, Time and Location

Date: December 14, 2023
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Murrieta Valley Unified School District
41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta, California

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
Student Preferential Vote: Yes

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. Nominations to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for Subregion 18A

Motion to nominate the slate of candidates listed below:

Linda Lunn (Murrieta Valley USD)

Heidi Matthies-Dodd (Lake Elsinore USD)

Cynthia Navarro (Romoland SD)

David Nelissen (Perris Union HSD)

Linda Porras (Desert Sands USD)

Jasmin Rubio (San Jacinto USD)

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

Motion made by: Nicolas Pardue to nominate Julie Vandegrift. Julie Vandegrift declined the nomination.

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

President Diffley called for a Roll Call Vote:

Paul Diffley III: Yes

Linda Lunn: Yes

Nicolas Pardue: Yes

Julie Vandegrift: Yes

Nancy Young: Yes

4. Approval of Personnel Report

Approve the attached personnel report as presented. The report lists promotion, transfer, new hire and reclassified 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

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

5. Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-08 Early Notification Incentive of Intent to Retire/Resign

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

6. Assignment of High School Teacher to Teach in a Departmentalized Classroom Pursuant to Education Code 44263 for the 2023/24 School Year

Ricky Ray - Accounting

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

7. Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-09, Approval of the 2024-2027 Contract with Department of Rehabilitation to provide Work-Based Learning for High School Students with Disabilities.

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

8. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations

The Board received revisions to BP/AR 5142 - Safety and AR 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials for second reading and adoption.

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift to separate each board policy and administrative regulation in order to vote on them separately.

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

8. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations (continued)

Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - No

Student Preferential Vote – Yes

BP 5142 – Safety

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift to adopt BP 5142 - Safety, with the following revision: *1. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline telephone number **and, at the district's discretion, the Crisis Text Line** and/or a local suicide prevention hotline telephone number.*

Motion seconded by: Paul Diffley.

Comment: Mr. Dimler provided clarification to Board members about the crisis text line. Student Board Member, Isabela Dadalt, said that having the availability of a crisis text line on the ID is better than not having anything on the card.

Voting:

Paul F. Diffley III - No

Linda Lunn - No

Nicolas Pardue - No

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - No

Student Preferential Vote - No

Motion Failed

Motion made by: Nancy Young to adopt BP 5142 as presented for second reading. Motion seconded by: Nicolas Pardue.

Voting:

Paul F. Diffley III - No

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - No

Nancy Young - Yes

Student Preferential Vote – Yes

AR 5142 – Safety

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift to adopt AR 5142 - Safety with the following highlighted revisions: *4. A designated adult taking the student to emergency medical care **(hospital)** at the request of the principal or designee upon the recommendation of the school nurse, a paramedic or other health professional. A medical emergency refers to a serious injury, accident or medical episode necessitating immediate medical care.*

G. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

8. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations (continued)

The principal or designee will call parent/guardian or a parent designated emergency contact prior to transporting student to emergency care (hospital). If parent/guardian or contact are not available and student must be transported by emergency personnel, the principal or designee will accompany the ambulance to the medical facility-hospital and wait with student until parent/guardian or parent designated adult arrives. In the rare event that an ambulance is not available, the principal or designee will transport the student to the medical facility hospital and wait with student until parent or parent designated adult arrives.

Motion seconded by: Paul Diffley

Voting:

Paul D. Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - No

Student Preferential Vote – Yes

AR 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift to table AR 6161.1 to gather more input from the community until a future date. Motion Seconded by: Nancy Young.

Voting:

Paul F. Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

Student Preferential Vote - Yes

9. Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-10 Approving the 2024/25 California Department of Education Child Development Application to Provide State Preschool Services

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)

10. Approval of Deductive Change Order Totaling (-\$21,915.63) for the Alta Murrieta Elementary School Lab Conversion Project

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 - Yes

H. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)

None

I. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (Optional)

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

J. ADJOURNMENT

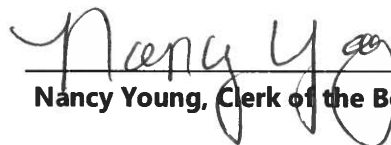
President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Paul Diffley III

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes
Linda Lunn - Yes
Nicolas Pardue - Yes
Julie Vandegrift - Yes
Nancy Young – Yes

Approved by the Governing Board February 8, 2024



Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

A. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

PROMOTION/TRANSFER:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Site From	Position To	Site To	Effective Date	Type
Cartwright	Sharon	Office Clerk & Crossing Guard	Alta Murrieta Elementary	Attendance Clerk	Alta Murrieta Elementary	10/23/2023	R

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Beyer	Rose	Family Services Support Aide I	Family Services	10/30/2023	R
Collazo	Samantha	Instructional Assistant	Monte Vista Elementary	10/31/2023	R
Greder	Christopher	Field Support Technician	Technology	10/30/2023	G
Jones	Carolyn	Family Services Support Aide I	Family Services	10/30/2023	R
Lee	Christopher	DIS Aide, IBI	Tovashal Elementary	11/13/2023	R
Lindsley	Kiza	DIS Aide	Antelope Hills Elementary	10/30/2023	R
Magana	Blanca	DIS Aide	Special Education	10/25/2023	R
Moll	Sheila	DIS Aide, IBI	Avaxat Elementary	10/30/2023	R
Moore	Sandra	SPED Assistant	Murrieta Valley High	11/6/2023	G
O'Steen	Alexis	DIS Aide	Special Education	10/25/2023	R
Powell	La'Starr	Family Services Support Aide I	Family Services	10/30/2023	R
Reed	Jayce	DIS Aide	Buchanan Elementary	10/24/2023	R

RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Position To	Range From	Range To	Effective Date
Whitman	Maria	SPED Assistant I, RSP	SPED Assistant II, RSP	15	17	10/19/2023

B. SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

CLASSIFIED:

Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Anderson, Karen	Christofferson, Celeste	Fann, Nicole	Franco, Elsa	Frick, Brianne	Gibson, Lisanne
Lopez, Tammy	Palos, Katie	Powers, Joanne	Rogers, Eunice	Smith, Samantha	Valencia, Tayler
Ventura Rodriguez, Vanessa					

C. RESIGNATIONS / RELEASES (Certificated & Classified)

Employee No. and Effective Date	Employee No. and Effective Date	Employee No. and Effective Date	Employee No. and Effective Date
074938 - 12/29/2023	271174 - 10/6/2023	300061 - 10/31/2023	320067 - 11/9/2023

D. ATHLETIC COACHES

Name	Sport	Site
Martinez, Ricardo	Boys' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Ridley, Ryan	Softball	Murrieta Mesa High
Warman, Gemma	Cross Country	Murrieta Valley High
Robinson, Kyle	Boys' Soccer	Murrieta Valley High