



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Board Members

Paul Diffley III, Board President

Linda Lunn, Trustee

Nicolas Pardue, Trustee

Julie Vandegrift, Trustee

Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

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

Legal Counsel

Jonathan A. Pearl, Managing Shareholder, Dannis Woliver Kelley

A. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

President Diffley called the Board of Education special meeting to order at 4:00 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 Diffley, Linda Lunn, 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 to closed session at 4:01 p.m.

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue – Not Present

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

Arrival of Board Member: Trustee Nicolas Pardue arrived at 4:05 p.m.

C. CLOSED SESSION (continued)

- 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint**
- 2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - District Superintendent**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957, the Governing Board met in Closed Session to discuss the evaluation of the District Superintendent.

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Diffley reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:10 p.m. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed for public viewing.

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

President Diffley announced the following actions were taken during Closed Session.

On a motion by Nicolas Pardue and seconded by Nancy Young and voted upon unanimously, the Board took action to approve Resolution No. 24/25-03 placing employee number 144701 on compulsory unpaid leave of absence beginning August 14, 2024.

On a motion by Julie Vandegrift, seconded by Nancy Young and a vote of 5 to 0, the Board took action in closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957, to release classified employee number 331304, effective August 26, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Nancy Young led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Special Recognition

Murrieta Fire Chief, Bernard Molloy presented a citizen's recognition to Murrieta Valley USD Employee Justin Christopherson.

5. Public Comment regarding Meeting Agenda Items

Beth Fournier commented on the school site's denial to transfer her daughter out of a particular teacher's class, as she had requested.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Consent Calendar items E.1 through E.3 as presented.

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

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

Avaxat Elementary School

Pathfinder Ranch Science Camp Mountain Center, CA Oct. 21-23, 2024

Murrieta Mesa High School

USB Leadership Conference Anaheim, CA Nov. 4-5, 2024

Vista Murrieta High School

Marching Band Competition Orlando, FL Oct. 24-29, 2024

2. Approval of Out of State Travel

5-Star 2024 User Conference in Las Vegas, NV September 9-10, 2024

- Attendees: Ryan Doblado, Assistant Principal, Solomon Davis, AP Secretary, Murrieta Mesa High School

Microsoft Power Platform Conference in Las Vegas, NV, September 15–22, 2024

- Attendee: Winston Carter, Data Systems Analyst

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the June 6, 2024, and July 23, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Information: School Attendance Boundary Realignment Process

Woolpert Consultants, Andrew Bishop and Karen Jackson attended the meeting virtually via Teams. They provided an overview of their process to facilitate school attendance boundary realignment. The discussion included project objectives, expectations, the step-by-step process, and a tentative timeline for completion.

2. Approval of Personnel Report

Motion to approve the attached personnel report dated August 27, 2024. This report lists newly hired confidential management personnel; newly hired and substitute certificated personnel; promotion, transfer, newly hired, reclassified, and substitute classified personnel; certificated and classified resignations and releases; and athletic coaches.

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

3. Approval of Provisional Internship Permit for A Multiple Subject Credential for Certificated Employee, Ryan Monahan

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young – Yes

F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. Authorization for Specified Credentialed Teachers to Teach Physical Education One Period Per Day Pursuant to Education Code 44258.7(b) for the 2024/25 School Year

Anthony Aguilar Kurt Ruth Billy Truax

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

5. Assignment of High School Teacher to Teach in a Departmentalized Classroom Pursuant to Education Code 44263 for the 2024/25 School Year

Molly Sovacool - PE

Motion made by: Linda Lunn. Motion seconded by: Julie Vandegrift

Voting:

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

6. Approval of Readmission of Expelled Students

Student Case #: 2023-2024-121
School: Murrieta Mesa High School
Grade: 12

Student Case #: 2023-2024-123
School: Murrieta Mesa High School
Grade: 12

Student Case #: 2023-2024-127
School: Murrieta Valley High School
Grade: 10

Student Case #: 2023-2024-132
School: Murrieta Valley High School
Grade: 12

Motion made by: Julie Vandegrift. Motion seconded by: Nancy Young

Voting:

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

7. Presentation: Attendance Overview

Executive Director of Student Support Ryan Tukua and Coordinator of Student Support Services, Amanda Debert, provided an overview of attendance goals and highlights of the district's attendance campaign for the 2024/25 school year. They defined chronic absenteeism as a student missing ten percent or more days in a school year. The average daily attendance rate, used to

F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

7. Presentation: Attendance Overview (continue)

calculate student attendance, is determined by dividing the total days of student attendance by the total days of instruction.

They reported that the district is trending in the right direction with a one percent annual increase in attendance post-pandemic. The goal for 2024/25 school year is a 94% attendance rate. Chronic absenteeism decreased by 4.63 % last year, which translates to 1,000 fewer students being chronically absent during the 2023/24 school year compared to the 2022/23 school year.

G. CLOSED SESSION (Optional)

None

H. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (Optional)

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

I. ADJOURNMENT

President Diffley called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

Approved by the Governing Board October 10, 2024



Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

A. CONFIDENTIAL/MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Carrillo-Sanchez	Alfonso	Behavioral Health Therapist	Special Education	9/3/2024	R

B. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Avalos	Ariana	Teacher	Vista Murrieta High	7/29/2024	R
Bergeron	Chantal	Teacher	Vista Murrieta High	8/7/2024	R
Evans	Cameron	Teacher	Vista Murrieta High	8/05/2024	R
Gabel	Christopher	Teacher	Cole Canyon Elementary	8/7/2024	R
Griffin	Taylor	Teacher	Warm Springs Middle	8/08/2024	G
Guzman	Janelle	Nurse	Student Support	8/12/2024	R
Hakanson	Adriane	Teacher	Avaxat Elementary	7/30/2024	R
Jones	Stefanie	Teacher	Lisa J. Mails Elementary	8/08/2024	R
Monahan	Ryan	Teacher	Lisa J. Mails Elementary	8/09/2024	G
Richardson	Kailen	Teacher	Warm Springs Middle	7/30/2024	R
Wiechert	Ashley	Teacher	Murrieta Elementary	7/29/2024	R

C. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

PROMOTION/TRANSFER:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Site From	Position To	Site To	Effective Date	Type
Buechler	Adrienne	Campus Security	Murrieta Mesa High	Campus Supervisor	Shivela Middle	8/13/2024	G
Depasquale	Trudy	Lead Related Services Aide	Special Education	Behavioral Support Lead Aide	Rail Ranch Elementary	7/22/2024	G
Dye	Lynette	DIS Aide	Tovashal Elementary	Extended Day Lead	Family Services	8/8/2024	R
Flores	Yohana	Lead Related Services Aide	Special Education	Behavioral Support Lead Aide	Lisa J. Mails Elementary	7/22/2024	G
Pratti	Erica	Crossing Guard (AM)	Lisa J. Mails Elementary	DIS Aide, IBI	Lisa J. Mails Elementary	8/13/2024	R
Ripley	Ashley	Instructional Assistant II	Avaxat Elementary	Special Education Assistant II	Murrieta Valley High	8/13/2024	R
Shaffer	Wynne	Attendance Clerk	E. Hale Curran Elementary	District Registrar	Student Support	8/21/2024	R

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Abeyta	Kathryn	Special Education Assistant	Avaxat Elementary	8/13/2024	G
Bartholomew	Jada	Family Services Support Aide I	Family Services	8/13/2024	G
Buckingham	Maxine	Instructional Assistant	E. Hale Curran Elementary	8/13/2024	R
Fann	Nicole	DIS Aide	Buchanan Elementary	8/13/2024	R
Flores	Dorothy	Crossing Guard	Avaxat Elementary	8/16/2024	R
Gallardo	Nancy	DIS Aide	Warm Springs Middle	8/13/2024	R
Majewski	Alexys	DIS Aide	Warm Springs Middle	8/13/2024	R
Miranda	Eric	Family Services Support Aide I	Family Services	8/12/2024	G
Ortega	Bianca	Special Education Assistant	Dorothy McElhinney Middle	8/13/2024	R
Poole	Ronald	Custodian (N)	Thompson Middle	8/1/2024	R
Powers	Joanne	Instructional Assistant	Avaxat Elementary	8/13/2024	R
Schneider	Bernice	Café / Play Supervisor	Avaxat Elementary	8/13/2024	G
Sisti	Garrett	Instructional Assistant	Buchanan Elementary	8/13/2024	R
Sosa	Lidia	DIS Aide	Buchanan Elementary	8/14/2024	G
Spedalieri	Tanya	DIS Aide	Shivela Middle	8/13/2024	R
Villegas	Concepcion	DIS Aide	Buchanan Elementary	8/13/2024	R

RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Position To	Range From	Range To	Effective Date
Ridley	Kimbur	Library/Media Tech I	Library/Media Tech II	20	22	7/31/2024

D. SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

CERTIFICATED:

Name				
Nhim, Sarah				

CLASSIFIED:

Name				
Mazula-Gardei, Cassandra				

E. RESIGNATIONS/ RELEASES (Certificated and Classified)

Employee No. and Effective Date			
097471 – 10/31/2024	269553 – 05/31/2024	293172 – 05/31/2024	304194 – 07/31/2024
305454 – 08/09/2024	328553 – 09/13/2024	328571 – 05/31/2024	334011 – 05/31/2024
334295 – 08/05/2024	338413 – 08/22/2024	339515 – 08/09/2024	341063 – 05/31/2024

F. ATHLETIC COACHES

Name	Sport	Site
Beech, Jennifer	Swimming & Dive	Murrieta Mesa High
Benitez, Javen	Girls' Volleyball	Vista Murrieta High
Bennett, Paul	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Daarstad, Erik	Boys' Lacrosse / Football	Vista Murrieta High
Evangelist, Justin	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Fripp, Cochise	Girls' Basketball	Vista Murrieta High
George, Darris	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Hanson, John	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Hollingsworth, Dillon	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Jimenez, Juan	Lacrosse	Murrieta Mesa High
Johnson, Brett	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Jones, Adrian	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Jones, Monte	Football	Murrieta Valley High
Larkins, Cameron	Football / Girls' Lacrosse	Vista Murrieta High
Lindsley, Rafael	Boys' Wrestling	Murrieta Mesa High
Lindsley, Robert	Boys' Wrestling / Girls' Wrestling	Murrieta Mesa High
MacDonald, Chad	Football / Girls' Lacrosse	Vista Murrieta High
McCraw, Thomas	Boys' Wrestling / Football / Girls' Wrestling / Track	Murrieta Mesa High
McCullough, Jeremy	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Moya-Cabluyan, Sandra	Track	Murrieta Mesa High

R – Replacement
G - Growth
RS – Restructure
T - Transfer

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PERSONNEL REPORT
8/27/24

Athletic Coaches Continued:

Nickel, Jessica	Cheer & Stunt	Murrieta Mesa High
Olson, David	Football	Murrieta Valley High
Paine, Spencer	Boys' Water Polo	Murrieta Mesa High
Rentie, Cameron	Boys' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Salcedo, Roy	Track	Murrieta Mesa High
Schiavone, Portia	Boys' Water Polo / Girls' Water Polo	Vista Murrieta High
Stricklin, Joseph	Lacrosse	Murrieta Mesa High
Taitano, Kalei	Girls' Volleyball	Vista Murrieta High
Wong, Jayleen	Girls' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High