



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Board Members

Paul F. 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

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, 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 to closed session at 4:01 p.m.

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

Voting:

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

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation

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

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Diffley reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:00 p.m. He announced the meeting was being recorded and livestreamed for public viewing.

1. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

President Diffley reported that no action was taken during closed session.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Linda Lunn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Voting:

Paul Diffley III - Yes

Linda Lunn - Yes

Nicolas Pardue - Yes

Julie Vandegrift - Yes

Nancy Young - Yes

4. Public Comment regarding Meeting Agenda Items

Greg Langworthy and Yvonne Munoz, commented on student discipline policies.

A comment card was completed for Emily Brooks, who was not present in the room at that time. Dr. Andrus stated his belief that our policy would permit someone who filled out a comment card but was not present during the designated time on the agenda to share their comment at the end of the meeting.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Diffley called for a motion to approve consent calendar items E.1 - E.5 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

1. Approval of University Agreements

Baylor University

- Fieldwork Agreement; Term: upon approval until September 27, 2029.

2. Approval of Out of State Travel

Adobe Max Conference in Miami, FL October 13-16, 2024

- Attendees: Curtis Page, VAPA Teacher, Vista Murrieta High School

2024 National Law and Public Safety Education Conference in San Antonio, TX December 3-7, 2024

- Attendee: Carrie Carlson, CTE Teacher, Murrieta Valley High School

United States Institute for Theatre Technology Conference in Columbus, OH March 4-9, 2025

- Attendee: Cory Finch, VAPA Teacher, Vista Murrieta High School

E. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

3. Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District effective 2024-2029

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

Murrieta Mesa High School

NJROTC Leadership Training	Ramona, CA	October 19-20, 2024
AVID College Tour	Various, CA	February 11-13, 2025
Softball Tournament	Bullhead City, AZ	March 6-9, 2025
CalHOSA Competition	Sacramento, CA	March 26-30, 2025
CASL Leadership Conference	Santa Clara, CA	April 12-14, 2025

Murrieta Valley High School

AVID College Tour	Various, CA	February 5-7, 2025
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Vista Murrieta High School

Wrestling Tournament	Clovis, CA	January 2-5, 2025
AVID College Tour	Various, CA	February 11-13, 2025
CalHOSA Competition	Sacramento, CA	March 26-30, 2025
CASL Leadership Conference	Santa Clara, CA	April 12-14, 2025

5. Approval of Minutes

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F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Presentation: Student Discipline Policies

Ryan Tukua, Executive Director Student Support, discussed student discipline practices. He reviewed Education Code section 48900, which outlines the framework for suspensions and expulsions. Recent legislative changes, including Assembly Bill 420 and Senate Bill 419, have affected suspension and expulsion policies related to disruption and/or defiance. Protections are in place for students with disabilities and those with Individualized Education Programs (IEs) to ensure equal access to education. Research-based frameworks and strategies, such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIs) and Multi-Tiered system of Supports (MTSS) are being used as alternatives to suspension and expulsion. This school year, the Playworks program has been introduced at the elementary level under MTSS, teaching students how to interact and play on the playground in a more structured manner. Mr. Tukua closed his presentation by outlining the measures to create positive environments for students and staff, including climate and culture initiatives, aligned consequences and restorative practices between the school district and Murrieta Police Department, and staff support by way of training and safety measures.

2. Approval of Personnel Report

Motion to approve the attached personnel report dated September 26, 2024. This report lists newly hired and substitute certificated personnel; promotion and/or transfer, newly hired, and substitute classified personnel; certificated and classified resignations and releases; and athletic coaches.

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

F. ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. Assignment of Middle School Teacher to Teach in a Departmentalized Classroom Pursuant to Education Code 44256(b) for the 2024/25 School Year

Olinda Rice - English

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

4. Assignment of Middle School Teacher to Teach in a Departmentalized Classroom pursuant to Education Code 44258.2 for the 2024/25 School Year

Sharon Depner - Social Science

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

5. Public Hearing regarding the proposed adoption of Resolution No. 24/25-08 Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2024/25

President Diffley opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. and asked for public comments or questions. Hearing none, President Diffley closed the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

6. Adoption of Resolution No. 24/25-08 Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials Compliance for Fiscal Year 2024/25

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

Public Comment - Emily Brooks commented on agenda item F.1 Student Discipline Policies.

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 meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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

Approved by the Governing Board November 14, 2024



Nancy Young, Clerk of the Board

A. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Greenup	Behnaz	Teacher	Special Education	9/5/2024	R
Marsh	Summer	Teacher	E. Hale Curran Elementary	9/3/2024	R

B. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

PROMOTION/TRANSFER:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Site From	Position To	Site To	Effective Date	Type
Hernandez	Kim	Café Play	Buchanan Elementary	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/4/2024	R
Ganzer	Shannon	Bookkeeper II	Warm Springs Middle	Account Clerk II	Business Services	9/3/2024	R
Reynoso	Stephanie	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	DIS Aide	Vista Murrieta High	8/30/2024	R
Carlson	Alicia	SEED III	Tovashal Elementary	Extended Day Lead	Cole Canyon Elementary	9/3/2024	R
Trejo	Jason	School Bus Driver	Transportation	Cover Driver	Transportation	8/28/2024	R
De Alba	Gloria	Family Services Support Aide	Family Services	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/12/2024	R

NEW HIRE:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Type
Bennett	Sarah	Extended Day Lead	Murrieta Elementary	9/3/2024	R
Blaylock	Danetia	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/5/2024	R
Deveraux	Maria	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/24/2024	R
Faamatuainu	Marilyn	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/5/2024	R
Gilbert	Tiffanie	Instructional Assistant	Avaxat Elementary	9/4/2024	G
Lang	Eloy	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/6/2024	R
Lopez	Christina	Custodian (Day)	Lisa J. Mails Elementary	9/3/2024	R
Loredo	Holly	Instructional Assistant	Monte Vista Elementary	9/5/2024	R
Orencia	Maybelline	Nutrition Services Worker I	Nutrition Services	9/12/2024	G

RECLASSIFICATIONS:

Last Name	First Name	Position From	Position To	Range From	Range To	Effective Date
Machingo	Maria	Special Education Assistant II, SDC	DIS Aide	17	20	09/05/2024
May	Dianne	Special Education Assistant I, SDC	DIS Aide	15	20	08/29/2024
Thomas	Courtney	Special Education Assistant II, SDC	DIS Aide	17	20	08/29/2024

C. SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

CERTIFICATED:

Name				
Bowers, Megan	Boze, Joshua	Carlson, Kayla	Contreras, Julia	Johnson Jr., Timothy
Martin, Haleigh	Osterhout, Summer	Pintado, Jacqueline	Sarcona, Michelle	Wuchner, Kara

CLASSIFIED:

Name				
Gadduang, Robert				

D. RESIGNATIONS/ RELEASES (Certificated and Classified)

Employee No. and Effective Date			
097471 – 08/23/2024	121358 – 12/20/2024	245510 – 09/13/2024	265401 – 09/06/2024
311411 – 09/10/2024	319707 – 09/12/2024	331304 – 08/26/2024	

E. ATHLETIC COACHES

Name	Sport	Site
Alfaro, Carlos	Boys' Soccer	Vista Murrieta High
Allen, Jordan	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Arino, Erica	Cheer	Murrieta Mesa High
Bean, Kaiden	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Candaele, Coley	Football / Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High

Athletic Coaches Continued:

Name	Sport	Site
Candaele, Karen	Cross Country / Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High
Ching, Stephanie	Girls' Basketball	Vista Murrieta High
Clanton, Brandon	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Constante, Eric	Cross Country	Vista Murrieta High
Cunningham, Daniel	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Dominguez, Jose	Boys' Soccer	Vista Murrieta High
Emblem, Erin	Golf	Murrieta Mesa High
Esteves, Claire	Cheer	Vista Murrieta High
Files, John	Football / Boys' Lacrosse	Vista Murrieta High
Ford, Lonnie	Football / Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High
Harper, Ashley	Girls' Basketball	Vista Murrieta High
Heise, Ryan	Boys' Basketball / Girls' Soccer / Girls' Golf	Vista Murrieta High
Hillenbrand, Jenna	Volleyball	Murrieta Mesa High
Hoffenkamp, Thom	Girls' Polo	Murrieta Mesa High
Jones, George	Tennis	Vista Murrieta High
Larkins, Cameron	Girls' Lacrosse	Vista Murrieta High
Lauron, Diogenes	Tennis	Murrieta Mesa High
Leyba, Nathanyal	Boys' Wrestling / Football	Vista Murrieta High
Mackey, Allison	Cheer	Vista Murrieta High
Macoskey, Joseph	Softball / Girls' Volleyball	Vista Murrieta High
Martinez, Ricardo	Boys' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Mason, Patrick	Football	Vista Murrieta High
McDermott, Ryann	Cheer	Vista Murrieta High
Mercadal, Christopher	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Morales, Joseph	Boys' Lacrosse	Vista Murrieta High
Ortiz, Thomas	Football	Murrieta Mesa High

Athletic Coaches Continued:

Name	Sport	Site
Paine, Spencer	Boys' Polo	Murrieta Mesa High
Paterson, Zackary	Boys' Wrestling	Vista Murrieta High
Paterson, Zackary	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Perez, Alberto	Boys' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Pina, Brandon	Cross Country / Track	Murrieta Mesa High
Poia, Pyer	Girls' Volleyball	Vista Murrieta High
Pontious, Richard	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Ramer, Joseph	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Ravasdy, Doug	Tennis	Murrieta Mesa High
Ross, Byron	Girls' Golf / Girls' Lacrosse	Vista Murrieta High
Ryan, Christopher	Golf	Murrieta Mesa High
Sather, Vance	Girls' Basketball	Vista Murrieta High
Silberman, Steven	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Simmons, Jeffrey	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Smith, Bryce	Football	Vista Murrieta High
Thornburg, Aaron	Boys' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Toles, Bryan	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Torrez, Natalie	Cheer & Stunt	Murrieta Mesa High
Truax, Billy	Cross Country	Vista Murrieta High
Trujillo, Brandon	Football / Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High
Wilson, Tyler	Girls' Basketball	Murrieta Mesa High
Winters, Michael	Football	Murrieta Mesa High
Wudzke, Isabelle	Cheer	Vista Murrieta High
Ybarra, Vanessa	Girls' Soccer / Cross Country / Track & Field	Vista Murrieta High