

MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

JANUARY 28, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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*Public materials are available for public inspection at 115 McCabe Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640.*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: 6:07 PM

2.0 ROLL CALL

1. Lupe Flores Here  
2. Isabel Maldonado Here  
3. Araceli Perez Here  
4. Diana Toscano Here

5. Raul Varela Here  
6. Jesus Zavala Here  
7. Jose Zavala Arrive @ 6:08 pm

3.0 FLAG SALUTE: Was presented by: Julissa Avila, 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at McCabe Elementary

4.0 APPROVED THE MINUTES FOR: JANUARY 14, 2015 (MSC: Jesus Zavala/Raul Varela; 6/0 1 abstain)

5.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR: JANUARY 28, 2015 (MSC: Araceli Perez/Jose Zavala; 7/0)

TRUSTEES RECOGNITION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Board Presentation and Recognition is for the purpose of recognizing district staff, students, parents and community organizations for exemplary services on behalf of our students while sharing school-related activities, school visitations, conference attended, or meetings scheduled.

*Mr. Raul S. Varela*

Mr. Varela shared that on his recent days off, he took the opportunity to visit some of the school sites and do walk-throughs with the Principals. He walked through the new Mendota Elementary School and what a beautiful campus it is. Mr. Kirby at Mendota Jr. High did the walk-through and he also sat down with Mr. Kirby to learn a little more about him. Mr. Varela shared that it is good to see that MUSD promotes from within. He was also impressed to see what the students are learning. He shared that he would be taking the time soon to visit the other campuses.

*Mr. Jesus Zavala*

Inquired about the district's involvement with the Charter School. Dr. Lopez shared that the district no longer sponsor's a charter school. Mr. Zavala asked about how the ADA & students are doing with or without the charter school in place. Dr. Lopez shared that the number have maintained. Mr. Zavala inquired what the relationship was like with the charter school. Dr. Lopez shared that it is very cooperative and that the new administrator is Rafael Aguilar, who was employed with the district. He shared that they've met with Mr. Aguilar and he was sharing some of the offerings they have and the opportunities available. Mr. Varela shared that as a previous board member, he had an opportunity to visit the charter school and had nothing bad to say about them. He felt that the students needed something else, and this was filling that need for them. Mr. Arredondo shared that when they met with him,

they talked about the program and what it offers for students. He also shared that first and foremost, they try to work with the student to convince them to stay. Dr. Lopez further shared that one of the concerns and a reason for working with the students to get them to stay, is that if they do leave for the charter school and then return to the high school, the experience has been that the student is further behind and catching up becomes more challenging.

***Mrs. Lupe Flores***

Shared her love of education and how maybe some individuals need a different type of experience to get them through what a traditional school setting may not be able to do. If they need a charter school then that is ok. She share that the unfortunate partnership the district experienced with the charter school was how the dropout rate from the charter school was affecting the district. Mrs. Flores praised the latest junior high results for honor roll of 110 students, the 5 graduates for alternative programs. She enjoyed reading the names of the student because this was a big accomplishment for them. Dr. Lopez shared that if the board wishes, the students can be recognized at the next board meeting. Mrs. Flores also wished to recognize the Westside Institute of Technology program. She acknowledged and thanked Ms. Malanca who retired from the junior high. She loved her students and her career. Mrs. Flores wished to thank Mr. Ochoa and his staff for all of the hard work they put into meeting and informing staff and community about the LCFF & LCAP progress. Also for the work they do to ensure that the district meets and stays ahead of all that is happening with LCFF & LCAP.

***Mr. Jose Zavala***

Inquired about the campaign for Bi-literacy and how that is progressing at the high school. Mr. Arredondo shared some materials he had on this program. Dr. Lopez shared that it would be a good topic to add to the goal setting meeting at a future date.

***Mr. Jesus Zavala***

Inquired about the CELT testing results, if any information has come in. Mr. Bautista informed the board that the information had just been received and that he was sorting through that and it would be ready to go out soon. Dr. Lopez shared that he would have that available for the next board meeting. Mr. Zavala inquired about the math curriculum. Dr. Lopez shared that they are in the process of reviewing and would keep the board informed on the progress. Mr. Zavala asked if dates with the City have been set. Dr. Lopez shared that some dates would be put together and that he would speak with Mr. Crass about this meeting.

**HEARING SECTION**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

Forms are provided for those wishing to address the Board on which may be written the subject of their remarks. The forms should be given to the secretary prior to the meeting. In accordance with District Policy, citizens are asked to keep their comments to four (4) minutes or less.

***Karla Barrera & Jessica Dominquez***

Spoke before the board about being selected to attend the Ivy League Project which takes students to visit various Ivy League Campuses. The students shared that they love coming to school and that is opportunity provides them with a chance to see what is available for them when the time comes to go to college. They shared that the expenses to be able to attend are high and that they would like to ask for help to meet the financial obligation to be able to attend. Members of the board expressed their praise of the accomplishments of the students and now that they have come forward they could be sure that with the many fundraising possibilities, they should be able to meet their goal.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY AND STAFF REPORTS**

District Staff will present STAFF REPORTS and BOARD STUDY SESSIONS materials to the Board of Education.

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*Mr. Jose Ochoa, Director of State & Federal Programs*

*Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) & Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)*

Mr. Ochoa gave an informative powerpoint presentation on LCFF & LCAP, sharing with the board the current standings and the goals going into the future.

*Health Services and Education / Julio Cesar Romero*

Mr. Romero spoke to the board about the program he would like to be able to provide to the district and how that would work.

*First 5 Longitudinal Study / Nora Mallonee*

Spoke about the First 5 program and what that means. She also shared that they would like to be able to include Mendota in that study and be able to provide services to the families that would participate in this study.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report is provided for the purpose of making announcements, scheduling meetings and study sessions, conference summaries and other information to keep the Board of Education abreast of the operations of the School District.

*Educator of the Year-Selection Process*

Dr. Lopez shared with the board that they are going through the process of selecting the recipients and that part of that process was to formalize a criteria for nominating those candidates we felt demonstrated the qualities for this recognition.

5.0    6.0    APPROVED CONSENT ITEMS: Items 7.0 through 11.6 All items shall be considered as Consent Agenda and voted on by a single motion unless withdrawn by a Trustee or Superintendent for separate action. The following items were pulled for discussion 11.2 & 11.3  
(MSC: JESUS ZAVALA/JOSE ZAVALA, CARRIED 7/0)

7.0    SUPERINTENDENT

8.0    BUSINESS SERVICES

8.1    APPROVED WARRENTS:    #511789459 - #511789565  
   #511792726 - #511792796  
   #511793828 - #511793852  
   #511797482 - #511797541

8.2    APPROVED payment to Lozano Smith, LLP for legal services rendered not-to exceed \$26.98.

8.3    APPROVED payment to Baker Manock & Jensen for legal services rendered not-to exceed \$35,620.68.

9.0    CURRICULUM

10.0    ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

11.0 PERSONNEL

- 11.1 APPROVED letter of resignation from Ruth A. Cedeno, Health Aide at McCabe Elementary effective January 27, 2015.
- 11.2 PULLED INTO CLOSED SESSION to hire a Library Media Technician at Mendota High School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.
- 11.3 PULLED INTO CLOSED SESSION to hire a Library Media Technician at McCabe Elementary School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.
- 11.4 APPROVED to hire Flor Isela Macias, as 6 hr. Special Education Instructional Aid at McCabe Elementary as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.
- 11.5 APPROVED to hire Melone Gonzales, as 4 ½ hour Instructional Aid at Mendota Alternative Education as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.
- 11.6 APPROVED to hire Julie Escobedo Castro, as 4 hr. (504) Instructional Aid at Mendota Elementary School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION The Board convened into closed session at 8:45 PM to discuss the following:

12.1 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

11.2 Approval to hire Nancy Ramirez as Library Media Technician at Mendota High School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.

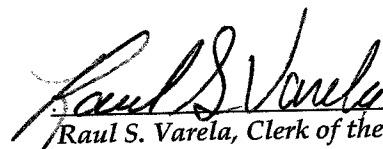
11.3 Approval to hire Emma Plascencia as Library Media Technician at McCabe Elementary School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.

12.0 RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

11.2 APPROVED to hire Nancy Ramirez as Library Media Technician at Mendota High School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.  
(MSC: DIANA TOSCANO/JESUS ZAVALA, CARRIED 7/0)

11.3 APPROVED to hire Emma Plascencia as Library Media Technician at McCabe Elementary School as recommended by the interview panel and site principal.  
(MSC: LUPE FLORES/JOSE ZAVALA, CARRIED 7/0)

14.0 ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned

  
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Raul S. Varela, Clerk of the Board