

Mother Lode Union School District

Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES



Regular Meeting

M.E.R.C. Center

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

05:00 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Mother Lode Union School District is the successful education of every student.

TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

We strive to nurture a partnership with student, staff, parent and the community.

We are committed to meeting the educational needs of each student while providing a safe, respectful, and connected school experience and environment.

We are dedicated to advancing each student's academic achievement while developing a life-long love of learning, building personal responsibility, enhancing the use of problem solving skills, and the ability to learn independently.

We provide all employees with the resources necessary to perform their function, while maintaining a fiscally responsible organization.

We employ competent, committed, and caring staff who believe in respect for others, teamwork, continuous self-improvement, and that all students can learn and be successful.

MEETING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Details

Board Members: Chuck Wolfe
Janet VanderLinden
Cathy Wilson
Gene Bist Sr.
Al Priestley

Other Attendees: Marcy Guthrie

1. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

1.1 G.C. Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Mid-Year

1.2 G.C. Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator (present will be Marcy Guthrie) MLTA & CSEA #661

1.3 E.C. 48918 Student Expulsion Case 18.19.01

2. 5:00 pm - RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Roll Call

2.3 Disclosure of Action taken, if any, in Closed Session

Discussion:

No action was taken during Closed Session

2.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of agenda as revised to take some agenda items out of order

Motion By: Janet VanderLinden

Second By: Gene Bist Sr.

Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Gene Bist Sr., Al Priestley, Janet VanderLinden, Chuck Wolfe

Results: Motion Passed

3. Public Comment:

The public is invited to participate in the meetings of the Board of Education. Members of the audience, who wish to speak to the Board on any topic, including any item on the agenda, may make a request to the Board President by completing a "Request To Be Heard" card prior to the introduction of the item of interest. The President will recognize those who desire to speak either during "Public Comment" or when the Board is discussing a particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes. The President may choose to limit each side of an issue to 10 speakers, or no more than 20 minutes per topic, if substantial numbers of people wish to address the Board. Board action may not legally be taken on any item not specifically listed on the agenda. The board may ask that such items be placed on a subsequent agenda for consideration. For disability related assistance, please contact the Superintendent of Mother Lode Union School District, 3783 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667 – 530 622-6464.

4. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Continue to build parent, staff and community awareness, understanding, confidence, and trust in the Mother Lode Union School District.

4.1 Information: Superintendent

Discussion:

Superintendent welcomed everyone.

4.2 Information: Herbert C. Green Student Body

Discussion:

(as submitted by video)

4.3 Report: Principals Rhonda White and Leslie Redkey

Discussion:

(as submitted) presentation and comments

4.4 Information: Board

Discussion:

President Wilson reported she attended Heroes Night for the Boys and Girls Club with Superintendent Guthrie. Dinner was great, and they had a great time. She and 3 other Trustees along with the superintendent attended an El Dorado County School Board Association (EDCSBA) workshop 1/14/19 where they learned about superintendent evaluations and board self-reviews.

Trustee Bist attended EDCSBA workshop and found it to be very informative. He also attended the Boys and Girls Club Heroes Night.

Trustee Wolfe attended EDCSBA workshop. He shared the Capital Advisors Group, LLC, Govern's Budget workshop is on 1/25/19. 3/12/19 is CA School Board Association's (CSBA) Legislative Action Day at the State Capital. Trustees who wish to attend, will be provided with talking points and access to meet with representatives by CSBA staff. CSBA is hold a fundraiser forum to get fair and full funding for public Schools. CA ranks 41 per pupil funding ratio. Union Mine is having an Academic Decathalong and need volunteers to help judge. EDCSBA will have 3 presentations starting next year due to low attendance at the August workshop. EDCSBA Awards dinner is 3/4/19 at Cold Springs Country Club. Discussion regarding the CA Dashboard and chronic absenteeism studies show kids who are engaged actively in sports, music or art attend school more regularly and perform better academically. We need to find ways to get students excited and wanting to come to school.

Trustee Priestly shared he attended CSBA training (Jan 3 & 4) for newly elected Board Members with the superintendent. He shared it was well worth the time to attend. During the discussion regarding the CA Dashboard on suspension rates, he was interested in know if the same students continue being suspended from year to year.

5. SETTING DIRECTION:

Develop a long-range (5 year) organizational/financial plan, which ensures that the Mother Lode Union School District has sustainable leadership and resources to continue its mission.

5.1 Information: 2018 CA Dashboard - District Results

Discussion:

Superintendent reviewed item 5.1

5.2 Information: Eligibility for Assistance under California's New Accountability System and MLUSD Request for Support from EDCOE

Discussion:

Superintendent provided information on item 5.2

5.3 Information: LCAP Process and Timeline Update

Discussion:

Superintendent reviewed 5.3

6. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Provide an exceptional educational program by offering rigorous academic classes and a variety of enrichment opportunities for all children. Provide a safety net to ensure that all children are successful, without compromising the breadth of the program. Incorporate character education lessons with clear goals and natural consequences into every aspect of the school community.

6.1 Report: Director of Student Support Services

Discussion:

(as submitted) with comments

6.2 Report: Enrollment Summary 2018-19 & 2017-18 Final Year-End Totals

Discussion:

(as submitted)

6.3 Report: Class Size Averages

Discussion:

(as submitted)

6.4 Report: 2018-19 District Trimester Assessments - District Results

Discussion:

Assistant Principal Saldate reviewed item 6.4

6.5 ACTION: Superintendent requests approval of Indian Creek Elementary School Accountability Report Card (SARC) using data from 2017-18 for 2018-19

Motion: Approve item 6.5

Motion By: Gene Bist Sr.

Second By: Janet VanderLinden

Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Al Priestley, Gene Bist Sr., Janet VanderLinden, Chuck Wolfe

Results: Motion Passed

6.6 ACTION: Superintendent requests approval of Herbert C. Green Middle School Accountability Report Card (SARC) using data from 2017-18 for 2018-19

Motion: Approve item 6.6

Motion By: Gene Bist Sr.

Second By: Al Priestley

Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Gene Bist Sr., Al Priestley, Janet VanderLinden, Chuck Wolfe

Results: Motion Passed

6.7 Information: Textbook Adoptions Part I

Discussion:

Superintendent reviewed item 6.7. Trustee VanderLinden asked if districts are required to adopt state approved textbooks. According to EC Section 60210 (a) "Notwithstanding any other law, a (district) may use instructional materials that are aligned with the content standards adopted pursuant to 60605 and 60605.8, including instructional materials that have not been adopted by the state board pursuant to Section 60200". Superintendent Guthrie provided reasons why it is important to adopt curriculum that are State Board approved and Trustee VanderLinden shared her views.

7. FINANCE/FACILITIES

7.1 Report: Nutrition Services

Discussion:

(as submitted) with comments

7.2 Report: Chief Business Official

Discussion:

(as submitted) with comments

7.3 Report: 2017-18 Annual Financial Statements

Discussion:

Michelle Hanson, Certified Public Accountant, reviewed the 2017-18 Annual Financial Statement to the Board. She stated that the letter indicates that this is a favorable audit. She indicated she did not find any mishandling of funds, but we have some room for improvement in the area of procedures and internal control regarding cash management and the handling of cash that is collected (i.e. P.E. wear, ASB candy and snacks, etc.). This would include tally sheets or something to record the items sold to reconcile to the funds being deposited. The CBO has already developed written cash procedures and shared with staff.

7.4 ACTION: Superintendent requests approval of Resolution No. 18.19.03 Signature Verification for Governing Board Members

Motion: Approve item 7.4

Motion By: Gene Bist Sr.

Second By: Janet VanderLinden

Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Gene Bist Sr., Al Priestley, Chuck Wolfe, Janet VanderLinden

Results: Motion Passed

7.5 ACTION: 2018-19 Governing Board Budget Development Guidelines

Motion: Approve item 7.5

Motion By: Gene Bist Sr.

Second By: Al Priestley

Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Al Priestley, Gene Bist Sr., Janet VanderLinden, Chuck Wolfe

Results: Motion Passed

8. HUMAN RESOURCES/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Attract and retain an excellent, inspirational group of teachers, classified staff and administrators and support their development, hold them to high performance standards and assure that they have the resources to meet their objectives.

8.1 Information: Associations - MLTA, Mary Beal and CSEA #661, David Tucker

Discussion:

MLTA President Beal reported: Progress. The word for the new year that has been shared with the district. Teachers came to you to push for participation on the LCAP team. We felt that being represented in all ways allowed communication to remain open and clear, making progress to form what would be the best LCAP true representation of the needs, concerns, and plans. Making progress. Since this meeting, we have been informed the district does not want this to take place. In fact the terms used were, "You didn't play with us last year, so we aren't playing with you this year." Our encouragement for teamwork continues. Teamwork with our site administrators, teamwork with our colleagues, teamwork with our parents and community to bring success to our students. The achievement of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. (Lombardi) These individuals make the team. So we ask the district administration, "Don't succumb to excuses. Go back to the job of making the corrections and forming the habits that will make your goal possible." "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Michael Jordan.

CSEA #661 President Tucker had no report

8.2 ACTION: Superintendent requests approval of Tentative Agreement with CSEA #661 regarding the Summer Assistance Program (AB 1808) 12-17-18

Motion: Approve item 8.2

Motion By: Janet VanderLinden

Second By: Gene Bist Sr.

Yeas: Chuck Wolfe, Janet VanderLinden, Cathy Wilson, Gene Bist Sr., Al Priestley

Results: Motion Passed

9. POLICY AND JUDICIAL REVIEW/CONSENT ITEMS-ACTION ITEMS: The Board may elect to waive 2nd reading and approve as per BB9310

9.1 Superintendent requests approval of items 9.2 - 9.8

Motion: Approve items 9.2 - 9.8 and waive 2nd reading

Motion By: Janet VanderLinden

Second By: Gene Bist Sr.

Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Gene Bist Sr., Al Priestley, Janet VanderLinden, Chuck Wolfe

Results: Motion Passed

9.2 BP 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan (accept)

9.3 AR 4200 Classified Personnel (accept w/option 1)

9.4 AR 3514.2 Integrated Pest Management (accept)

9.5 BP 3514.1 Hazardous Substances (accept)

9.6 BP/AR 3514 Environmental Safety (accept)

9.7 AR 3541 Transportation Routes and Services (accept)

9.8 AR 3543 Transportation Safety and Emergencies (accept)

10. CONSENT ITEMS-ACTION ITEMS:

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a separate vote will occur on the item(s).

10.1 Superintendent requests approval of items 10.2 - 10.4

Motion: Approve items 10.2 - 10.4

Motion By: Janet VanderLinden

Second By: Gene Bist Sr.

Yeas: Gene Bist Sr., Al Priestley, Janet VanderLinden, Chuck Wolfe, Cathy Wilson

Results:

10.2 Warrants

10.3 Minutes from December 12, 2018

10.4 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the months of October, November and December 2018

11. GOVERNANCE TEAM ISSUES SESSION

11.1 Discussion: Governance Handbook Review - adopted May 24, 2017

Discussion:

Trustees and Superintendent discussed having a Special Study Session as part of the onboarding of Trustees Prietely on items 11.1 - 11.3 on February 27, 2019 from 11 am - 1:00 pm in the M.E.R.C. Center

11.2 Discussion: Review MLUSD Mission, 5 Priorities and 3 Success Indicators

11.3 Discussion: Site Visits for Trimester 2

11.4 Information: Governance Board Calendar

Discussion:

Trustees were provided an updated 2018-19 Governance Board Calendar

11.5 The next Regular Board Meeting of the MLUSD Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 4:00 pm for closed session and 5:00 pm for open session in the M.E.R.C. Center