

Manhattan Beach Unified School District Minutes
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND BOARD WORKSHOP
March 18, 2015 5:00 PM

Board Room
325 S. Peck Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Attendance taken at 5:00 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Ms. Allison Arvin (6:30 p.m.)
Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Mr. Bill Fournell
Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Mr. Ryan Patel (6:30 p.m.)
Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Michael D. Matthews, Superintendent
Dr. Murakawa-Leopard, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Brett Geithman, Executive Director
Mrs. Carolyn Seaton, Executive Director
Ms. Nancy Bogart, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.A. Recess to Closed Session - 5:00 PM

Discussion:

Mr. Fournell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1.A.a. Public Comment

Discussion:

The following people addressed the Board regarding the release of Mr. Tim Hirsh, French teacher at Mira Costa High School:

Antoinette Gill
Lauri Resnikoff
Wyatt Wiggins
Akela Aguas
Olivia Everhard
Elisse Friedman
Phoebe Cajuste

Jamie Danis
Monica Navarro
Alexandra Mickle
Alyssa Castronuovo
Keri Castronuovo
Kristin Vale
Leyla Woods Paul
Robert Hildyard
Kim Leserman
Jeff Newell
Pardis Khorasani
Chiara Dennis
Brian Martin
Marisa Pippin
Lazlo Paul

Shawn Chen discussed the process of teacher evaluations and the shortage of substitute teachers.

Mr. Fournell recessed to closed session at 5:59 p.m. to discuss:

1. Conference with District Labor Negotiator, Carolyn Seaton, regarding CSEA negotiations, per Government Code Section 54957.6.
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Case Number 2015060347.
3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

1.B. Reconvene Open Session

Discussion:

Open session was reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

1.C. Report from Closed Session

Discussion:

Mr. Fournell reported that no action was taken during closed session.

1.D. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

Dr. Brett Geithman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.E. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Cochran.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

2. BOARD DISCUSSION

2.A. MBUSD Math Program in 2015-2016

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.A. Student Board Member Report

Discussion:

Allison Arvin and Ryan Patel reported on activities and events at the elementary schools and high school. Rebecca Rawson reviewed activities and events at Manhattan Beach Middle School.

3.B. Public Comment

Discussion:

Stephanie Hubbard, Paula Goldberg, Michelle Krzmarzick and Cailin Witlen addressed the Board regarding class size at 4th and 5th grades.

3.C. Board Member Announcements

Discussion:

Board members shared announcements of interest.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.A. Second Interim Budget Report

Discussion:

Dr. Murakawa-Leopard presented the second interim budget report and asked for Board approval to indicate a positive certification of the 2014-15 budget and authorize the Assistant Superintendent to submit the first interim budget report to the Los Angeles

County Office of Education and the State Department of Education.

Motion Passed: Approval and authorization of submission is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

5. CONSENT CALENDAR INFORMATION

6. CONSENT CALENDAR - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES - Dr. Brett Geithman

6.A. Approve Mira Costa High School's Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble to travel to Henderson, Nevada, on March 21-23, 2015, to participate in an exchange concert with Green Valley High School.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

6.B. Approve request by Pacific Elementary School's fifth grade to attend an overnight outdoor educational component to science curriculum at the Catalina Institute of Marine Science.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

7. CONSENT CALENDAR - STUDENT SERVICES

7.A. Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with Hello World Speech Therapy.

Motion Passed: Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with Hello World Speech Therapy. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

7.B. Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with JBA Institute, L.L.C.

Motion Passed: Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with JBA Institute, L.L.C. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

7.C. Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with OT Inspirations.

Motion Passed: Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with OT Inspirations. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell

Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

7.D. Ratify District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with Sunbelt Staffing, L.L.C.

Motion Passed: Ratify District Master Contract for 2014/15 school year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency Services with Sunbelt Staffing, L.L.C. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

8. CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL - Mrs. Carolyn Seaton

8.A. Certificated Personnel Assignments, Orders, and Other Personnel Actions

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Abstain Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Abstain Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

8.B. Classified Personnel Assignments, Orders, and Other Personnel Actions

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Abstain Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Abstain Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

8.C. Ratify amended CPR, AED, and First Aid training agreement for classified professional development offered on March 16, 2015.

Motion Passed: Ratification is requested. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

8.D. Approve Student Teaching Agreement between Concordia University and Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

9. CONSENT CALENDAR - BUSINESS SERVICES - Dr. Dawnalyn Murakara-Leopard

9.A. Approve an Agreement with Bickmore to Provide Actuarial Valuation of OPEB Liabilities.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

9.B. Approve the Purchase of Equipment from Apple, Inc., for iPads at Robinson Elementary School.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

9.C. Approve disposal of surplus equipment in accordance with Board Policy 3270 and Administrative Regulation 3270.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

9.D. Approve new authorized signers for all Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) forms.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

None.

11. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE BOARD DISCUSSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Mr. Patel moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Miss Arvin and unanimously approved by the Board. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ryan Patel and a second by Ms. Allison Arvin.

Yes Ms. Allison Arvin
Yes Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
Yes Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
Yes Mr. Bill Fournell
Yes Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
Yes Mr. Ryan Patel
Yes Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

Jennifer Cochran, Clerk

Michael D. Matthews, Ed.D., Superintendent