

**Manhattan Beach Unified School District Minutes**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
March 04, 2015 6:30 PM

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

**Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Ms. Allison Arvin  
Mrs. Jennifer Cochran  
Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst  
Mr. Bill Fournell  
Mrs. Karen Komatinsky  
Mr. Ryan Patel  
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.1. Persons wishing to address the Board of Trustees regarding an item scheduled for closed session must submit the "Comment Card" prior to the start of closed session.**

Discussion:

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

Elisse Friedman  
Kim Friedman  
Jamie York  
Tim Hirsh

## **1.B. Reconvene Open Session - 6:30 PM**

Discussion:

Open session was reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

## **1.C. Report from Closed Session**

Discussion:

In closed session the Board of Trustees voted 5-0 in favor of giving two certificated employees, employee numbers WJ7091405 and WK5282491, notices of non-reelection pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21. It was moved by Mrs. Rosenberg, seconded by Mrs. Cronin-Hurst, and approved unanimously.

## **1.D. Pledge of Allegiance**

Discussion:

Jon Shaw 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. 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

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**2.A. Public Hearing to review and consider adoption of a report entitled "Residential Development School Fee Justification Study" and "Commercial/Industrial Development School Fee Justification Study" prepared as of February 9, 2015, by Dolinka Group.**

Discussion:

Mrs. Rosenberg moved to open the public hearing at 6:30, seconded by Mrs. Cronin-Hurst. No one wished to address the Board during the public hearing. Mrs. Komatinsky moved to adjourn the public hearing at 6:31, seconded by Mrs. Cochran and unanimously approved by the Board.

## **2.B. Student Board Member Report**

Discussion:

Allison Arvin and Ryan Patel informed the Board of activities and events taking place at the elementary schools and high school. Rebecca Rawson updated the Board on events at the middle school.

## **2.C. Public Comment**

Discussion: The following people spoke regarding Tim Hirsch:

Antoinette Gill  
Jacob Hands  
Akela Aguas  
Delilah Samuels  
Wyatt Wiggins  
Sharon Wiggins  
Zac Zeoli  
Maddy Otto  
Tate Hildyard  
Marisa Pippin  
Jamie Danis

Sarah Camel  
Hope Vannorsdall  
Ginger Schwarz  
Emma Davidov  
Taylor Cottle  
Susan Cottle  
Caren Shekter  
Jamie York  
Phoebe Cajuste  
Tristan Le Sommier

## **2.D. Board Member Announcements**

Discussion:

Board members shared announcements of interest.

## **3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**3.A. Adopt the reports entitled "Residential Development School Fee Justification Study" and "Commercial/Industrial Development School Fee Justification Study," prepared as of February 9, 2015, by Dolinka Group, LLC, of Irvine, California.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption is recommended. 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

**3.B. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-5, to Increase Statutory School Fees Imposed on Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development Projects, pursuant to Education Code Section 17620.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption is recommended. 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

**3.C. Ratify Change Order Number 6 with Bernards Brothers, Inc., for Multipurpose Building Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment.**

**Motion Passed:** Ratification is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg.

- 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

**3.D. Approve Balanced Mathematics/Cognitively Guided Instruction as the Manhattan Beach Unified School District's Mathematics Instructional Methodology.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is recommended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg and a second by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky.

- 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

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**4.A. Report on Parks and Recreation Commission (Kathleen Paralusz, MBUSD Parks and Recreation Commissioner)**

Discussion:

Kathleen Paralusz, MBUSD's representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission, updated the Board on the skate park and a Salute the Troops Concert that will kick off the summer concert series.

#### **4.B. Privacy and Student Data**

Discussion:

Attorney Mark Williams from Fagen, Friedman and Fulfroost presented new legal protections for student privacy found in Assembly Bill 1584 and Senate Bill 1177.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR INFORMATION - Items in this section are considered routine and customary school district business. Any Board member may request that any consent item(s) be removed, discussed, and acted upon separately.**

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

**6.A. Approve request by Pacific Elementary School's 5th grade to participate in an outdoor educational component program 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

**6.B. Approve Mira Costa High School's Marine Science class to sail from Dana Point to Catalina Island where the students will be exposed to hands on procedures and research methodology used in 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

**6.C. Approve Balanced Mathematics/Cognitively Guided Instruction Professional Development Contract with UCLA Center X for the 2014-15 school year.**

**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.D. Approve Balanced Mathematics/Cognitively Guided Instruction Professional Development Contract with UCLA Center X for the 2015-16 school year.**

**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.E. Approve contract with Momentum in Teaching for Reading Workshop curriculum mapping support.**

**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.F. Approve secondary mathematics curriculum mapping.**

**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. Approve comprehensive school safety plans for each MBUSD school site for 2014-2015.**

**Motion Passed:** 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 School (NPS) Services with Utah Youth Village dba Alpine Academy.**

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 school year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic School (NPS) Services with Utah Youth Village dba Alpine Academy. 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 Student Services Special Employment Agreement for 2014/15 School Year, with Gelbart and Associates.**

Discussion:

Mrs. Cronin-Hurst pulled this item for clarification on the attachment.

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Student Services Special Employment Agreement for 2014/15 School Year, with Gelbart and Associates. 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. Approve List of Impacted Schools.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval 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. 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. Adopt Resolution 2015-3, Release of Temporary Certificated Employees.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Release of Temporary Certificated Employees at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. 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.D. Amend the current job titles Educational Advisor and Student Advisor to the new title, Guidance Counselor.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is recommended. 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.E. Approve revised job description for Executive Director, Student Services.**

**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.F. Adopt Resolution 2015-4, Temporary Assignment for Departmentalized Classes per Education Code 44256(b).**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is recommended. 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.G. Adopt Resolution 2015-6, Assignment to Teach Competitive Sport, per Education Code 44258.7(b).**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is recommended. 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.H. Adopt Resolution 2015-7, Assignment for Departmentalized Classes per Education Code 44263.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is recommended. 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

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

**9.A. Approve Amended Williams Quarterly Reports.**

**Motion Passed:** It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the amended quarterly Williams Reports which are attached. 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 Payment of Fees to the Division of the State Architect to File Application for Approval of Plans for the MCHS Parking Lot Photovoltaic Canopy Project.**

**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 a Change Order to the Purchase Order for Merchants Landscape Services, Inc., for District-wide Tree Trimming and Removal.**

**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. Ratify purchase orders to date.**

Discussion:

Mrs. Cronin-Hurst pulled this item to ask about Measure BB funds.

**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

## **10. BOARD BUSINESS**

### **10.A. CSBA Delegate Assembly Election**

Discussion:

The Board voted unanimously to vote for all six candidates running for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

**Motion Passed:** Voting is requested. 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

**10.B. Approve revised minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 5, 2014. Revision is to the item on Additional Coaching Stipends and includes the list of approved sports.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is requested. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg.

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.C. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 21, 2015.**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg.

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.D. Approve the regular minutes of the Board meeting of February 4, 2015.**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg.

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.E. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting and workshop of February 11, 2015.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval is requested. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky and a second by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg.

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

## 11. SUPERINTENDENT/CABINET REPORT

### 11.A. Mind Up Meeting

Discussion:

Dr. Matthews updated the Board on the recent parent Mind Up meeting, sponsored by the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation.

### 11.B. Construction Update (Field)

Discussion:

Dr. Murakawa-Leopard updated the Board on the athletic fields project, which will start soon at Mira Costa High School.

### 11.C. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Discussion:

Dr. Matthews announced that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony would be held at 5:30 p.m. on March 31.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

Emma Davidov spoke regarding Mr. Hirsh. Ira Lifland and Debbie Killman addressed the Board regarding unweighted grades.

## 13. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE BOARD DISCUSSION

Discussion:

Human Geography and classes for SCROC students at Mira Costa High School.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion Passed:** Miss Arvin moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Passed with a motion by Ms. Allison Arvin and a second by Mr. Ryan Patel.

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

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Jennifer Cochran, Clerk

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Dr. Michael D. Matthews, Superintendent