

# Manhattan Beach USD Minutes

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2014

Wednesday, 06:50 PM

Board of Trustees

MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

### Attendees

Jennifer Cochran	Board Member	
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Board Member	
Bill Fournell	Board Member	
Karen Komatinsky	Board Member	
Ryan Patel	Student Board Member	
Ellen Rosenberg	Board Member	
Nancy Bogart	Executive Assistant	<i>non-voting</i>
Brett Geithman	Exec. Director of Educational Services	<i>non-voting</i>
Mike Matthews	Superintendent	<i>non-voting</i>
Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard	Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services	<i>non-voting</i>
Ellyn Schneider	Exec. Director of Student Services	<i>non-voting</i>
Carolyn Seaton	Exec. Director of Human Resources	<i>non-voting</i>

### A. CALL TO ORDER

#### 1. Recess to Closed Session

##### Minutes

Mrs. Komatinsky called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., and recessed to closed session to discuss:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Subdivision (1) of Section 54956.9, Case Number 2014100334.
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, per Government Code Section 54957, Superintendent of Schools.

#### 2. Reconvene Open Session

##### Minutes

Open session was reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

#### 3. Report from Closed Session

##### Minutes

Mrs. Komatinsky reported that no action was taken during closed session.

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

##### Minutes

Joel Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was played by four Mira Costa High School orchestra members.

**5. Recess to Organizational Meeting**Minutes

The regular meeting was recessed at 6:35 p.m., so that an organization meeting could be held to elect new officers of the Board of Trustees.

**6. Reconvene Open Session**Minutes

Open session was reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

**7. Approval of Agenda (V)**Minutes

Consent Calendar item H.6., a consultant contract with Philip Cott, was added to the agenda.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**B. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS****1. Sunshining of Manhattan Beach Unified School District's reopeners with the California School Employees Association for the 2014-2015 school year (Mrs. Seaton)**Minutes

The Manhattan Beach Unified School District's reopeners with the California School Employees Association for the 2014-15 school year, was sunshined.

**2. Allison Arvin and Ryan Patel will update the Board on activities and events at the elementary schools and high school. Rebecca Rawson will review activities and events at Manhattan Beach Middle School.**Minutes

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

**3. Public Comment**

The purpose of this section is to permit any person in the audience to make a statement to the Board of Trustees on items on the agenda. Persons are limited to three(3)minutes for their communication, unless the Board deems otherwise. Persons wishing to address the Board must come to the microphone. The President will conclude the Public Comment after a reasonable length of time and proceed with the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, permit statements on items not on the agenda, but pertaining to the school district, if appropriate, and not an impediment to the efficiency and orderliness of the meeting. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.

Minutes

The following people addressed the Board regarding the teaching of Islam at Manhattan Beach Middle School:

1. Keith Johnson
2. Judy Diethelm
3. Shentale
4. Russ Kingston
5. Steve Annundson
6. Chris Chrisman
7. Mark Shaw
8. Teresa Varis
9. Gary Aven
10. Robert Lauten
11. Keith Hardine

#### 4. Board Member Announcements

##### Minutes

Board members shared announcements of interest.

### C. PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Approve (Columbia) Reading Workshop as the Manhattan Beach Unified School District's Elementary Reading Curriculum (Dr. Geithman) (D) (V)

##### Minutes

The Reading Committee joined Dr. Geithman in reviewing the process followed to choose Reading Workshop to fit within the MBUSD commitment to balanced literacy.

Motion made by: Ellen Rosenberg

Seconded by: Karen Komatinsky

##### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

#### 2. Facilities Master Plan (D) (V)

##### Minutes

Dr. Murakawa-Leopard recommended the firm of DLR to conduct the Facilities Master Plan process.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Jennifer Cochran

##### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes

Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

### 3. Public hearing and approval of AB 1200 County Office of Education Forms and Tentative Agreement between MBUSD and MBUTA (Dr. Matthews) (D) (V)

#### Minutes

Mrs. Cochran moved to open the public hearing at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Cronin-Hurst. No one wished to address the Board during this public hearing and it was closed at 8:50 p.m.

AB 1200 County Office of Education forms and the Tentative Agreement between MBUSD and MBUTA, were approved.

Motion made by: Jennifer Cochran

Seconded by: Ellen Rosenberg

#### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

### 4. Approve First Interim Budget Report for 2014-15 (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard) (D) (V)

#### Minutes

Dr. Murakawa-Leopard reviewed the first interim budget report and asked the Board to approve a positive certification.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Ellen Rosenberg

#### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

### 5. Approve the 2013-14 External Audit Report (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard) (D) (V)

Motion made by: Ellen Rosenberg

Seconded by: Karen Komatinsky

#### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**6. Authorize the Purchase of Dell Chromebooks for the Smarter Balanced Assessment (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard and Dr. Geithman)** (D) (V)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**7. Approve the Purchase of ChromeCarts and Google Chrome Management Software (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard and Dr. Geithman)** (D) (V)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**8. Approve Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard)** (D) (V)

Motion made by: Ellen Rosenberg

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**9. Approve purchase of iBoss Web Filter License and Appliance from BorderLAN Security of San Marcos, CA (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard)** (D) (V)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes

Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**10. Approve Changes to Preschool Program Fees for the 2015-16 School Year (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard) (D) (V)**

Minutes

This item was amended to adjust the cost of being added to the wait list, from \$50.00, to \$100.00.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Jennifer Cochran

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**D. STAFF AND PUBLIC SUBMITTED ITEMS**

**1. Teaching Islam in Public Schools (D)**

Minutes

Dr. Matthews responded to parent concerns about teaching Islam in the Social Studies curriculum. He stated that teaching Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam would continue in the 6th and 7th grades.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR - INFORMATION**

**1. 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.**

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**1. Approve request by the Mira Costa High School girls' basketball team to participate in the San Diego Holiday Prep Classic in San Diego, on December 26 - 30, 2014. (Dr. Geithman) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**2. Approve request by the Mira Costa High School boys' basketball team to participate in the San Diego Holiday Prep Classic in San Diego, on December 26 - 30, 2014. (Dr. Geithman) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**3. Approve request by the Mira Costa High School girls' water polo team to participate in tournaments in the San Diego area on January 23 - 24, 2015. (Dr. Geithman) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**4. Approve request by the Mira Costa High School Model United Nations to participate in the Harvard Model UN Tournament in Boston, MA, on January 26 - February 1, 2015. (Dr. Geithman) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**5. Approve revised K-8 Professional Development - Columbia Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Institute (Dr. Geithman) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
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Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**6. Approve 2014-2015 Single Plans for Student Achievement (Dr. Geithman) (V) (C)**

Minutes

Mrs. Cochran pulled this item for discussion. The Board agreed to remove Item 11(a) from the Mira Costa High School plan.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Jennifer Cochran

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR - STUDENT SERVICES**

**1. Ratify Amendment to District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Services with Autism Behavior Consultants. (Mrs. Schneider) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**2. Ratify Final Settlement Agreement and Release between Parents and District for Attorney's Fees and Costs. (Mrs. Schneider) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky

Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**3. Ratify Final Settlement Agreement and Release between Parents and District for Educational Fees and Costs. (Mrs. Schneider) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**4. Ratify District Master Contract for 2014/15 School Year for Nonsectarian, Nonpublic School (NPS) Services with Discovery Ranch and Discovery Ranch Holdings, LLC dba Discovery Academy. (Mrs. Schneider) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**5. Ratify District Memorandum of Participation (MOP) Agreement for 2014/15 school year with Southwest SELPA. (Mrs. Schneider) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL**

**1. Certificated Personnel Assignments, Orders, and Other Personnel Actions (Mrs. Seaton) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Abstain
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

## 2. Classified Personnel Assignments, Orders, and Other Personnel Actions (Mrs. Seaton)

(V) (C)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Abstain
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

## 3. Approve temporary employment contract with Susan Curtis for the position of Interim Executive Director of Student Services (part time) from January 1, 2015, through June 30, 2015. (Mrs. Seaton)

(V) (C)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Abstain
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

## 4. Ratify contract with Ronald Dam for creation of Maggie Mabery's Teacher of the Year video as required by the California Department of Education (Mrs. Seaton)

(V) (C)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

### Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Abstain
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**5. Ratify contract with Lucille Bertein for support provided to the MBUSD Food & Nutrition Services Department (Mrs. Seaton) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Abstain
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**6. Approve contract with Philip Cott to provide temporary support in the area of Student Services. (Mrs. Seaton) (V) (C)**

Minutes

This item was added to the Consent Calendar by a vote of the Board.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Abstain
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR - BUSINESS**

**1. Accept, with thanks, a gift to the District from Jeffrey & Mary Sherman. (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**2. Approve Williams Quarterly Report (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard) (V) (C)**

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
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Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**3. Accept Developer Fee report for the month of November 2014. (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard)**

(V) (C)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**4. Approve the Purchase of Equipment from MelroseTec (a division of MelroseMAC) of Los Angeles, California, for the Cinematic Arts & Broadcast Journalism Program (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard)** (V) (C)

Minutes

Mrs. Cronin-Hurst pulled this item to ask about the funding.

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Jennifer Cochran

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**5. Ratify purchase orders to-date. (Dr. Murakawa-Leopard)** (V) (C)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**J. BOARD BUSINESS**

**1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 5, 2014.** (V)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**2. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 19, 2014.** (V)

Motion made by: Karen Komatinsky  
Seconded by: Christine Cronin-Hurst

Votes

Jennifer Cochran	Yes
Christine Cronin-Hurst	Yes
Bill Fournell	Yes
Karen Komatinsky	Yes
Ryan Patel	Yes
Ellen Rosenberg	Yes

**K. SUPERINTENDENT/CABINET REPORT****1. Measure BB Project Update**Minutes

Dr. Murakawa-Leopard updated the Board on the Measure BB project.

**2. SoCal ROC Update**Minutes

None.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT**Minutes

None.

**M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION**Minutes

Mrs. Cochran requested an update on the Chevron program and on the ASB accounting system software and procedures.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**Minutes

Ryan Patel moved to adjourn at 10:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Komatinsky and unanimously approved by the Board.

**O. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

**1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Case Number 2014100334. (Mrs. Schneider) (D)**

**2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, per Government Code Section 54957, Superintendent of Schools.**

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Board Clerk

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Superintendent of Schools