

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

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

Attendance Taken at 6:31 PM:

Present Board Members:

Ms. Allison Arvin, Student Board Member
Mrs. Jennifer Cochran, Clerk
Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst, Member
Mr. Bill Fournell, President
Mrs. Karen Komatinsky, Member
Mr. Ryan Patel, Student Board Member
Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg, Vice President

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. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion:

Farnaz Flechner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.B. Approval of Agenda

Discussion:

Mrs. Cronin-Hurst moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Komatinsky and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.A. Public Hearing on 2014-2015 Initial Contract Proposals from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD)

Discussion:

Mrs. Komatinsky moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Rosenberg and unanimously approved by the Board.

As no one wished to address the Board during this hearing, Mrs. Komatinsky moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Cochran and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mrs. Komatinsky moved to accept the initial proposals and direct staff to commence contract negotiations. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst and unanimously approved by the Board.

2.B. Student Board Member Report

Discussion:

Student Board members shared activities and events at the high school, middle school and elementary schools.

2.C. Public Comment

Discussion:

Shawn Chen and Mr. Paul Hoffman addressed the Board regarding the online courses policy on the agenda.

Mehanna Borostyan, Kristin Borostyan, Reilly Auville, Natalie Rice, Julia Sheth and Priya Chatwani, address the Board regarding weighted GPAs.

2.D. Board Member Announcements

Discussion:

Board members shared announcements of interest.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.A. Approve the Purchase of Equipment from Heartland School Solutions of Tempe, Arizona, for the Food Services Program.

Motion Passed: Approval is recommended.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Cochran 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

3.B. Approve the job description for and new position of Coordinator of Theater Operations and Facility Permits.

Discussion:

Mrs. Seaton explained the need for this position.

Motion Passed: It is recommended the Board of Trustees review and approve staff's recommendation to create the position of Coordinator of Theater Operations and Facility Permits at an annual salary range of \$63,000.00 to \$76,640.13.

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

3.C. Approve/Change Classified Position from Building Trades Specialist to Theater Technician.

Motion Passed: It is recommended the Board of Trustees review and approve staff's recommendation to create the position of Coordinator of Theater Operations and Facility Permits at an annual salary range of \$63,000.00 to \$76,640.13.

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

3.D. Approved revised job description from Building Maintenance Helper - Limited, to Theater Technician Assistant- Limited Term.

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. Beach Cities Health District

Discussion:

Dr. Lisa Santora from Beach Cities Health District reviewed the K-5 Mind Up health program being used in other local schools. Implementation at MBUSD will occur in 2015-2016.

4.B. Maker Space

Discussion:

Kim Linz reviewed the history of Maker Space in the District and activities that are taking place. She said that a grant from Chevron for \$10,000 per school, has helped Maker Space become an innovative way to implement STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering, Art and Math) into the schools. Mrs. Linz also acknowledged a grant from the Rotary Club for a teacher to develop curriculum.

4.C. Creation of HRS Table for Psychologists, Educational Advisors and Counselors, and Librarians.

Discussion:

Dr. Murakawa-Leopard explained the need for new HRS tables.

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 overnight field trip request from Mira Costa High School's Vocal Ensemble to participate in the National ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 24-25, 2015 to Salt Lake City.

Motion Passed: Approval 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

6.B. Approve Professional Development - National Arts Education Association (NAEA) Conference.

Motion Passed: Approval 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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR - PERSONNEL - Mrs. Carolyn Seaton

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

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

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

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

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

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

7.C. Approve Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training (CPI) for one District Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Consultant

Motion Passed: Approval 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

7.D. Approve California School Employees Association (CSEA) Education and Training for March 16, 2015.

Motion Passed: Approval 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

7.E. Approve CPR, AED, and First Aid Training for Classified Employees on March 16, 2015.

Motion Passed: Approval 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

8. CONSENT CALENDAR - BUSINESS SERVICES - Dr. Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard

8.A. Approve an Agreement with the Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team (FCMAT) to Provide On-Site Assistance to Review Administrative Procedures.

Motion Passed: Approval 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

8.B. Ratify a proposal by architects Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) to revise design components for Building S in Phase III of the Measure BB Construction Project at Mira Costa High School.

Motion Passed: Ratification 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

8.C. Ratify purchase orders to date.

Motion Passed: It is recommended the Board of Trustees ratify the attached purchase orders. 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

9. BOARD BUSINESS

9.A. Adopt Board Policy 6146.31, Transcript Credit for Summer School or Online Course Work. Dr. Matthews

Discussion:

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting. Mrs. Rosenberg and Mrs. Cochran agreed to be a Board sub-committee to study

Motion Failed: Adoption is requested. Failed with a motion by Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg and a second by Mrs. Karen Komatinsky.

No Ms. Allison Arvin
No Mrs. Jennifer Cochran
No Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst
No Mr. Bill Fournell
No Mrs. Karen Komatinsky
No Mr. Ryan Patel
No Mrs. Ellen Rosenberg

9.B. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 14, 2015.

Motion Passed: The Board voted to approve the revised minutes of January 14, 2015. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Christine Cronin-Hurst 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. SUPERINTENDENT/CABINET REPORT

10.A. Facilities Master Plan Update

Dr. Murakawa Leopard reviewed the dates and locations for upcoming Community Forums.

10.B. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for BB

This will be scheduled in mid to late March, in the new theater at Mira Costa High School. The suggested date was Tuesday, March 31st.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Fournell suggested a discussion on weighted grades in March or April. Mrs. Rosenberg and Mrs. Cochran were selected as a Board sub-committee to investigate summer school, and Mrs. Komatinsky and Mrs. Rosenberg were selected as a Board sub-committee to investigate weighted grades.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Patel moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Miss Arvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Jennifer Cochran, Clerk

Dr. Michael D. Matthews, Superintendent