

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Manhattan Beach, CA  
May 19, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District held a regular Board meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 325 S. Peck Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California. The following were present:

**Members of the Board**     Ida VanderPoorte, President  
                                     Amy Howorth, Vice President  
                                     Bill Fournell, Clerk  
                                     Ellen Rosenberg, Member  
                                     Penny Bordokas, Member  
                                     Dr. Beverly Rohrer, Superintendent  
                                     Jeff Whelan, Student Board Member  
                                     Sarah Keasler, Student Board Member

**District Personnel**     Carolyn Seaton, Steve Romines, Kathy Hall, Nancy Bogart, and staff

**Call to Order**             Ms. VanderPoorte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and recessed to closed session to discuss:

1.        Conference with District labor negotiator Steve Romines regarding MBUTA negotiations, per Government Code Section 54957.6.
2.        Conference with District labor negotiator Steve Romines regarding CSEA negotiations, per Government Code Section 54957.6.
3.        Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9. Six potential cases.

**Open Session Reconvened**     Open session was reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**     Beth Keller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report of Action Taken During Closed Session**     No action was reported.

**Approval of Agenda**        Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Bordokas. Dr. Rohrer asked to have the report on Mira Costa High School Schematic Design, moved forward in the agenda. Ms. VanderPoorte called for the question, and Board members voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

**Public Comment** Jeff Nicosia, President of Youth Flag Football, discussed the possibility of developing a field at the Ladera site.

**Presentation** Jill Brunkhardt introduced Frank Semancik and Rod Spackman. Mr. Semancick presented a check to the District for \$370,000 from Chevron El Segundo Refinery, to be used to establish the Chevron Futures Institute for the Advance of Young Women in Science, Math and Technology, to be housed at the middle school. The funds will also be distributed among other STEM programs (science, technology, engineering, and math). John Jackson thanked Chevron for the grant.

**Recognition** Mrs. Seaton discussed how the Teacher of the Year process works. She introduced the 2010 Teachers of the Year from each school site. Those teachers included:

Karen Farris- Grand View Elementary School  
Lynn Johnson- Meadows Elementary School  
Paula Noda- Pacific Elementary School  
Karen Harns- Pennekamp Elementary School  
Darri Stephens- Robinson Elementary School  
Bev Read- Manhattan Beach Middle School  
Bill Fauver- Mira Costa High School

**Teacher of the Year** Mrs. Seaton introduced the District's Teacher of the Year, Bill Fauver.

**Board Member Announcements** Board members shared announcements of interest.

**Student Board Member Report** Mr. Whelan introduced the new student Board members for 2010-2011, Emily Goldenberg and Sierra Bloodgood, from Mira Costa High School.

Jina Stanfill reported on activities and events at Manhattan Beach Middle School.

**Mira Costa High School Schematic Design** Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the Mira Costa High School Schematic Design by Harley Ellis Devereaux. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fournell and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Manhattan Beach Unified School District Surplus Property Advisory Committee** Dr. Romines reviewed the properties considered in the Committee's Executive Summary, provided to the Board at the May 5, 2010, Board meeting. These properties included the maintenance and operations facility, Botanical Gardens, MBI East (including Begg pool, field, and basketball courts), and Ladera north. He said the real estate assets are not for sale, but will create opportunities to gain unrestricted revenue for the District. He reminded everyone that the use of property zoned SF (School Facilities) is governed by Education Code.

Board direction to staff included developing an RFP for a consultant to determine the highest and best use of the facilities; an assessment of existing facilities; an enrollment study; a study of current deeds; and an internal analysis of Ladera east for a possible pre-school.

Ms. VanderPoorte called the Consent Calendar and asked if any member of the audience or staff wished to pull an item. Dr. Rohrer asked to pull Items E.5., and E.11. She asked if any member of the

Board wished to pull an item. Mrs. Bordokas pulled Item E.3. Mrs. Rosenberg moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mr. Fournell. Board members voted unanimously to:

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**General**

1. Approve Paula Spence and Jennie Wright as CIF league representatives for 2010-2011.
2. Approve the Facility Use Agreement between the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and the Regents of the University of California, Irvine Extension, from August 9, 2010, through August 26, 2010, to offer GATE Certificate classes for teachers.
4. Approve the Mira Costa High School Girls' Volleyball Team trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, from August 10-15, 2010, for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Ann Kang Invitational Volleyball Tournament. There will be fourteen female students and three chaperones supervising. Transportation will be via airline and rental van. There is no cost to the district.
5. Ratify Student Services Special Employment Agreement for 2009/10 fiscal year with Elaine Semple, Ph.D., to provide educational consultant services, for the period May 11, 2010, through June 30, 2010. This is a new special employment contract. The amount is within the planned budget for services, therefore no change to existing overall budget. Amount not to exceed \$1,300.00. Funds to be paid from Special Education account, #01.0-65000.0-57500-31200-5850-0000051. This item has been budgeted.
6. Adopt Resolution 2010-8, Classified School Employee Week, May 17-21, 2010.
7. Rescind Manhattan Beach Unified Teachers Association and Manhattan Beach Unified School District Proposed Retirement Incentive offer.
8. As a result of the Board's previously adopted Resolution 2010-7 of Intention to Reduce/Eliminate Particular Kinds of Certificated Service, the Board will have before it for consideration and adoption a decision related to the hearing conducted May 5, 2010.

**Personnel**

9. Ratify employment of classified personnel at effective dates listed:
  - Chuntz, Edward, IBI, Limited Term, Pacific, 81.25%, Range 17, Step 2, effective 03/25/10 (IEP)
  - Harris, Melessia, Food Service Assistant 1, Perm., MBMS, 37.5%, Range 6, Step 2, effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
  - Lipari, Donna, Food Service Assistant 1, Perm., MCHS, 40.63%, Range 6, Step 3, effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
  - Wilson, Yvonne, Food Service Assistant 1, Perm., MBMS, 37.5%, Range 6, Step 2, effective 05/05/10 (Replacement)

10. Ratify leave of absence for classified employees at effective dates as listed:
  - Adams, Michele, IBI, MBMS, (Contract Article 6) effective 05/01/10 – 05/24/10
  - Moreno, Gilberto, Operations Worker, MCHS, (Contract Article 6) effective 05/06/10 – 05/27/10
11. Ratify change of status of classified personnel at effective dates listed:
  - Chaney, Stephanie, Food Service Assistant 1, MCHS, Perm., 43.75%, to 46.88% effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
  - Corral, Arnold, Food Service Assistant 1, MCHS, Perm., 40.62% to 43.75%, effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
  - Joya, Cecilia, Food Service Assistant 1, MBMS, Perm., 40.62% to 43.75%, effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
  - Loza, Maria, Food Service Assistant 1, MCHS, Perm., 43.75% to 46.88%, effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
  - Yepremian, Rita, Food Service Assistant 1, MBMS, 37.5% to 40.63%, effective 05/03/10 (Replacement)
12. Ratify employment of classified personnel to serve as substitute and/or short term/intermittent, district wide, at effective dates listed:
  - Shambaugh, Sharon, effective 05/06/10
  - Wilson, Yvonne, effective 05/06/10
13. Accept resignation of Julie Ruisinger, Principal, Mira Costa High School, eff. 6/30/10.
14. Ratify change of status for certificated staff as follows:
  - Brown, Ann (MCHS), Extra period assignment, eff. 4/6/10
  - Sam, Marie-France (MCHS), change from Col. III, Step 5, to Col. IV, Step 5, eff. 5/1/10
15. Ratify leave of absence for certificated staff per MBUTA Contract Article #11.9, #11.10, #11.18 as follows:
  - Skaggs-Brown, Megan (PAC), from 3/08/10 to 6/24/10
  - Smith, Barry (MCHS), from 5/5/10 to 5/28/10
16. Ratify employment of certificated substitutes at current rate of pay as follows:
  - Buckels, Vone, eff. 4/13/10
  - Nicosia, Beth, eff. 3/16/10

17. Accept resignation of certificated staff as follows:

Employee #9599, eff. 6/24/10  
Dispoto, Charlene eff. 6/24/10  
Fallas-Meins, Floribeth, eff. 6/24/10  
Shepley, Nicole eff. 6/24/10  
Villanueva, Jennifer eff. 6/24/10

18. Accept leave of absence for Stephens, Darrow (ROB), from 8/31/10 to 6/23/11, per MBUTA Contract Article #11.9, #11.10, #11.18.

**Business**

19. Approve Agreement for Professional Services with Dannis Woliver Kelley to provide legal services to the District, effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, continuing thereafter as approved. This firm changed its name from Miller Brown and Dannis.

20. Ratify purchase orders to date.

21. Accept developer fees for the month of April 2010.

Mrs. Howorth moved approval of Item E.3., seconded by Mr. Fournell. Mrs. Bordokas asked for clarification on the approval of this trip, which Dr. Rohrer provided. Ms. VanderPoorte called for the question, and Board members voted unanimously to:

3. Approve the Mira Costa High School Vocal Ensemble trip to Syros, Greece, from July 5-21, 2010, for the Sixth Annual International Festival of the Aegean. There will be thirteen male students and twelve female students attending, with two male chaperones and two female chaperones supervising. Transportation will be via Delta Airlines. There is no cost to the District.

**SoCalROC Report** None.

**Approval of Board Policies** Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the following Board Policies, seconded by Mrs. Bordokas and unanimously approved by the Board:

BP 5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
BP 6000	Concepts and Roles
BP 6011	Academic Standards
BP 6111	School Calendar
BP 6142.91	Reading/Language Arts Instruction
BP 6162.5	Student Assessment
BP 6164.5	Student Study Team
BP 6172	Gifted and Talented Student Program
BP 6177	District/State Funded Summer School

Mrs. Howorth moved approval of revised Board Policy 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Rosenberg and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the following Board Policies, seconded by Mr. Fournell and unanimously approved by the Board:

BP 6145.2	Athletic Competition.
BP 6146.1	High School Graduation Requirements.

The following Administrative Regulations and/or Exhibits were received by the Board:

AR 5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
AR 6146.11	Alternative Credits Toward Graduation
AR 6159	Individualized Education Program
AR 6179	Supplemental Instruction
Exhibit 5145.6	Parental Notifications.
AR 6162.52	High School Exit Examination.
AR 6173.2	Education of Children of Military Families

**Approval of Minutes** Mrs. Howorth moved approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 17, 2010. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fournell and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Superintendent/Cabinet Report** This was deferred to the Friday Letter.

**Public Comments** None

**Items Recommended for Future Board Discussion** None.

**Adjournment** Mrs. Bordokas moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fournell and unanimously approved by the Board.

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BILL FOURNELL, CLERK  
Board of Trustees

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BEVERLY J. ROHRER, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools