

**Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, January 23, 2023; 6:00 p.m. Closed Session/7:00 p.m. Open Session
District Office Board Room, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040**

1.0 Call to Order

1.2 Roll Call

The Board President will conduct Roll Call.

Recommendation: For information.

President Faillace called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.* and conducted Roll Call.

The following Trustees were present: Phil Faillace, Sanjay Dave, Esmeralda Ortiz, Thida Cornes, and Catherine Vonnegut.

2.0 Public Comment

2.1 Public Comment on Items Scheduled for Discussion in Closed Session

This time is reserved for any person to address the Board of Trustees on items scheduled for discussion during Closed Session only. These presentations are limited to three minutes each, or a total of thirty minutes for all speakers or the three minute limit may be shortened. Speakers are not allowed to yield their time.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

No Public Comment was received.

3.0 Closed Session Agenda

3.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - One Potential Case

Recommendation: Information/action.

3.2 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957 Personnel Action Report – Handouts in Open Session

Recommendation: Approve the Personnel Action Report.

4.0 Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

4.1 Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session to consider items listed on the Closed Session agenda.

Recommendation: Information/action.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:06* p.m.

5.0 Reconvene Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

5.1 Reconvene to Open Session

The Board will reconvene to Open Session.

Recommendation: Reconvene to Open Session.

President Faillace called Open Session to order at *7:09 p.m.

6.0 Preliminary Business

6.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The Board President will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and conduct Roll Call.

Recommendation: Information.

President Faillace led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted Roll Call noting that the following Trustees were present: Phil Faillace, Sanjay Dave, Esmeralda Ortiz, Thida Cornes, and Catherine Vonnegut. Sadie Gracon and Ava Keshavarzi were present.

7.0 Approval of the Agenda

7.1 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

Recommendation: Approve the meeting agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sanjay Dave**) Moved, Member (**Thida Cornes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the meeting agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay:

0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes

8.0 Report Out Action Taken in Closed Session

8.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - One Potential Case

Recommendation: Information/action.

There was no action taken on this item.

8.2 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957 Personnel Action Report – Handouts in Open Session

Recommendation: Approve the Personnel Action Report.

There was no action taken on this item.

9.0 Recognitions and Resolutions

9.1 Resolution No. 22/23-16: National African American History Month

The month of February, 2023, has been designated as African American History Month. The Mountain View Los Altos High School District recognizes the contributions of Black Americans and Americans of African descent to develop our nation and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional materials.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 22/23-16: National African American History Month.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Thida Cornes**) Moved, Member (**Sanjay Dave**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 22/23-16: National African American History Month'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes

9.2 Resolution No. 22/23-17: Recognition of School Counselors and National School Counseling Week

The week of February 6-10, 2023, has been designated as "National School Counseling Week" by the American School Counselor Association and the California State Board of Education.

Resolution No. 22/23-17 is presented in recognition of MVLA Counselors.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 22/23-17: Recognition of School Counselors and National School Counseling Week.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sanjay Dave**) Moved, Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 22/23-17: Recognition of School Counselors and National School Counseling Week'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes

10.0 Board Member Reports

10.1 Board Member Reports

Trustees may wish to give a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Trustee Thida Cornes reported that she attended the Mountain View High School PTSA meeting where Priyoti Ahmed, the coordinator of the Mountain View Safe Routes to School

Program, spoke and shared that the first-ever walk and bike audits will be conducted at Mountain View High School on January 25, 2023, and at Los Altos High School on March 8, 2023.

11.0 Student Board Member Reports

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Student Board members may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Student board representatives reported on activities and events at their schools.

12.0 Students of the Month

12.1 Students of the Month: Jonathan Ortiz (Alta Vista High School); Angely Vargas (Los Altos High School); and Pedro Alcazar Rangel (Mountain View High School)

The Board of Education will recognize Students of the Month, Jonathan Ortiz (Alta Vista High School); Angely Vargas (Los Altos High School); and Pedro Alcazar Rangel (Mountain View High School).

Recommendation: For information.

Students of the Month Pedro Alcazar Rangel, Angely Vargas, and Jonathan Ortiz were recognized by the Board of Trustees and Dr. Meyer.

13.0 Superintendent's Report

13.1 Superintendent's Report

The superintendent may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer reported on district academics, school site highlights, and district-wide initiatives.

14.0 Communications

14.1 District Organizations: At regular Board meetings, a single spokesperson of each recognized District organization (CSEA, DTA) may give a brief update. Items are limited to those which are informational.

Recommendation: For information.

No district organization updates were received.

15.0 Public Comment

15.1 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Anyone wishing to address the Board on any topic not listed on the agenda should make a request to the Board President by completing a request to be heard form and present it to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant. The President will recognize those who desire to speak either during the "Public Comment" section or during the particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes.

The President may choose to limit any position or topic if substantial numbers of people wish to address the Board. If you wish to speak on an issue not on the agenda, please be advised that the Board may not take action on any item not specifically listed on the agenda. The Board members may ask brief questions for clarification, but may not otherwise discuss the issue. The Board values constructive community comments and suggestions and welcomes your participation in the democratic process.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

No Public Comment was received.

16.0 Consolidated Motion

16.1 Personnel Report

Personnel Report

The Personnel Office reports the district's personnel changes at each meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation: Approve the Personnel Report.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Moved, Member (**Thida Cornes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Personnel Report'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave Yes

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

16.2 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Mountain View, Los Altos, and Alta Vista High Schools

The School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for Mountain View, Los Altos, and Alta Vista high schools are attached. Each school is required to make a concerted effort to notify parents of the availability of the SARC and to inform parents that the SARC can be obtained both through the internet and that paper copies are available upon request. The teacher data for 2021-22 is missing and CDE has stated that the data will not be available until the end of February. We will submit an updated report at that time.

Recommendation: Approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Mountain View, Los Altos, and Alta Vista High Schools.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Moved, Member (**Thida Cornes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Mountain View, Los Altos, and Alta Vista High Schools'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave Yes
Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Phil Faillace Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

16.3 Award Bid for the Mountain View Los Altos High School District E-Rate Project: Equipment and Cabling Infrastructure - AMS.Net, Inc.

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval to award bid for the MVLA E-Rate project to the following: AMS.Net, Inc.

Recommendation: Approve awarding bid for the MVLA E-Rate project to the following: AMS.Net, Inc.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Moved, Member (**Thida Cornes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve awarding bid for the MVLA E-Rate project to the following: AMS.Net, Inc.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave Yes
Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Phil Faillace Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

16.4 Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

In accordance with California Education Code 41020, the Board of Trustees of each school district must provide for an independent audit of the district's books and accounts, including an audit of school district expenditures by source of funds. For the school year ending June 30, 2022, the firm of Crowe conducted the required audit. Copies of the report have been forwarded to the Board of Trustees and are available for review at the meeting or on the District Office website at: The report concludes that the District's financial position is presented fairly for the year ended June 30, 2022, and that operations are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and compliant with state and federal requirements. We are pleased to report there were no audit findings for the 2021-2022 school year.

Recommendation: Approve Independent Auditor's report for fiscal year 2021-2022.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Moved, Member (**Thida Cornes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Independent Auditor's report for fiscal year 2021-2022'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave Yes
Catherine Vonnegut Yes
Phil Faillace Yes
Thida Cornes Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

16.5 Resolution 22/23-18: AB 361 State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences

AB 361 extends the flexibilities provided in the Governor's prior executive order to local and state bodies to hold public meetings electronically beyond the executive order's September 30, 2021 expiration date. Approval of this item allows for remote Board of Trustees meetings for the next 30 days.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 22/23-18: Resolution Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 22/23-18: Resolution Continuing Board of Trustees Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

- Sanjay Dave Yes
- Catherine Vonnegut Yes
- Phil Faillace Yes
- Thida Cornes Yes
- Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

17.0 Items Pulled from Consolidated Motion for Discussion

No items were pulled from Consolidated Motion.

18.0 Business/Action Items

18.1 Graduation Requirement Change

Graduation Requirement plan(s)

AB101 requires districts to incorporate Ethnic Studies curriculum for all students. MVLA created a year-long Ethnic Studies course to fulfill this mandate and provide a rich learning experience in Ethnic Studies for our students. Ethnic Studies will be taught to students in grade 9 starting in the 23-24 school year. MVLA recommends adjusting graduation requirements by dropping 5 credits of global studies and 5 credits of electives to support the addition of 10 credits with Ethnic Studies. 9th graders would use the new MVLA Grad requirements in the 23-24 school year, while grades 10-12 would remain with your current requirements.

Recommendation: For discussion and information/action.

The Board held a discussion, and questions were answered by Dr. Meyer and Teri Faight.

Public Comment was given by Kiyoshi Taylor.

NEW - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **NEW** motion 'Approve the reduction of five units of Global Studies and five units of elective credits (Plan 1)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave	Yes
Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Phil Faillace	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes

19.0 Board Operations

19.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

Trustees may wish to share suggestions for future Board reports/meetings.

Recommendation: For information.

Suggested topics were shared with the superintendent and staff.

19.2 Communications/Correspondence

The Board of Trustees may wish to share communications/correspondence.

Recommendation: Information.

Dr. Meyer reported that MVLA received a letter from Anna Eshoo's office commending the district for increasing Career Pathway courses and expanding opportunities for students.

19.3 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet next: Regular Board Meeting - Monday, February 13, 2023, at MVLA District Office, Board Room.

Recommendation: For information.

20.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed

20.1 Items not Completed During the First Closed Session will be Carried Over to this Closed Session

The Board did not return to Closed Session.

21.0 Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Action Taken in Second Closed Session

21.1 The Board will Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Any Action Taken During Second Closed Session

N/A

22.0 Adjournment

22.1 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District will adjourn.

Recommendation: Approve to adjourn the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sanjay Dave**) Moved, Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve to adjourn the meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Sanjay Dave Yes

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Phil Faillace Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:20* p.m.



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Minutes approved: February 13, 2023

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Secretary

Phil Faillace, Ph.D.
President

Esmeralda Ortiz
Clerk