



Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

1400 Montecito Avenue
October 19, 2023
6:00 PM

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Under Approval of Agenda, item order may be changed. All times are approximate.

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)

The meeting was Call to Order at 6:02 p.m.

A. Pledge

Bubb students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Present: Berman, Blakely, Chiang, Conley, Lambert
Absent: None

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by William Lambert to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Berman, Blakely, Chiang, Conley, Lambert

The following member of the public addressed the Board of Trustees:

- Retired Trustee Steven Nelson

II. SCHOOL SHOWCASE by Benjamin Bubb Elementary School

Budd students demonstrated what respecting differences looks like.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

IV. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 6:21 p.m.

A. Litigation

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1), one case) - Student v. Mountain View Whisman School District, Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2023080846 (student name withheld to protect confidentiality)

V. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

A. Closed Session Report

A motion was made by Laura Blakely and seconded by Christopher Chiang to approve a compromise agreement with the parents of a current student who asserted special education claims against the District. The board approved reimbursement of \$14,000 for certain related service expenses and certain attorneys' fees in exchange for releases and waivers of legal claims against the District..

Ayes: Berman, Blakely, Chiang, Conley, Lambert

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be approved in one motion. If discussion is required, items may be removed for separate consideration.

A motion was made by William Lambert and seconded by Devon Conley to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Berman, Blakely, Chiang, Conley, Lambert

A. Personnel Report

1. Personnel Report to the Board of Trustees
- B. Minutes
 1. Minutes to October 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Contracts
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- D. Ongoing Major and Deferred Maintenance Plan and Resolution No. 01-101923
- E. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- F. Board Policy (BP) 6163.2 Animals in School
- G. Sustainability Task Force Update
- H. ESSER III Expenditure Plan Update
- I. Board Policy No. 6173, Education for Homeless Students
- J. Approval of Payroll Report and Accounts Payable Warrant List for the Month of September 2023
- K. Change Order No. 3 for the District Wide Window Replacement Project
- L. Change Order No. 2 for the District Wide Window Replacement Project
- M. Board Member Request: Amendment to Board Bylaw 9323, Meeting Conduct

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Berman asked to provide part of her Board Update (Item XI) prior to starting Communications (Item VII), there was no objection from the Board. Trustee President Berman made the following statement, followed by a moment of silence:

"On the morning of October 7th 1,400 innocent Israeli citizens, including babies and children, were brutally murdered in a targeted terrorist attack by Hamas. 200 more were taken hostage. It was a horrific day for our Jewish community, a day of evil barbaric attacks not seen since the Holocaust. Since then, there have been more casualties of innocent civilians in Israel and Gaza. We stand with you and our hearts break for the pain you are experiencing.

In my work with the National Equity Project, I learned a traditional greeting that is used by the Masai people in Africa that translates: "And how are the children?" Here in Mountain View, the children may be physically safe, but many are not okay. We have families in our district and across our community - like mine - with ties to the region. I know they are suffering. They are deeply worried for their loved ones; some are mourning the loss of

family or friends that were taken from them. I also hear from our community members that they don't feel safe, that there is a feeling of fear similar to what was felt after 9/11 and similar terrorist attacks.

We are also troubled by a rise in hate-based acts across our country and even here in our own community. There is a rise in antisemitism and Islamophobia. However, even before the recent tragic events, our school district has been working hard to root out the seeds of hate in Mountain View. Our teachers will receive anti-bias/allyship training from the Anti-Defamation League in January, and all of our schools are working towards their No Place for Hate designation this year.

At the board level, in November 2021 we passed a resolution identifying one week in November as United Against Hate Week while also asserting our resolve to fighting hate and oppression year-round. We've chosen to renew that resolution annually, and I look forward to re-affirming our deep-seated commitment to this work at the next board meeting. Today, however, I use the privilege of my position to denounce acts of terrorism, discrimination, and hate, and to express the board's dedication to creating safe spaces across our schools that allow all students to learn and thrive, free from the threat of hatred and extremist violence. Every child is deserving of that.

Dr. Rudolph and our district staff have shared resources for families and staff to support our children at home and school. We also have additional counseling resources available for any student or staff member that are dealing with trauma. I encourage you to reach out to your principal or district leadership; we are here to help.

I'd like to conclude with a moment of silence for all the children and families that are experiencing pain, fear, and suffering at this time. (pause for a moment of silence)

Thank you for joining me in a moment of silence. We are truly hoping for better days ahead".

A. Employee Organizations

No member of the employee organization was present to address the Board of Trustees.

B. District Committees

No report at this time.

C. Superintendent

Dr. Rudolph mentioned the CAASPP had been released and an overview would be brought to the board at the November 2 meeting along with transportation for choice schools.

VIII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

The following member of the community addressed the Board of Trustees:

- Mike Lim-Utzig
- Retired Trustee Steven Nelson
- Lori Brody
- Efrat Turgeman Khayat
- Inbal Lev

IX. REVIEW AND ACTION

A. Off Schedule 4% Payment (5 minutes)

A motion was made by William Lambert and seconded by Devon Conley to approve the one-time payment, as presented.

Ayes: Berman, Blakely, Chiang, Conley, Lambert

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- Retired Trustee Steven Nelson

X. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

A. Equitable Access to Choice Schools Lottery Update (60 minutes)

Staff presented updated calculations and weights for the upcoming year. Proposed changes and updates were presented for consideration.

The following member of the community addressed the Board of Trustees:

- Retired Trustee Steven Nelson

XI. BOARD UPDATES

Board Updates:

- Trustee Chiang, who serves on the IA Task Force, presented a video on what IA is.
- Trustee Berman congratulated Erika Valle from Vargas, who will be recognized at the Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition celebration.
- Trustee Conley commented on the Shoreline's past, present, and future exhibits at the Mountain View Shoreline 40th anniversary celebration.

XII. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

A. Future Board Meeting Dates

November 2, 2023

November 16, 2023

December 7, 2023

XIII. ADJOURNMENT (10:00 p.m.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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