



Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

1400 Montecito Avenue
May 8, 2025

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

I. CALL TO ORDER (4:30 p.m.)

A. Roll Call

Present: Devon Conley, Lisa Henry, William Lambert, Ana Reed

Absent: Charles DiFazio

Trustee President Lambert stated that Trustee DiFazio may arrive late or be unable to make the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Ana Reed to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Conley, Henry, Lambert, Reed

Absent: DiFazio

A member of the public addresses the Board of Trustees.

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

A member of the public addresses the Board of Trustees.

III. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel Items

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code, § 54957, subd. (b)(1)) Title: Superintendent

B. Existing Litigation

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1))
JOHN ROE 1, JOHN ROE 2, JOHN ROE 3, JOHN ROE 4, and JOHN ROE 5 v. MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, STEVEN MYERS, TRAVELING SCHOOL INCORPORATED, SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS, and TRAVELING SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL, Case No.: 22CV02834

C. Real Property Negotiations

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Government Code § 54956.8
Properties: 1625 San Luis Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043
District Negotiator: Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Dr. Rebecca Westover, Chief Business Officer; Phil Henderson, Orbach Huff & Henderson
Party With Whom District Is Negotiating: Google Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Government Code § 54956.8
Properties: 325 Gladys Avenue, Mountain View, California 94043
District Negotiator: Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Dr. Rebecca Westover, Chief Business Officer; Phil Henderson, Orbach Huff & Henderson
Party With Whom District Is Negotiating: Google, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8)
Property: 777 West Middlefield Rd., Mountain View, California
Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Westover, Chief Business Official, Jeff Baier, Superintendent; Phil Henderson & Sarine Abrahamian, Orbach Huff & Henderson
Negotiating Parties: Mountain View Owner, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment related to Option to Purchase

Real Property

IV. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

D. Closed Session Report

Trustee President Lambert reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

V. SCHOOL SHOWCASE by Mistral School

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mistral students led the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Spanish.

VI. 10 MINUTE RECESS

VII. 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 Devon Conley and seconded by William Lambert to approve the Consent Agenda with the revised Personnel Report.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

A. Personnel Report

1. Personnel Report to the Board of Trustees

B. Minutes

1. Minutes for the April 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

C. Contracts

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

- Nhung Liu

1. (Action) Ratification of Contracts

D. Approval of Monthly Reports for the Month of April 2025; Ratifying some contracts and Reviewing other contracts

E. Second Reading of Board Policies

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Employee Organizations

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

B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Baier thanked all the staff who helped celebrate MVWSD's 170 multilingual students at the Reclassification Ceremony. Graham Middle School hosted its 8th annual "GRAHAMmys." Jens and Jeremy were awarded the 2025 Best Overall Film. He congratulated Graham Middle School students for winning first place in the 2025 Garrett Morgan Sustainable Transportation Competition. Arya, Nathaniel, Mason, and Noah impressed national judges with their project, Evolving Technology, which showcased innovative ideas for greener, more accessible transportation.

IX. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

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

- Ms. Achter

X. REVIEW AND ACTION

A. (Action) MVWSD+ Expanded Learning Program Plan and Contract

A motion was made by Lisa Henry and seconded by Ana Reed to approve 2025-2026 MVWSD+ Expanded Learning Program Plan and Contract.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The MVWSD+ Expanded Learning Program Plan and contract were brought back for approval after the discussion at the April 24, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee President Lambert inquired about funding for the program in the following years. Director Chang acknowledged the importance of funding and stated that different options will need to be explored to develop a sustainable plan.

B. (Discussion) Health and Wellness: Mental Health Continuum

Karin Jinbo, Director of Health and Wellness, recommended, and the Board discussed a new Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum for counselors and teachers, one with different implementation plans for elementary and middle school.

Staff will bring the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program adoption back to the Board of Trustees as an action item at the May 29, 2025, board meeting.

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

- Steven Nelson
- Nhung Liu
- Ms. Achter

C. (Action) Resolution No. 02-050825 Recognizing May Mental Health Awareness Month

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Ana Reed to adopt Resolution No. 02-050825, Recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

May is Mental Health Awareness month. The staff brought forth this resolution to bring awareness in support of individuals who are experiencing mental health needs or are recovering from mental illness.

D. (Action) Resolution No. 01-050825 Supporting Recognizing Military Appreciation Month

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Charles DiFazio to approve Resolution No. 01-050825 Supporting and Recognizing Military Appreciation Month.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

May 1, 2025, marks the beginning of Military Appreciation Month.

The staff brought forth this resolution, recognizing the importance of honoring the service of our military service members, past and present, and their families. They are honored this month ad infinitum.

E. (Discussion) Reimagining Castro Update

Staff provided an update on Year 1 of the Reimagining Plan and recommendations for 2025-2026 based on learnings from 2024-2025. The district will continue to focus on core academic instruction

Trustees Henry and Conley supported sharing a Playworks coach between Castro and Mistral, and returning to students having Second Chance Breakfast at recess time.

Trustee Henry was concerned about the proposed personnel changes. She felt the additional .5 assistant principal at Castro was of value, but not at the expense of the FTE reduction of the SCEF and At-Risk personnel.

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

- Steven Nelson
- Ms. Achter
- Nhung Liu
- Parent Voices

F. (Discussion) Resolution No. 05-050825, Year-End Budget Transfer Authorization for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The Board of Trustees discussed Resolution No. 05-050825, Year-End Budget Transfer Authorization for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which ensures the District can meet its financial obligations without delay. The resolution authorizes the Chief Business Officer to make necessary budget transfers within the 2024–25 fiscal year and does not grant permission to enter into any contracts.

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

- Steven Nelson
- Ms. Achter

G. (Discussion) Bond Oversight Committee Report 2024-2025

The Board received the report from the group of residents whose main charge is to inform the public of how their bond dollars are spent. These reports are available on the MVWSD website.

The committee met several times, two meetings a year, to review all expenses incurred through the bond programs and twice a year to examine the work. The funds are estimated to be entirely spent in approximately four years.

Trustees Conley and DiFazio voiced their appreciation for their service to the community and the committee's work.

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

- Steven Nelson

H. (Discussion) Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report 2024-2025

The Board received the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report for 2024-2025. The independent group of residents has met three times over the past year and reported that parcel tax proceeds have been spent only for their authorized purposes.

Trustee Lambert and Conley thanked the committee for their time.

I. (Discussion) Federal Funding Discussion

MVWSD is a Basic Aid District. Federal funding for 2024-25 and 2025-26 appears to be secure, but there is growing concern that substantial reductions could begin in 2026–27. Recommendations from the Trustees and proactive planning will be important.

The trustees were grateful for the information and suggested that a detailed letter be sent to our elected representatives, making them aware of the issues.

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

- Nhung Liu

J. (Action) Adoption of Resolution No. 03-050825 (1) Establishing Measure B and Measure AA Parcel Tax Oversight Committee; (2) Assigning Oversight of Measure B and Measure AA Funds to the Measure B and Measure AA Parcel Tax Oversight Committee; and (3) Adopting New Bylaws For This Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Charles DiFazio to adopt Resolution No. 03-050825 (1) Establishing Measure B and Measure AA Parcel Tax Oversight Committee; (2) Assigning Oversight of Measure B and Measure AA Funds to the Measure B and Measure AA Parcel Tax Oversight Committee; and (3) Adopting New

Bylaws For This Parcel Tax Oversight Committee.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

K. (Action) Resolution No. 04-050825 Temporary Delegation of Contract Authority for Summer Operations

A motion was made by Lisa Henry and seconded by William Lambert to adopt Resolution No. 04-050825 Temporary Delegation of Contract Authority for Summer Operations.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The Board approved a temporary delegation of contract authority to the Superintendent, ensuring continuity of essential district operational and instructional needs during the summer, not for contracts intended for non-essential employee benefits or discretionary incentives.

Trustees would call a Special Meeting if things outside of the operational or instructional needs arise.

In August, items will be brought to the Board of Trustees for ratification.

L. (Action) Staff Housing Project

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Charles DiFazio to approve implementation of MVW at the Sevens Staff Housing Construction Inconveniences Rent Credits, as presented.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The Board approved implementing a one-time credit to tenants for inconveniences.

M. (Discussion) First Reading of Board Policies and Board Bylaws

Trustee DiFazio briefly reviewed the remainder of the March policy updates and the California School Board Association's recommended revisions. The Policy Committee reviewed the policies at its April 16, 2025.

Trustee Conley suggested having the Superintendent present an overview of the policies instead of a Board member.

Trustee Reed asked how the policy changes are filtered down to the staff and site levels. Superintendent Baier said some policies require direct contact with the school site and which staff they affect. Information would be dispensed to Cabinet members and the Leadership Team.

The policy will be brought back on Consent at the following meeting.

N. (Discussion) First Reading of Board Policy 6144 Controversial Issues

The Policy Committee, at its April 16, 2025, meeting, reviewed and considered adopting Board Policy 6144 Controversial Issues.

The policy recognizes the occasion when controversial topics are taught in MVWSD classrooms, provides guidelines for those being taught, and acknowledges publicly that the district recognizes that the topics can/will be taught. It also provides staff with guidelines to deliver instruction better, and opinions are not pushed upon students.

The policy will be brought back on Consent at the following meeting.

XI. BOARD UPDATES

Trustee Reed attended a CSBA's Human Resources and Collective Bargaining session and a Superintendent Evaluation training. She found many of them to be infiltrated by teachers. More teachers are being seen serving on Boards. She also attended a session from educational leader Bill Daget, who reviewed AI integration in education, how relevance plays a role in rigor, and instructional and system transformation.

Trustee Henry attended the Acknowledge Alliance Award Ceremony, where Principal Benavidez was honored as Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Trustee Conley thanked the Mountain View Education Foundation for the Gala and for supporting the different programs at the sites. She attended the Hoffman Awards, which had six different awards this year, and the Challenge Team Luncheon. Next Thursday in Sacramento, Trustee Conley will attend the CSBA Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly meetings.

XII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustees President Lambert wanted to clarify after speaking with Trustee DiFazio that the Board Bylaw, which states that if a trustee wants to place an item on the agenda, they have to write a letter to the Superintendent and the Board President and put it on the agenda at the appropriate time, and if it's does not, then the items come back to the board for board approval, it does not preclude members of the board from requesting that future items be put on the agenda.

Trustee Conley recommended that the Policy Committee consider renewing the Board Bylaw; she is not a fan of a policy that says one thing and a practice that is another. Trustee DiFazio suggested she review the neighboring districts and their policies and practices. He stated their policies are mostly identical to MVWSD's, with a difference around subject matter being within the jurisdiction.

XIII. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by William Lambert to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m. to consider Closed Session items that Trustee DiFazio would reclude himself from C1 and C2: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Government Code § 54956.8; Google, Inc. Properties at: 325 Gladys Avenue, Mountain View, California 94043 and 777 West Middlefield Rd., Mountain View, California 94043.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The Open Session was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Close Session was called to order at 9:43 p.m.

A. Future Board Meeting Dates

May 29, 2025

June 12, 2025

B. MVWSD 2024-25 Governance Calendar

2024-2025 Governance Calendar

Agenda items listed on a designated month on the Governance Calendar are subject to change.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Open Session was reconvened and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Trustee President Lambert reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

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5. **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:**

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