



Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

1400 Montecito Avenue
May 29, 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.)

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

A. Pledge

Trustee President Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Present: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

Absent: None

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Charles DiFazio to approve the agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Teacher of the Year Recognition

Elizabeth Parry from Landels Elementary was named Teacher of the Year. Ms. Parry has taught here for 20 years. She works hard to build and maintain a learning environment that focuses on what is best for student learning.

B. Classified Employee of the Year Recognition

Arturo Noriega, At Risk Intervention Supervisor at Graham Middle, was named Classified Employee of the Year. Mr. Noriega has served at both Crittenden and Graham for a combined 15 years, establishing meaningful, lasting connections with families and the community.

C. Board of Trustees Honors Employees' Years of Service

Staff members' years of service and retirees were recognized for their dedication and commitment to MVWSD students and families.

D. Resolution No. 02-052925 - Resolution of Recognition of Retiring Employees

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Charles DiFazio to approve Resolution No. 02-052925, Resolution of Recognition of Retiring Employees.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 02-052925, recognizing and honoring the ten retiring employees who contributed to the education of students of the Mountain View Whisman School District.

E. Employee Recognition for the Turtle Award

The Trustees recognized the 10 admirable employees of the Turtle Award who demonstrated exceptional collaboration and teamwork with their colleagues and/or students.

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

No member of the public wished to address the Board concerning items on the Closed Session.

IV. CLOSED SESSION 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.

A. 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

B. Real Property Negotiations

1. 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

C. Personnel Items

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

D. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code section 54957)

V. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

B. Closed Session Report

IV. A. Existing Litigation:

Trustee President Lambert reported that action was taken in closed session to approve a settlement agreement in the case entitled Roes v. Mountain View Whisman School District, Steven Myers Santa Cruz Superior Court Case No. 22CV02834

The District has agreed to settle two sexual molestation claims brought by two former students that attended a District school 50 years ago. The settlement agreement recognizes the matter is disputed but provides the District will pay \$800,000 to each for a total of \$1,600,000. This sum includes all costs and any attorney fees. This payment settles this matter and waives any and all claims the plaintiffs have or may have had related to this lawsuit.

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 Lisa Henry to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of contract #5, Care Solace Inc..

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

Staff requested that the contract for Care Solace be pulled.

A. Personnel Report

1. Personnel Report to the Board of Trustees

B. Minutes

1. Minutes for the May 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

C. Contracts

1. (Action) Ratification of Contracts

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

- Mr. Gurunathan

D. DRA2 Discard

E. Update on Proposition 28 and Annual Financial Report

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

G. (Action) Second Reading of Board Policies and Board Bylaws

H. (Action) Second Reading of Board Policy 6144 Controversial Issues

I. Approval of Monthly Reports; Ratifying some contracts and Reviewing other contracts

J. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)/Climate Survey Results Report

K. (Action) Public Records Request Management Platform- Just FOIA

L. Resolution No. 04-052925 to Authorize Temporary Borrowing Between School District Funds

M. Change Order No. 18- Mountain View Whisman School District Staff Housing Project, Palisade Builders

N. Notice of Completion - Staff Housing Building Project, Palisade Builders Inc.

O. Award of Contract to Courtney, Inc. for the Roofing Replacement and Repair Project at Crittenden Middle School, Amy Imai Elementary School, Edith Landels Elementary School, and Benjamin Bubb Elementary School

- P. Change Order 2- Mountain View Whisman School District Park Restrooms Project at Various Sites, Rodan Builders

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Employee Organizations

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

B. District Committees

Trustee DiFazio gave an update on the Board Policy Committee meeting on May 14, 2025. They reviewed and discussed three Board Policies (BP) and four Board Bylaws (BB). Two board policies were moved forward for approval: BP 5030, Student Wellness, and BP 5141.5, Mental Health. Feedback on BP 6158, Independent Study, was provided and will be brought back to the committee for final recommendation. BB 9100 Organization and BB 9122 Agenda Meeting Materials (election of office and future agenda items), the committee recommends no change to the bylaws. Two BB require updates. BB 9120, Officers of the Board of Trustees, is outdated and needs to be broken down into individual bylaws for each officer. Additionally, 9323.2 E1 Action Requiring a Majority of a Vote requires further work.

Trustee Conley attended the Housing Oversight Committee meeting, the transition to the 501(3)(c). Updates were provided: tenants' mail can now be received, and the laundry facilities are expected to be operational soon. The District Advisory Committee held its last meeting of the year, where the LCAP was reviewed, and the DELAC meeting included presentations from principals and an LCAP discussion.

Trustee Lambert attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

C. Superintendent

Superintendent Baier mentioned the 2025-26 budget adoption, which includes increased expenditures and reduced revenue. The budget reflects increases in personnel, not a decrease in the SCEF or ARIS position at Castro.

Regarding the settlement with two former students who alleged sexual abuse by a former staff member during their time as students 50 years ago, Superintendent Baier acknowledged the courage of individuals who have come forward to share their experiences, and MVWSD's commitment to student safety and well-being remains its priority.

MVWSD was in the Santa Clara County Superior Court regarding a complaint from a former employee who argued that she was wrongly terminated. After the complainant presented her evidence, MVWSD's attorney filed a motion to dismiss, and the motion was immediately granted.

Free summer meals are available at Rengstorff Park from June 9 to July 31, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

VIII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

No member of the community wished to address the Board of Trustees.

IX. ACTION AND DISCUSSION

A. (Action) Health and Wellness Mental Health Continuum

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Lisa Henry to adopt CharacterStrong Curriculum, Panorama, and Project Cornerstone as part of the District's comprehensive SEL programming, as presented..

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The Trustees approved the staff's recommendation for the SEL curriculum, data management tool, and community partnership agreement: CharacterStrong as the district SEL Curriculum, Panorama as the SEL data management tool, and continued partnership with Project Cornerstone.

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

- Ling Wang

B. (Discussion) Mathematics Programming and Adoption Update

Staff presented an update on the work done this year to begin to address the District's mathematics program and adopt new materials. They reviewed math data and pathway demographics, as well as math instructional time across sites, and collected stakeholder input from parents, teachers, and students. Full implementation could occur in August 2027.

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

- Ling Wang
- Nhung Liu

C. (Discussion) Middle School World Languages

The staff provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the expansion of middle school World Language elective offerings following the selection of elective choices by rising 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-graders for the 2025-26 school year.

Trustee Conley was curious about the survey process, specifically whether elective choices were communicated as being offered or merely to gauge interest among families and students, and would be interested in making a world language a requirement in middle school.

Trustee Reed inquired about the content covered in Spanish III, for which credit is not awarded in high school. She would like to see data on how effective it is compared to other middle schools that only offer Spanish 1 and 2.

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

- Ling Wang
- Nhung Liu

- Mr. Gurunathan

D. (Discussion) LCAP Federal Addendum

The LCAP Federal Addendum outlines how the District plans to utilize Title funds from the Federal government, with a focus on professional development for teachers, administrators, and staff. Targeted support to designated Title I schools, increased and responsive parent engagement opportunities, and enhancement of daily instruction and direct services to student populations most at risk.

E. (Discussion) California Dashboard Local Indicators

Chief Academic Officer Baur presented the District's local indicator data. The Dashboard displays overall performance and student group performance on multiple measures, including state and local indicators.

All local indicators must be updated annually and reported to the local Governing Board in conjunction with the approval of the Local Control Accountability Plan.

As an overall comment, Trustee Reed would like to see the data associated with the percentages.

F. (Discussion) Public Hearing - Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The Open Session was closed, and the Public Hearing was opened.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:00 p.m., and the Open Session was opened at 9:00 p.m.

Trustee Conley was curious about whether it would be possible to reintegrate Castro community engagement.

Trustee Reed mentioned the Bubb School newsletter as an audio newsletter for the community to listen to, which is effective and helpful.

Trustees unanimously agreed not to make changes to the staff at Castro.

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

- Amy Bucher
- Nhung Liu
- Mr. Gurunathan

G. (Discussion) Public Hearing: 2025-2026 Budget Adoption

A motion was made by William Lambert and seconded by Devon Conley to extend the meeting to midnight.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert

Nays: Reed

Open Session was closed at 9:00 p.m., and the Public Hearing was opened at 9:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:45 p.m., and the Open Session was opened at 9:45 p.m.

The presented 2025-2026 Budget Adoption reflects the District's priorities for the upcoming year. It is anticipated that the District will be in a deficit spending position over the next few years. They anticipate additional budget adjustments to occur as the State goes through its budget adoption process. Staff will continue to closely monitor potential budget impacts.

Trustee Conley noted for the public that the trustees had the opportunity to review the budget in detail with the Superintendent and the Chief Business Officer.

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

- Ling Wang
- MVWSD Parent

H. (Discussion) Public Hearing: Budget Overview for Parents

Open Session was closed at 9:45 p.m., and the Public Hearing was opened at 9:45 p.m. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:49 p.m., and the Open Session was opened at 9:49 p.m.

California Education Code (EC) Section 52064.1 requires each school district, county office of education (COE), and charter school (LEA) to develop the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents in conjunction with the LCAP by July 1 of each year.

I. (Discussion) Public Hearing: Resolution No. 03-052925, Education Protection Account (EPA) Requirements

Open Session was closed at 9:49 p.m., and the Public Hearing was opened at 9:49 p.m. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:50 p.m., and the Open Session was opened at 9:50 p.m.

All funds in the EPA will be continuously appropriated for the support of school districts. The District shall have sole authority in determining how the funds received from the EPA are spent. The Board shall make the spending determinations concerning funds received from the EPA in an open session of a public meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District.

J. (Action) Resolution 01-052925 Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day

A motion was made by Lisa Henry and seconded by Charles DiFazio to adopt Resolution 01-052925 Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day, as presented.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The resolution designates the first Friday of June as National Gun Violence Awareness

Day. This date, also known as "Wear Orange Day," is a national day of action to raise awareness about gun violence and work toward its prevention. Orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life.

K. (Action) Outdoor Learning Schematic Design Approval

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Lisa Henry to approve the schematic designs, as presented.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Reed

Nays: Lambert

This project has evolved over multiple years and has involved broad and ongoing community engagement. The process remains rooted in collaboration, and continued refinement of the designs reflects the District's commitment to ensuring that final site plans align with the evolving needs and priorities of students, families, and staff.

Trustee Lambert felt all the plans for the site were great and would maximize the use of the area

However, not the Stevenson plan.

Trustee DiFazio commented on the importance of the City being onboard and, under limited circumstances, they have no power of approval over construction done, other than notifying them in writing.

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

- Nhung Liu
- Mr. Gurunathan

L. (Action) Bylaws for MVW Residences Corporation

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Charles DiFazio to approve the Bylaws of MVW Residences Corporation as revised and presented, with the added amendment of an annual presentation.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

Peter Ingram, District Housing Consultant, highlighted the lengthy list of steps that include documents included in their draft form, which are submitted to the state and federal governments.

At the June 12, 2025, Regular Board meeting, the process for selecting and appointing the MVW Residence Corporation Board of Directors and mapping out a timeline will be discussed.

Regarding the President's Responsibilities to update the Board, Trustee Lambert asked if periodic updates to the Board of Trustees could be provided, possibly in the form of one presentation per year. It was agreed that an annual presentation including a financial report would be beneficial. The bylaws would be amended to reflect the addition.

M. (Action) California School Board Association Service Agreements

A motion was made by Charles DiFazio and seconded by Lisa Henry to approve the

California School Board Association GAMUT Service Agreement, as presented.

Ayes: DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

Abstain: Conley

Trustee Conley recused herself from this item.

Mountain View Whisman School District is undertaking a vital transition to modernize how Board meetings and policies are managed. With the current meeting platform (Novus) being phased out, policy updates are still being tracked manually. Gamut emerged as the most aligned with district needs due to its integration with the CSBA-supported Policy Plus module and the organization's strong policy development tools.

Trustee Henry remembered a public comment requesting a more "searchable" platform and agreed that the platform was "searchable."

Trustee DiFazio, as part of the Board Policy Committee, is deeply involved in policies, and looks forward to the transition not only on the policy side but also on the agenda and meeting setting side

N. (Discussion) First Reading of Board Policies

The Board Policy Committee reviewed the policies at its meeting on May 14, 2025, and presented them for First Reading and trustee review.

- BP 5030 Student Wellness
- BP 5141.5 Mental Health (new to MVWSD)

Trustee DiFazio thanked the Health and Wellness Committee and Director Jinbo for their work on updating the policy.

Trustee Lambert appreciated the pace at which policies are being made.

The policies will be brought back on the June 12, 2025, Regular Board meeting under Consent for Second Reading.

O. (Action) Education Enhancement Reserve - Shoreline

A motion was made by Devon Conley and seconded by Ana Reed to the Education Enhancement Reserve Joint Powers Agreement, as presented.

Ayes: Conley, DiFazio, Henry, Lambert, Reed

The 2025 Education Enhancement Reserve Joint Powers Agreement (EER JPA) is a long-term partnership between the Shoreline Regional Park Community and the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View Los Altos Union High School Districts. Its purpose is to provide sustainable funding that supports the educational and technological capacity of students who reside in and serve the workforce needs of the Shoreline area.

The updated agreement remains in effect through June 30, 2035, with provisions for potential extension and guarantees funding for the next ten years.

X. BOARD UPDATES

Trustee Lambert mentioned that Saturday is the Bubb tree planting, and he would not be able to attend. He is the Secretary of the League of Women Voters, and they will have their annual meeting on the same day. Trustee DiFazio and Superintendent Baier will be present.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Lambert mentioned in the Closed Session that Trustees will be having a Superintendent Evaluation, and Superintendent Baier will review goals for next year.

- Substitute Update
- Appointment of the MVW Residences Corporation Board of Directors
- Board Governance Handbook

XII. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

Trustee DiFazio suggested a Special Meeting or Town Hall during the Back To School Celebration.

Trustee Conley mentioned scheduling the Board Retreat.

A. Future Board Meeting Dates

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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

NOTICES FOR AUDIENCE MEMBERS

1. RECORDING OF MEETINGS:

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2. CELL PHONES:

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3. FRAGRANCE SENSITIVITY:

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5. **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:**

Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the District Office, located at 1400 Montecito Avenue during normal business hours.

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