

MARK WEST UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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The meeting is open to the public via Zoom at 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL: 5:00 P.M.

Board Members

Brad Sherwood, President
Brian Burke, Clerk
Victor McKnight
Sara Azat
Priscilla Jaworski-Quintanilla

Staff Members

Ron Calloway, Superintendent
Regina Cuculich, Associate Superintendent of Business
Rachel Valenzuela, Asst. Super. Educational Services
Principals: Patrick Eagle, Michelle Franci, Tracy Kendall,
Emily Todd
Michael Smith, Director of Technology Services
Claire Raggio, District Communications Coordinator
Alicia Mills, District Executive Assistant

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may seek clarification about any item on the Closed Session agenda for as long as the item is under the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person for a total of 20 minutes. Any person interested in the following items on the agenda will be allowed an opportunity to address the Board at this time.

2. CLOSED SESSION: 4:00 P.M.

2.1 Public Employment (Resignations, Hirings, Leaves, Contracts, Reassignments, Layoffs)
Pursuant to Government Code, Section 54957

3. OPEN SESSION: BOARD STUDY SESSION: There was no study session

4. OPEN SESSION: PUBLIC MEETING: 5:00 P.M.

4.1 The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M by Trustee Sherwood

4.2 Pledge of Allegiance

4.3 Introductions

4.4 Approval of Agenda Order

- Trustee Sherwood announced that in order to ensure efficiency and allow parent comments regarding COVID-19 and Distance Learning, Item 8.4 will move above Item 8.1, then Public Comment will open. Once concluded, Superintendent Calloway will provide answers/solutions The Board will then provide their input.

On a motion to approve the Agenda Order by Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, second by Trustee Burke, the Agenda Order was unanimously approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

4.5 Report Out of Closed Session

- The Board was informed and accepted the retirement announcement of Associate Superintendent of Business, Regina Cuculich effective January, 2022. Trustee Sherwood stated "The Board accepts this announcement

with a deep sigh and will provide time at a future Board meeting to thank Associate Superintendent Cuculich for her years of service to our district.”

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Kelsey Eickman, Baylee Johnson and Ava Segura, 2nd grade students from Ms. Brewer’s class at John B. Riebli, presented portions of their Google Ninja Training Course. Additionally, Nicholas Sarver, Kiarah Tejada and Grant Sherwood, 5th grade students from Ms. Gonsalves’s class at John B. Riebli, will be presented portions of their Genius Projects

- Ms. Brewer introduced her students. The project entailed learning Google apps. Kelsey created a digital valentine. She highlighted, copy/pasted and wrote her Valentine to her cousin Nina. Ava- used Google slides in her presentation of how to make a sandwich; the ingredients, how to put it together and the finished product. Using text formatting, all 2nd graders worked on creating on how to make a sandwich. Ms. Brewer added that “Eva also used Screen Casetify and she did a great job!” Baylee created a standing sticker in Google drawings. The sticker had to be created and then cut with a vinyl cutter. She used shapes in Google drawings and an app to program the Cricket. Baylee put the sticker on the tile in the classroom. Superintendent Calloway stated how much he appreciates Ms. Brewer and her students making their presentations!
- Ms. Gonsalves introduced her students and complimented the 2nd graders on their computer skills. Her class did two, “Go Genius projects”. One was over a month long, the other was over 2 weeks. Ms. Gonsalves shared pictures with The GOATS, “Greatest of All Time Students”. Students got to choose what they were interested in. Nicholas’s first project was a Flip Grid of his reading story. Then he recorded a video. His second project was researching his family tree; interviewing grandparents and great grandparents. He also learned many interesting facts by using Ancestry.com. Every couple of years, his families got together and updated the information on Ancestry.com. Nicholas liked the fact that he got to pick his own project. Kiara, chose to focus on missing and indigenous woman for her first project. She “took a hard topic and made it something beautiful.” She began the project by making a sketch then, put the sketch on canvas. Kiara’s second project was to build a mini disc golf basket. Through slides, she explained the process and materials. The final slide demonstrated how the mini disk golf basket worked. Kiara was “grateful for the opportunity to create her own idea, with her own thoughts and follow through by making those ideas a reality.” Grant’s first project was an online book about hyenas because “they have been mysterious to him and he wanted to learn more.” Grant explained the steps he took in creation of the book. He made a model of a water pump for his second project. Grant explained the materials he used and the process involved in the creation of the water pump. He also presented a video which demonstrated the water pump he had created. Grant “learned a lot about how water gets to our houses” and “liked that you could make your own unique project.”

Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla stated that she “loved the presentations, as well as the maturity and curiosity of the students.” She was “floored by their technical skills. Adults don’t even know how to do what you’re doing; wonderful!”

Trustee Burke added “well done everyone, well done!”

Trustee McKnight commented that the students are “future leaders, we could not be in better hands.” He “really enjoyed every presentation” and congratulated the students on their “perseverance this year.”

Trustee Azat stated “everyone did a great job! The breathe of topics was wonderful! Thank you for coming and making these presentations!”

Trustee Sherwood thanked the teachers and the students. “Incredible presentations.”

6. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

(Board Correspondence is provided for the purpose of reviewing correspondence addressed to or received by the Board.)

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS/MATTERS

(Board Communications/Matters item is provided for the purpose of sharing school-related activities, school visitations, conferences attended, meetings scheduled. Board members may share any district related issues with other members of the Board and Staff. No formal Board of Education action will be taken.)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 School Reports/Principals

Patrick Eagle – San Miguel Elementary

- Great having the students back. The first day was tough with back up traffic but we got district help, changed a few things then all went smoothly. Trustee McKnight also came to help which was greatly appreciated
- 1st graders did an egg drop project. None broke until they were carrying their projects back to class
- Thrilled we're going 5 days a week

Tracy Kendall – Mark West Elementary

- So happy to be back
- 4th grade had a watermelon toss following the 6 foot distancing protocol
- The best two days were the last two first days. Ms. Kendall thanked the Board, parents and teachers

Emily Todd – John B. Riebli Elementary

- So happy kids are back
- Riebli was the recipient of the Jack London Award for their "One School, One Book" project. Very proud of staff

Michelle Franci – Mark West Charter

- First day back today
- Went super smoothly; Superintendent Calloway came over to assist. Parents were on time, it was an awesome start to the day
- Having the students laughter and energy back on campus is wonderful

8.2 Maintenance/Operations/Technology Report/Michael Smith

- During Spring Break, work stations were set up. Quite the process.
- Copy machines were received last Friday. Synching them to teacher's laptops
- Isolation rooms have received all supplies
- COVID cleaning schedule was discussed
- Night time custodians are covering until we can hire another custodian

Trustee Sherwood thanked Mr. Smith and his team for all of their hard work and behind the scenes efforts

Trustee Burke asked the principals how the TK/Kindergarten tours went. Principal Kendall "thought it made a huge difference. The kids were eager to be here and no tears were shed."

8.3 Assistant Superintendent/Rachel Valenzuela: District Counselors Lionel Cooper and Antonio Garcia narrated a Power Point presentation discussing the types of Counseling Services provided throughout the 2020-2021 school year

The Board congratulated "Dr. Valenzuela" on earning her Educational Doctorate

Assistant Superintendent Valenzuela stated that "a few years ago, the Board spoke boldly about their vision of expanding the Counseling component in the district for the social/emotional well-being of our students. Compared to that first year, the strides we have made in addressing these needs for our students have been remarkable." She then invited district counselors Lionel Cooper and Antonio Garcia to present.

The team opened the PowerPoint presentation reviewing student services, individualized counseling support, friendship circles, digital responsibility, classroom visits and more. The identified what part each program played and described the methods used in the programs. Additionally, they discussed the specifics of the four parent workshops they have hosted in both English and Spanish, described the various needs for counseling, how many students they currently serve and various other topics.

Trustee Burke appreciated Mr. Cooper, Mr. Garcia and their team of interns. "Such a strong representation for the community

Trustee McKnight is "excited we have this kind of support as we return"

Trustee Azat added "interesting presentation. I have never been more thankful that this is where we put our efforts."

Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla thanked the team for all of their efforts. She "appreciates the robust program including the diversity; very strategic. Appreciates that the counseling team is being proactive."

Trustee Sherwood appreciates the efforts of the counseling team and would love to hear from them more often.

Assistant Superintendent Valenzuela thanked the Board. "This has been a Board priority which allowed us to grow a more robust program. Thanks to the Board we were able to build a cutting age program before it became popular in Sonoma County."

8.4 Superintendent's Report/Superintendent Calloway – Update on Summer School and the updated COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)

- We have been in Hybrid model for two weeks and have really improved the process. Thank you to Trustee Sherwood and Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla for their efforts and the Sonoma County Sherriff's Department For being there to welcome our students back
- The updated CSP will allow district to open at 3 foot distancing inside, allowing for 5 days a week. 3 foot distancing only applies in the classroom, outside requires 6 foot distancing. We won't be able to serve lunch but, we are going to a 5 day model and working out the logistics. Some Distance Learning families want to return. We will create an updated video for parents but assured families we will be in the 5 day model soon
- Summer School: Leaders will be Lisa Warne, Lisa Chapman, and Andrea Farrell. We will host two sessions; 6/13/21-7/2/21 and 7/6/21-7/23/21. Ms. Warne, Ms. Chapman and Ms. Farrell will give the Board an update in May
- Teachers and classified staff have gone above and beyond for our students and families; their efforts are deeply appreciated

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Public comment opened at 5:27p.m.

- Katherine Smith, Riebli parent, asked "where will summer school be held and what grades will be allowed?" "There is a 30 minute gap in the schedule, we need all students in class for the full educational time when they come back to school 5 days a week"
- Amber Lee, Riebli parent, has a 2nd and 6th grader. Appreciates moving forward and getting kids back in the classroom. "Such a relief as a parent, the sooner we get students in school 5 days a week, the better. As a parent and educator, students need this opportunity." One of her student's has thrived in Distance Learning, the other, the Hybrid has been tough. "Get the kids back in the classroom 5 days a week, these kids deserve to be back in the classroom with the teachers they love and who love them."
- Andrea Quartarolo, San Miguel parent, stated that she is "so happy that the district will be opening 5 days a week for education. Students need to return to a consistent, scheduled day. The two day return has been tough. Feels really lucky that our district values the academic, and social emotional needs of our students. Hopes there is increase in enrollment for the Fall." She also checked with school districts in Marin County regarding lunch schedules, they plan to hold staggered lunch schedules. Kids will be sitting on towels and/or mats at 6 ft distancing, outside. "Not sure if we can implement, just throwing it out there. You guys are amazing, thank you so much!"
- Cherie Piland, classified staff member, San Miguel– Emphasized the joy and excitement that the students express being back at school. "The light on their faces was exciting! Shout out to teachers and staff! I work with teachers at San Miguel and know first hand, the long hours and hard work they have put into making this process work. I know it was the same for teachers district wide. Really proud to be a part of this district. Thank you to teachers and staff!"

- Gina Giacone, Riebli parent, echoed the appreciations from other parents. "I have happy kids! So great to see kids smiling. Let's collaborate on ideas on how we can open full time. Do you need volunteers to give your staff a break if fully vaccinated? How can we help?"

Public comment closed at 5:49p.m.

Superintendent Calloway responded to questions –

- Summer school will be held on all three campuses, grades TK-5th
- Will continue to explore lunch time. Currently, County guidance is no lunch. The priority is getting students back in class 5 days a week
- Currently, we are not allowed to bring parent volunteers on campus even if they are fully vaccinated
- The start date of 5 days a week will be announced next week through a video to parents. It **will** be in the month of April.

Trustee Burke stated "as with any organization, you're only as good as your weakest link. This district has no weak links. Thank you to the staff and administration for their hard work."

Trustee McKnight thanked the teachers, staff and parents who spoke. "I so appreciate our teachers for their hard work. So proud to be part of the district, great job by administration and teachers."

Trustee Azat added that she is "really thankful for all of the hard work. This time last year we hit the ground running with different plans for different scenarios. That's what's been keeping us hopeful. Communication has continued to improve. Thank you to staff."

Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla commented that the "partnership with teachers, staff and administration has been wonderful; all thought outside of the box to build the partnership. Thank you to the parents, we couldn't have done this without the support of the parents. The kids energy has been so different!" Acknowledged the working moms for the impact this has had on them.

Trustee Sherwood added "thank you for your leadership Superintendent Calloway."

10. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered routine and can be handled with one action since it is recommended that all items be approved unanimously. Board members may request that any item be discussed or moved to a future calendar.

10.1 PERSONNEL

- 10.1.1 Consideration of Approval of all items on the Personnel Form
- 10.1.2 Consideration of Approval of 2020-2021 Certificated Seniority List
- 10.1.3 Consideration of Approval of 2020-2021 Classified Seniority List
- 10.1.4 Consideration of Approval of the Chief Business Official Job Description

10.2 BUSINESS

- 10.2.1 Consideration of Approval of the Vendor Warrant Report
- 10.2.2 Consideration of Approval of the updated COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)

10.3 CURRICULUM

10.4 MINUTES

- 10.4.1 Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

10.5 FACILITIES

- 10.5.1 Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

10.6 DONATIONS

On a motion by Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, second by Trustee McKnight, all items on the Consent Agenda were approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

11. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 BUSINESS

- 11.1.1 Consideration of Approval of the 2021-2022 District Calendar

On a motion by Trustee Azat, second by Trustee Burke, the 2021-2022 District Calendar was approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

Trustee Burke asked if we were following the calendar for Santa Rosa City Schools. Superintendent Calloway replied that we are but the emergency days may differ.

11.1.2 Consideration of Approval of the Fee Schedule Agreement between the Mark West Union School District and School and College Legal Services of California (Effective July 1, 2021)

On a motion by Trustee Burke, second by Trustee McKnight, the Fee Schedule Agreement between the Mark West Union School District and School and College Legal Services (Effective July 1, 2021) was approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

11.2 CURRICULUM

11.3 FACILITIES

11.3.1 Consideration of Approval of the Agreement between the Mark West Union School District and Kyocera Document Solutions – Northern California

On a motion by Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, second by Trustee Burke, the Agreement between the Mark West Union School District and Kyocera Document Solutions – Northern California was approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

11.4 BOARD POLICIES

11.5 ADMINISTRATION

11.5.1 Consideration of Approval of **Resolution #21-08, Designating May 3rd-7th, 2021, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 4th as Teacher Appreciation Day.**

On a motion by Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, second by Trustee Azat, Resolution #21-08 Designating May 3rd-7th, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 4th as Teacher Appreciation Day was approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

Roll Call vote: Trustee Azat, Aye; Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, Aye; Trustee Burke, Aye; Trustee McKnight, Aye; Trustee Sherwood, Aye

11.5.2 Consideration of Approval of **Resolution #21-09, Designating May 3rd-7th, 2021, as Classified Appreciation Week.**

On a motion by Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, second by Trustee Burke, Resolution #21-09 designating May 3rd-7th, 2021 as Classified Appreciation Week was approved. Aye=5, Ney=0, Abstention=0, Absent=0

Roll Call vote: Trustee Burke, Aye; Trustee McKnight, Aye; Trustee Azat, Aye; Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla, Aye; Trustee Sherwood, Aye

12. EVALUATION OF THE BOARD MEETING

The Board members may comment or request items pertaining to the Board meeting.

We will return to "in person" Board meetings in June, 2021

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 5:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar

15. ADJOURNMENT

ADA Compliance

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Motion to adjourn at 6:55p.m. by Trustee Azat, second by Trustee Jaworski-Quintanilla; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Ron Calloway, Superintendent

Brian Burke, Board Clerk