

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING: December 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Mr. Winet.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board members present: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: Feliciano, Marshall, Martinez, Walker

Tina Sardina, Asst. Supt., Human Resources, was absent due to family reasons.

At 6:32 p.m. the President called for a recess.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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At 6:32 p.m. the President called for a closed session to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation (LMSVSD v Mountain Empire Unified School District; and College Preparatory Middle School).

Existing Litigation

The Board; Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents Business and Learning Support; and Sarah Sutherland, Legal Counsel with Dannis Woliver Kelley, adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

The President reconvened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**Meeting reconvened**

Board members present: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: Feliciano, Jacobsen, Marshall, Martinez, Newmark, Walker

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Winet commended members of the Board, Cabinet, District employees, students, and taxpayers in San Diego County for their good work and provided the following State of the District address:

State of the District Address

Ask anyone. The single greatest challenge in a child's development and education occurs during Jr. High School-Middle school-or grades 6-8. Quite simply, this is when you become who you are.

In the LMSVSD in S.D. County, we have embraced this challenge and are in the process of remaking our school district. It started in the early 2000s when the LMSVSD Board decided to dedicate additional funding and program support to La Presa Middle School (LPMS) in Spring Valley.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Brian Marshall and Principal Mike Allmann, LPMS upgraded its curriculum and focus...and quickly advanced, becoming our top achieving middle school in math scores. In August of this year, LPMS become our district's STEAM Academy @ La Presa (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Math). This new academy, serving grades 4 through 8, is becoming a beacon of hope and achievement for the entire Spring Valley community.

The forerunner to the STEAM Academy @ La Presa is our own La Mesa Arts Academy, also serving grades 4-8, and now in its second year of operation and remarkable growth. Formerly La Mesa Middle School, the La Mesa Arts Academy was the brainchild of Dr. Mark Arapostathis (teacher and Mayor of La Mesa) and Jon Hayman (LMAAC Dean of Students). Along with the passionate support of Principal Beth Thomas, the La Mesa Arts Academy is now bursting with new enrollment from children who reside outside our district boundaries.

LMAAC offers opportunities in dance/choreography, theatre arts, guitar, technology/media, orchestra, visual arts, band, vocal musical ensembles, keyboard, and more. And what is the most important result of all these offerings? Our kids are fully engaged, energized, and they want to be there.

Coming next to the LMSVSD in August 2016 will be our International Baccalaureate Academy. Soon to be the former Spring Valley Middle School, this will be another 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade program. Once again, another remade middle school, offering new learning opportunities for our children. Our International Baccalaureate Academy, championed by Principal Margaret Jacobsen, will be a program encouraging both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development.

Thanks in large part to the vision and leadership of our Superintendent Brian Marshall, there is more to come. Look us up at the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District...or just give Brian a call. He will be happy to share with you how we are remaking K-8 public education.

It was moved by Babbitt, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to appoint the following officers, January-December 2016: President: Bob Duff, Vice President: Emma Turner, Clerk: David Chong.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
Appointed

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2015, as presented.

**MINUTES**  
Approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Exhibit 1 to Resolution 15-16-13, to Approve Sale of Real Property (former Spring Valley Elementary School site)

2015-16 First Interim Report

Invitation to "Honoring Our Own Awards Dinner on April 24, 2016

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Exhibit 1 to Reso 13, to Approve Sale of Real Property

2015-16 First Interim Report

Honoring Our Own Awards Dinner Invitation

Email from Julie Juaire, School Office Manager, Spring Valley Middle School, commending Dave Martinosky, Lead Storekeeper, and Warehouse staff for their assistance

S. Juaire, SOM, SVMS  
Commendation: D. Martinosky/Warehouse staff

College Preparatory Middle School-La Mesa-Spring Valley Charter School Petition

College Prep. Middle School  
LMSV Charter School Petition

PowerPoint for Specialty Academy Plans at Spring Valley Middle School

PPT for Specialty Academy  
Plans at SVMS

PowerPoint for Kempton Street Literacy Academy

PPT for Kempton Street  
Literacy Academy

PowerPoint for 2015-16 First Interim Report

PPT for 15-16 First Interim Rpt.

Bound version of the 2015-16 First Interim Report

Bound version of First Interim

Email from Cynthia Hernandez, Dependency Legal Group of San Diego, commending Mary Beason, Principal, Parkway Middle School, for her assistance

C. Hernandez, Dependency  
Legal Group of San Diego  
Commendation: M. Beason

**AGENDA**

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It was moved by Duff, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the agenda as presented.

Approved as presented

**HEARING SESSION**

**HEARING**

The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board on any topic relating to public education.

Christine Calloway, Administrator with College Prep Middle School, announced they provide a quality education, that the District has brought litigation against them and, as a good neighbor, they have submitted a charter petition.

C. Calloway, CPMS  
Submitted charter petition

Mark Whitley, Supvr., Facilities & Custodial Services, referenced President Winet’s State of the District speech and stated that the efforts of classified employees were critical to the success of the LMAAC and STEAM programs.

M. Whitley, Supvr. Facil./Cust.  
Classified employees

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

**REPORTS**

Plans have continued to transform Spring Valley Middle into Spring Valley Academy International Baccalaureate Candidate School, with a PACE Strand and Kempton Elementary into Kempton Street Literacy Academy, with a dual immersion strand. Both schools have reached out to the community and presented their plans to various groups such as District Advisory Council, Classified Staff Council, District English Language Advisory Committee, and Mt. Helix Council PTA. Wendy Newmark, Principal, Kempton Elementary; and Meg Jacobsen, Principal, Spring Valley Middle School, presented outlines for their proposed specialty schools and responded to clarifying questions.

Updates re Proposed  
Academies at SVMS &  
Kempton Elementary

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to implement a 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-Grade International Baccalaureate Candidate School w/PACE Strand at SVMS for 2016-17.

It was moved by Babbitt, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to implement a K-3 Literacy Academy with Dual Immersion Strand at Kempton Elementary for 2016-17.

**REPORTS (cont.)**

The First Interim Report is an overview of the District’s fiscal condition as of October 31 in the current year. First Interim projections reflect the funded LCFF forecast is unchanged, District enrollment has increased, and revenues have increased due to receipt of one-time funds from donations and grants and additional funding from LCFF due to enrollment growth. Expenditures have increased slightly due to increased staffing and one-time LCAP expenditures in support of specialty schools. The First Interim Report, as of October 31, 2015, projects the District will be able to meet its financial obligations over the next three years; therefore the certification is positive.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve 2015-16 First Interim Financial Report, Incorporated Budget Revisions, and Certification.

It was moved by Babbitt, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Resolution 15-16-12, in Support of Civic Learning.

There was no action related to a Nomination of Representatives to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly, Region 17.

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Babbitt, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve Board of Education Schedule of Meetings – January 2016 Through December 2016.

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Board Policy Updates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Implementation of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-Grade International Baccalaureate Candidate School w/PACE Strand at SVMS for 2016-17**  
Authorized

**Implementation of K-3 Literacy Academy with Dual Immersion Strand at Kempton Elementary for 2016-17**  
Authorized

**REPORTS (cont.)**

2015-16 First Interim Financial Report  
Report

**NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

**2015-16 First Interim Financial Report**  
Approved

**Res. 12, in Support of Civic Learning**  
Adopted

**Nomination of Reps to the CSBA Delegate Assembly**  
No action

**Board of Education Schedule of Meetings – 2016**  
Approved

**Board Policy Updates**  
Adopted

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Resolution 15-16-13, to Approve Sale of Real Property (former Spring Valley Elementary School Site).

**Res. 13, to Approve Sale of Real Property**  
Adopted

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the following:

**Consent Calendar**  
Approved

Purchase Orders October 21 through November 17, 2015, totaling \$1,053,149.83

Purchase Orders

Warrants October 22 through November 18, 2015, totaling \$1,815,829.59

Warrants

Expenditures in the amount of \$11,850.12

Revolving Cash Fund Reimbursements from the General Fund

Approval of travel as attached

Travel

Award of Bid for Painting at Spring Valley Middle School and Kempton Elementary School, Bid #FB2-15/16

Award of bid for painting at SVMS and KEM

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Annual Developer Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

**Annual Developer Fee Report**  
Adopted

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Five-Year Developer Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

**5-Year Developer Fee Report**  
Adopted

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to reject claim regarding injury at Fletcher Hills Elementary School and refer to Joint Powers Authority of SDCOE.

**Claim – injury at FLH**  
Rejected/referred to JPA

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to negotiate and enter into an Agreement with Verizon Wireless to Install and Operate Telecommunications Equipment at the Southwest End of the Operations Center.

**Agrmt. to negotiate and enter into agrmt. w/Verizon Wireless**  
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to accept the following gifts with thanks: \$600.00 from Rancho Elementary School PTA to Rancho Elementary School to help pay for study trip expenses; and \$2,350.00 for each classroom teacher and support staff to purchase supplies.

**Gifts – RAN**  
Accepted with thanks

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to accept the following gift with thanks: \$4,932.00 from the La Mesa-Spring Valley Educational Foundation for 10 minigrant projects.

**Gift – LMSV Educational Foundation**  
Accepted with thanks

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into a Special Education Master Contract with Educational Based Services and Soliant Health for the 2015-16 School Year.

**Sp.Ed. Master Contract with Educational Based Services and Soliant Health for 15-16**  
Authorized

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into Expanded Master Contracts with Aseltine School, Excelsior Academy, Springall Academy and Stein Education Center.

**Expanded Sp.Ed. Agrmt. with Aseltine School, Excelsior Academy, Springall Academy, & Stein Education Center**  
Authorized

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to conduct Overnight Student Excursions Sponsored by the San Diego Maritime Museum.

**Overnight Student Excursions**  
Authorized

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego OASIS to provide services to students attending Extended School Services (ESS) at Murray Manor Elementary School.

**MOU with S.D. OASIS**  
Authorized

### **HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS**

It was moved by Babbitt, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve standard Human Resources recommendations as amended to include eight additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms, and amending the effective date of the approval of salary placements to 12/9/15.

**Human Resources Recommendations**  
Approved as amended

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Chong announced the Superintendent gave a presentation at La Mesa Arts Academy to local business representatives of the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce. LMAAC students provided tours and the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade chorus gave a performance.

Mr. Duff announced he attended a school electricity rate shock meeting hosted by Assemblymember Dr. Shirley Weber, where legislative strategies were discussed related to rate increases for school districts. All school districts were represented at this meeting.

Dr. Turner announced she attended noteworthy workshops as part of her attendance at the CSBA Annual Conference in San Diego. She reported the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, which reforms the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, passed in the House. It was not known whether it passed in the Senate but it was believed the President will sign in January. Dr. Pedro Noguera was a speaker at the conference and spoke of not testing students unless the data was used for diagnostics to determine what help they need.

The Superintendent announced he would be speaking to the San Diego Taxpayers Association regarding the 40 percent excise tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health plans.

The Superintendent announced he visited both Kempton Elementary and Spring Valley Middle Schools last week, as they finalized plans for their specialty schools.

At 8:50 p.m. the President announced a recess.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:58 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss negotiations update – LMSV Teachers Association; negotiations update – California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419; negotiations update – Administrators Association and other Unrepresented Bargaining Groups; Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (LMSVSD v Mountain Empire Unified School District; and College Preparatory Middle School); and Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (J. Zamaro, parent, on behalf of student v LMSVSD). The Superintendent; Board; and Assistant Superintendents Business and Learning Support adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Brian Marshall, Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and ordered into the proceedings of the District at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education to be held January 12, 2016.

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Emma Turner, Clerk of the Board of Education