

Menlo Park City SD Minutes

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

September 03, 2014

Wednesday, 05:00 PM

Menlo Park City School District Office
TERC Building from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
181 Encinal Avenue, Atherton, CA 94027

Attendees

Jeff Child
Maria Hilton
Scott Hinshaw
Joan Lambert
Terry Thygesen

I. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Minutes

Board President Joan Lambert called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. All members of the Board were present.

II. STUDY SESSION/DISCUSSION

a. Charter School Study Session (D)

This summer, MPCSD learned that a group of community members are intending to submit a petition to the District to start a charter school in the 2015-16 school year offering a Mandarin Immersion program. Because charter schools have not previously petitioned or operated within MPCSD, the Board is now preparing for the charter petition review process.

Superintendent Ghysels will lead the study session. The purpose is to educate Board members, staff, and the community about the legal and policy fundamentals behind charter schools and how these principles apply to our District.

Minutes

The District's Attorney, John R. Yeh, Partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP presented a report to the Board on Charter School Fundamentals.

The objective of the Board Study Session was to provide the Board and community with information on charter school law and operations including; the legislative policy behind charter schools, fundamentals of charter school operation, charter school oversight, and charter school facilities (proposition 39).

The report included; charter school data, outlined the law that authorized charter schools, basic charter concepts, explained the two primary types of charter schools, detailed the authorize agencies who can approve a charter school and overview of charter school operation and funding. The report also included Ed Code information related to charter schools, highlighted other areas of interest related to charter schools, listed the basic requirements for proposition 39 facility, and explained to the Board the annual request cycle for a prop 39 facilities request.

Mr. Yeh answered clarifying questions from the Board and Superintendent Ghysels and ended his report with next steps.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Public Comments: Anyone wishing to address the Board regarding Charter Schools may do so at this time. (D)

Three (3) minutes are allotted to each speaker but can be extended by a Board member if so desired. Please note that speaking time cannot be delegated to another person. We request that an individual fill out a speaker card and provide his/her name and address before addressing the Board; however this is not required.

Minutes

There were two members of the public who addressed the Board.

IV. 7:00 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date

Board Secretary