



*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District
Minutes for the Board of Trustees Closed and Regular Session
Monday, October 13, 2025
District Office Board Room
1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040
6:00 PM Closed and 7:00 PM Regular*

Members Present: *Catherine Vonnegut
Thida Cornes
Vadim Katz
Alex Levich
Dr. Esmeralda Ortiz*

Members Absent: *None*

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

The Board President will call the meeting to order.

Recommendation: Call to Order.

Public comment from the 5:00 PM Study Session concluded at 6:14 PM to allow all community members time to address the Board.

Superintendent Volta announced that the Board is supposed to go into Closed Session, but suggested moving it to after the 7:00 PM regular session to conduct the actual Study Session part of the meeting. The Board members agreed to continue the Study Session.

2.0 Public Comment

2.1 Public Comment on Items Scheduled for Discussion in Closed Session

This time is reserved for any person to address the Board of Trustees on items scheduled for discussion during Closed Session only. These presentations are limited to three minutes each. Speakers are not allowed to yield their time.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

None

3.0 Closed Session Agenda at 6:00 p.m.

3.1 Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code §54597
Recommendation: For information/action.

3.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Negotiations with CSEA, DTA and Non-represented Groups Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiators: Leyla Benson and Eric Volta
Recommendation: Information/action.

3.3 Student Discipline or Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code § 35146, 48900 et seq., 48912(b), and 49060 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. § 1232g)
Recommendation: For Information/Action.

3.4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - One Potential Case
Recommendation: Information/action.

3.5 Consideration of Stipulated Agreement for Expulsion: Student A/2025-2026 Academic Year (Ed Code 48918)
It is the Administration's recommendation that the school Board consider the Stipulated Agreement for Expulsion for Student A- 2025-2026 academic year. (Ed Code 48918)

Recommendation: Approve the Stipulated Agreement for Expulsion for Student A- 2025-2026 school year.

4.0 Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board did not adjourn to closed session; it was announced that they would complete the 5:00 PM Study Session.

5.0 Reconvene Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Board President Ortiz called the Open session to order at 7:06 PM.

6.0 Preliminary Business

6.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The Board President will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and conduct Roll Call.
Recommendation: Information.

President Ortiz led the pledge of allegiance and took roll call, noting all trustees were present, including student board representative Lucy Lai (LAHS) and Claire Schwarzhoff (MVHS).

6.2 Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda.

Recommendation: Approve the meeting agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the meeting agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

6.3 Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

The closed session was moved to after the regular session at 7:00 PM due to the Study Session

6.4 Audience is notified that the open session will be audio taped and streamed

At the beginning of the meeting, the Board president shall announce that a recording or broadcast is being made at the direction of the Board and that the recording or broadcast may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting.

Recommendation: For information

7.0 Communications

7.1 Board Member Reports

Trustees may wish to give a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Trustees Levich, Katz, Vonnegut and Cornes provided updates.

Dr. Ortiz thanked Trustee Cornes for assisting as acting president and the whole board for continuing all the important work in her absence.

7.2 Student Board Member Reports

Student Board members may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Lucy Lai (Los Altos High School) and Claire Schwarzhoff (Mountain View High School) gave an update on opening activities at their respective schools.

7.3 Superintendent's Report

The superintendent may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Superintendent Eric Volta reported on his district-wide activities. He then called up Suzanne Woolfolk, Director of Alternative Ed., Dr. Kip Glazer, Principal of Mountain View High School, Dr. and Tracey Runeare, Principal of Los Altos High School. Julie Vo, Director of Adult Education was not present.

7.4 District Organizations: At regular Board meetings, a single spokesperson of each recognized District organization (CSEA, DTA) may give a brief update. Items are limited to those which are informational.

Recommendation: For information.

7.5 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Anyone wishing to address the Board on any topic not listed on the agenda should make a request to the Board President by completing a request to be heard form and present it to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant. The President will recognize those who desire to speak either during the "Public Comment" section or during the particular agenda item. Each speaker is allocated a maximum of 3 minutes. If you wish to speak on an issue not on the agenda, please be advised that the Board may not take action on any item not specifically listed on the agenda. The Board members may ask brief questions for clarification, but may not otherwise discuss the issue. The Board values constructive community comments and suggestions and welcomes your participation in the democratic process.

Recommendation: Listen to public comment.

The Board received the following public comment(s) not on the Agenda:

- Tami Kittle
- Heather Boyle
- Pawan Deshpande
- Trish Gilbert

8.0 Students of the Month

8.1 Recognition of October 2025 Students of the Month: Avni Rajagopal, Los Altos High School and Kai Cheng, Mountain View High School.

The Board of Education will recognize Students of the Month, Avni Rajagopal (Los Altos High School) and Kai Cheng (Mountain View High School).

Recommendation: Information

October Students of the Month Avni Rajagopal, (LAHS) and Kai Cheng (MVHS), were recognized by the Board of Trustees, Student Board Representatives, and Superintendent Eric Volta. Their families were also in attendance.

9.0 Consolidated Agenda

9.1 Personnel Report

Personnel Report

The Personnel Office reports the district's personnel changes at each meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation: Approve the Personnel Report.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Personnel Report'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

9.2 Approval of CCAP Agreement with Foothill College (FHDA)

Approve the 2025–2028 College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement between the Mountain View–Los Altos UHSD and the Foothill–De Anza Community College District (Foothill College) pursuant to AB 288 (Ed. Code §76004). The agreement expands dual-enrollment opportunities—particularly for students who are underrepresented in higher education—by offering Dual-Enrollment courses and Concurrent-Enrollment funded opportunities with no student fees and FERPA-compliant data sharing.

Recommendation: Approve the CCAP agreement.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the CCAP agreement'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

9.3 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

The attached Quarterly Report on the Williams Uniform Complaints shows no complaints were received by any school in the district during the reporting period of July 1 through September 30, 2025.

Recommendation: Approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the reporting period of July 1 through September 30, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the reporting period of July 1 through September 30, 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

9.4 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District and ProCare Therapy.

Agreement, ProCare Therapy.

This agreement is for ProCare Therapy, a staffing agency, which will provide one full time Speech Language Pathologist Assistant that will assist in providing specialized services as listed on the individual IEP. There are approximately 25 students that will require this service.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement with ProCare Therapy, for the 2025 -2026 school year.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the agreement with ProCare Therapy, for the 2025 -2026 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Esmeralda Ortiz Yes

Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

9.5 Gifts And Donations

The Fiscal Services Department reports gifts and donations the district has received at each meeting of the Board of Trustees. REPORT \$950 from anonymous to MVHS Theater \$5,000 from Mike and Lisa Chen to MVHS Choir \$275 from Vadim Katz and Tania Bekerman to MVHS Dance Spectrum \$165 from Gregory and Kendra Muscarella to LAHS Field Hockey \$1,300 from Toni Rath and Maria Montez Rath to Middle College \$275 from James Chien to MVHS Dance Spectrum

Recommendation: Accept the gifts and donations listed above and request that acknowledgement be sent to the donor expressing the Board's appreciation.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Accept the gifts and donations listed above and request that acknowledgement be sent to the donor expressing the Board's appreciation'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

9.6 Declaration of Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property

Education Code sections 17545-17546 authorize school districts to sell or dispose of district property that is not required for school purposes or is no longer suitable for school use.

Surplus property may be sold at a publicly noticed auction conducted by district employees.

Items for which no qualified bid is received, or that are less than \$2,500 in value, may be sold at private sale without advertising. Property of insufficient value to defray the cost of sale may be donated to a charitable organization or disposed of. Money received from the sale of surplus property may be placed in the district's general or reserve fund. The District owns the following items that are beyond their useful life and now need to be surplus.

The following individual items have been determined to be valued at less than \$2,500: 11

Filing Cabinets 14 Shelves 10 Teacher

Desks 11 Chairs 1 Refrigerator 4 Storage Cabinets 40 Student Desks 8 Student Desk Chairs

Recommendation: Approve declaration of sale or disposal of surplus property and authorize the Superintendent to sell or otherwise dispose of the property consistent with Education Code sections 17545-17546.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve declaration of sale or disposal of surplus property and authorize the Superintendent to sell or otherwise dispose of the property consistent with Education Code sections 17545-17546'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes

Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

9.7 Warrants, September, 2025

Education Code 42631 requires that the Board of Trustees approve District expenditures. A copy of the warrants are available at the District Office and can be reviewed by any interested person during regular business hours.

Recommendation: Approve the warrants for the month of September, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the warrants for the month of September, 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

9.8 Minutes for the Board of Trustees Special, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on September 29, 2025.

Minutes for the Board of Trustees Special, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on September 29, 2025, are presented for approval.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees meeting(s) on September 29, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees meeting(s) on September 29, 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

10.0 Items Pulled from Consolidated Motion for Discussion

None

11.0 Business/Action Items

11.1 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) to Provide a New Parking Lot Traffic Study at Los Altos High School.

Mountain View Los Altos High School District is requesting approval of the agreement with Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) for architectural services needed to provide a site access study for the proposed new parking lot at Los Altos High School.

Recommendation: Approve the Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) to Provide a New Parking Lot Traffic Study at Los Altos High School.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (xxxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) to Provide a New Parking Lot Traffic Study at Los Altos High School'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion (). (xx) - (xx)

The following community members made a public comment on Item #11.1:

- Carline Horn
- Alex Hofmann
- Terry Barton

The Board did not cast votes on the parking lot traffic study, nor did they decide to proceed with the agreement. The Board consensus is to schedule a meeting with the City of Los Altos to review the city's traffic study and any supplementary data before taking any steps forward.

12.0 Board Operations

12.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

Trustees may wish to share suggestions for future Board reports/meetings.

Recommendation: For information.

Trustee Cornes indicated a meeting with the City of Los Altos is needed. She also indicated that the online Health class compliance needs to be reviewed.

Trustee Vonnegut agreed.

Superintendent Volta indicated the Board should have the Health Class information at the next Board meeting.

12.2 Communications/Correspondence

The Board of Trustees may wish to share communications/correspondence.

Recommendation: Information.

None

12.3 Legislative Update

The Superintendent will share updates on legislation relevant or of interest to education.

Recommendation: For information.

Superintendent Volta reported that the Governor is starting to sign bills. There is a child safety bill coming; it will have a clearinghouse. Additionally, AB715 was signed, creating an Office of Civil Rights at the state level and an anti-Semitism coordinator. This will potentially be implemented in 2026.

12.4 Next Meeting: October 27, 2026, Regular Session, at 7:00 PM in the MVLA District Office, Board Room

Future Board Meeting dates are:

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, November 17, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, December 15, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, January 12, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, January 26, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, February 9, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 9, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 23, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, April 20, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 4, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 18, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 8, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 15, 2026, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Recommendation: For information.

13.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed

13.1 Items not Completed During the First Closed Session will be Carried Over to this Closed Session

Recommendation: Information/action.

The Board convened to closed session at 8:24 PM

14.0 Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Action Taken in Second Closed Session

14.1 The Board will Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Any Action Taken During Second Closed Session

During the closed session, the Board considered and voted to approve a stipulated agreement for the expulsion of one student.

Closed session item 3.5 - Consideration of Stipulated Agreement for Expulsion: Student A/2025-2026 Academic Year (Ed Code 48918)

Recommendation: Information/action.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Information/action'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(5)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **(Carried). (5) - (0)**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	Yes
Alex Levich	Yes

15.0 Adjournment

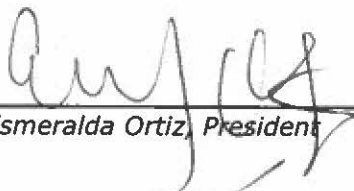
15.1 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District will adjourn.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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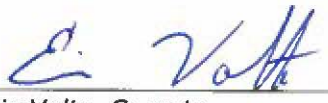
Minutes approved on October 27, 2025:



Dr. Esmeralda Ortiz, President



Alex Levich, Clerk



Eric Volta, Secretary