



Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District
Minutes for the Board of Trustees
On Monday, September 8, 2025, at the
District Office Board Room
1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040
6:00 PM Closed Session, and 7:00 PM Regular Session

Voting Members Present: Thida Cornes, Acting Board President
Vadim Katz, Board Member
Alex Levich, Clerk
Catherine Vonnegut, Board Member

Voting Members Absent: Esmeralda Ortiz, Board President

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

The Board President will call the meeting to order.
Recommendation: Call to Order.
ORIGINAL - Motion

Acting Board President Thida Cornes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
and the Board adjourned to closed 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.

There were no requests to address the Board on Closed Session matters.

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 Consideration of Student Discipline or Other Confidential Student Matter Pursuant to Government Code §35146 and §48912(b)
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.

4.0 Adjourn to Closed Session

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

Acting Board President Thida Cornes called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Acting Board President Thida Cornes led the pledge of allegiance and noted that trustees Vonnegut, Levich, and Katz were present. Dr. Ortiz was reported as absent.

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: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

6.3 Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

Acting President Cornes announced no action was taken in closed 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, Vonnegut, and Cornes provided updates regarding their activities and participation in district-wide meetings.

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 activities at their respective schools.

7.3 Superintendent's Report

The superintendent may wish to make a report.

Recommendation: Information.

Superintendent Volta provided updates regarding recent meetings and activities within the community and across the district.

Superintendent Volta also invited Suzanne Woolfolk, Director of Alternative Education; Tracey Runeare, Principal of Los Altos High School; Kip Glazer, Principal of Mountain View High School; and Julie Vo, Director of Adult Education, to share reports on recent activities, meetings, and developments at their respective sites.

7.4 District Organizations: CSEA and DTA Updates

At regular Board meetings, a single spokesperson of each recognized District organization (CSEA, DTA) may give a brief update.

Recommendation: For information.

CSEA President Carol Johnson gave an update on the association's activities.

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.

There were no requests to address the Board.

8.0 Students of the Month

8.1 Recognition of September 2025 Students of the Month: Marvin Lopez Garcia, Los Altos High School, and Yerim "Amy" Jo, Mountain View High School.

The Board of Education will recognize Students of the Month, Marvin Lopez Garcia (Los Altos High School) and Yerim Jo (Mountain View High School).

Recommendation: Information

September Students of the Month, Marvin Lopez Garcia (LAHS) and Yerim Amy Jo (MVHS), were recognized by the Board of Trustees, Student Board Representatives, and Superintendent Eric Volta. Their families were also in attendance.

9.0 Recognitions and Resolutions

9.1 Resolution No. 25/26-3: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15 is celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Mountain View Los Altos High School District commemorates National Hispanic Heritage Month with this Resolution.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 25/26-3: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution No. 25/26-3: Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

10.0 Consolidated Agenda

10.1 Consolidated Agenda

Items listed under Consolidated Motion are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of any member of the Board and acted upon separately.

Recommendation: Approve all Consolidated Motion items.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve all Consolidated Motion items'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

10.2 Contractor Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School and Ed Theory LLC.

Contractor Agreement, Ed Theory LLC.

This contract is for Ed Theory LLC, which will provide one Behavior Certified Behavior Analyst, that designs, implements, and evaluates behavior-analytic interventions to improve problematic behaviors. The Behavior Certified Behavior Analyst will provide support at each sites Special Education program. Our behavioral caseloads exceed by 1.00 FTE, which requires an additional BCBA to meet and implement IEP minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement with Ed Theory LLC, 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 Ed Theory LLC, for the 2025 -2026 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

10.3 Mountain View High School's Trip to Mesa, Arizona, September 25-27, 2025

A request was received for 14 students and 6 chaperones to travel to Mesa, Arizona, September 25-27, 2025, to participate in a cross country competition with some of the best teams in the United States. This request is up for final approval, as the trip will occur before the next Board meeting. Per Board Policy 6153, students will miss two school days of instruction and will make arrangements with their teachers prior to their trip.

Recommendation: Approve Mountain View High School's Trip to Mesa, Arizona, September 25-27, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Mountain View High School's Trip to Mesa, Arizona, September 25-27, 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

10.4 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Spectrum Center.

Agreement, Spectrum Center SY 2025 - 2026.

This contract is for Spectrum Center, a non-public school that provides specialized education, extracurricular activities and electives for students who need intensive support. MVLA has one student attending Spectrum Center. This specialized program was determined as the most appropriate placement by the IEP team.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement with Spectrum Center 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 Spectrum Center for the 2025 2026 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

10.5 Agreement Between Mountain View Los Altos High School District and Vista Center for the Blind.

Agreement, Vista Center for the Blind, School Year 2025 - 2026.

This agreement is for Vista Center for the Blind, which provides certified specialists for visually impaired, assistive technology and orientation and mobility support services. MVLA has six students requiring these services.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement with Vista Center for the Blind 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 Vista Center for the Blind for the 2025 - 2026 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**.

The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

10.6 Arts and Music in Schools (Proposition 28) Annual Report 24-25

The Arts and Music in School (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act (Proposition 28) requires local education agencies to complete an annual report to the governing board. In 2024-2025, plans were approved to spend AMS funds at Mountain View and Los Altos High School. The majority of the positions that were added were in

the form of Extra Pay for Extra Duty (EPED) stipends. These positions included Music Director, Tech Director, Dance Director, Musical Director, Vocal Coaching and other positions. These positions helped enhance the department by providing additional support to the students and the staff. Attached you will find the CDE Annual Prop 28 report plus the expenses of each school site.

Recommendation: Approve Arts and Music in Schools (Proposition 28) Annual Report 24-25

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Arts and Music in Schools (Proposition 28) Annual Report 24-25'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**.

The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Catherine Vonnegut Yes

Thida Cornes Yes

Vadim Katz Yes

Alex Levich Yes

10.7 Gifts And Donations

The Fiscal Services Department reports gifts and donations the district has received at each meeting of the Board of Trustees. REPORT \$250 from West Valley Water Polo Foundation to AVHS \$1,500 from Wilbur and Kristina Pierce to AVHS Bill Pierce Scholarship Fund \$20,000 from The Reay-Fan Family Fund to MVHS Choir

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: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

10.8 Second reading and approval of Board Policy: Bylaw 9321 (Closed Session)

Bylaw Policy 9321

This is the second reading of the Board Policy Bylaw 9321: Closed Session Bylaw 9321 is a CSBA updated recommendation for the Governing Board policy that reflects a commitment to comply with state open meeting laws and model transparency in its conduct of district business.

Recommendation: Approve the updated Board Policy: Bylaw Policy 9321 - Closed Session
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Thida Cornes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the updated Board Policy: Bylaw Policy 9321 - Closed Session'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**.

The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

All Consolidated items were approved except for #10.3 and #10.10. Trustee Cornes indicated she had additional questions.

11.0 Items Pulled from Consolidated Motion for Discussion

11.1 Agreement between Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District and Medical Billing Technologies, Inc for Medi-Cal Billing Option Program

This contract is to partner with Medical Billing Technologies Inc. for the use of OptiClaim (an Electronic Healthcare Records system) to process medical claims for the LEA-BOP (Medi-Cal Billing) Program. The cost associated with this contract is 8% of all claims processed. The fees will be due quarterly based on the payments received on the claims.

Recommendation: Approve the Agreement between Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District and Medical Billing Technologies, Inc for Medi-Cal Billing Option Program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Agreement between Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District and Medical Billing Technologies, Inc for Medi-Cal Billing Option Program'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

Tustee Cornes inquired about a previously approved contract for medical claims. She requested an explanation of the differences, which William Blair (MVLA Wellness Coordinator) indicated are specific to Medical Services.

11.2 Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on August 18, 2025.

Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on August 18, 2025, are presented for approval.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees study, closed and regular meeting conducted on August 18, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees study, closed and regular meeting conducted on August 18, 2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

Trustee Cornes announced corrections to the study session minutes for 8/18/2025. Item #5 should indicate that "Acting President Cornes" adjourned the meeting, not President Ortiz. Also, the regular minutes for 8/18/2025, Item #15, should say 'Acting President' instead of 'President' regarding the adjournment announcement

Trustee Vonnegut indicated she moved to approve the minutes with those two revisions and the Board all approved with changes.

12.0 Business/Action Items

12.1 Add Program Specialist to Management Salary Schedule

Staff recommends that Program Specialist positions (2) be added to the Management Salary Schedule. Currently these positions reside on the Supervisory Salary Schedule along with other classified positions. Both Program Specialist positions are staffed with certificated staff members and the positions oversee programs/positions related to the Special Education Department. This move will not have a financial impact and the position will still perform duties on days previously scheduled. This change is being recommended to place the positions on the salary schedule that best matches the type of work being performed.

Recommendation: Add Program Specialist position to Management Salary Schedule and Abolish Program Specialist position from Supervisory Salary Schedule.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Alex Levich)** Moved, Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Add Program Specialist position to Management Salary Schedule and Abolish Program Specialist position from Supervisory Salary Schedule'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

12.2 Resolution 25/26-4 Adoption of the Gann Appropriations

Each California school district is annually required to make two calculations. The first is a recalculation of the Gann Appropriations Limit for the prior fiscal year based on actual rather than estimated financial information. If the recalculated Gann Appropriations Limit exceeds the original calculation, action has to be taken to increase the Gann Appropriations Limit. If the recalculated amount does not exceed the original calculation, the Board of Trustees must simply adopt the recalculated amount. The second calculation is the estimated Gann Appropriations Limit for the current fiscal year. The Board of Trustees must approve a resolution establishing this Gann Appropriations Limit. This calculation will be revisited next fall when actual financial data for current year is known. The Gann appropriation calculation for the 2024-2025 fiscal year shows that no adjustment is necessary. As a consequence, our District is required to send a letter to the State Department of Finance increasing our Appropriations Limit. The SACS document detailing the calculations for the limit is available at the district office upon request.

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees Adopt Resolution No. 25/26-4, Gann Appropriations Limit.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Trustees Adopt Resolution No. 25/26-4, Gann Appropriations Limit'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

12.3 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report Certification

Each year, the Board certifies the District's unaudited actual financial report for the prior year. These figures will be verified by an independent audit report. A copy of the certification form and the unaudited actual financial report for 2024-2025 is attached. General Fund revenues of \$149,459,042 compared to total expenditures plus net transfers of \$150,323,605. The 2025-2026 adopted budget will be updated at the First Interim Report to reflect the actual ending balance for 2024-2025.

Recommendation: That the Board certify the District's unaudited actual financial report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board certify the District's unaudited actual financial report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen and Fiscal Director Elvis Lopez presented the Unaudited Actual Financial report.

Trustee Vonnegut noted SPED progression and would like ways not to increase annually and have some controls in place, if possible.

Trustee Cornes expressed her concern of running in a deficit and would like to look at overall areas in the budget and have the district spend more effectively. The goal is to be fiscally responsible and have a balanced budget.

Trustee Levich indicated a plus one to what was already said. She also indicated that the district needs to prepare for another difficult year and are making sure that we are spending on necessary things, evaluating opportunities to reduce expenses without reducing value to students.

13.0 Board Operations

13.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings

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

Recommendation: For information.

Acting President Cornes indicated there is a list already and Trustees did not request new reports.

13.2 Communications/Correspondence

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

Recommendation: Information.

13.3 Legislative Update

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

Recommendation: For information.

13.4 Next Meeting: September 29, 2025, at 7:00 PM, MVLA District Office, Board Room

Future Board Meeting dates are:

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, October 13, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, October 27, 2025, at MVLA District Office, Board Room

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

Recommendation: For information.

14.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed

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

Recommendation: Information/action.

ORIGINAL - Motion

The Board did not resume the closed session.

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

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

Recommendation: Information/action.

ORIGINAL - Motion

16.0 Adjournment

Acting President Cornes adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:18 PM.

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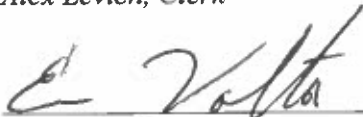
Minutes approved on September 29, 2025:



Thida Cornes, President



Alex Levich, Clerk



Eric Volta, Secretary