



*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District  
Minutes for the Board of Trustees on  
Monday, December 15, 2025,  
District Office Board Room  
1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040  
5:30 PM Special Session, 6:00 PM Closed Session,  
and 7:00 PM Regular Session*

***Voting Members Present:***

*Dr. Esmeralda Ortiz- President  
Thida Cornes-Vice President  
Vadim Katz - Board Member  
Alex Levich-Clerk  
Catherine Vonnegut-Board member*

***Voting Members Absent:***

*None*

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**1.0 Call to Order**

**1.1 Call to Order at 5:30 PM**

The Board President will call the meeting to order.

**Recommendation:** Call to Order.

Board President, Dr. Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and established a quorum, 5-0.

**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 Special Open Session**

#### **3.1 Board of Trustees Committee Representation 2026 Discussion**

The Board will discuss the committee representation for 2026.

**Recommendation:** Information

The Board reviewed the proposed committee representation for 2026.

### **4.0 Closed Session Agenda at 6:00 p.m.**

#### **4.1 Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code §54597**

**Recommendation:** For information/action.

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

**Recommendation:** For Information/Action.

#### **4.3 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.

#### **4.4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 - Three Potential Cases**

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

### **5.0 Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:00 PM.

### **6.0 Reconvene Open Session at 7:00 p.m.**

Board President, Dr. Ortiz, called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 PM

### **7.0 Preliminary Business**

#### **7.1 Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

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

**Recommendation:** Information.

Board President, Dr. Ortiz, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted that Trustees Vonnegut, Levich, Katz and Cornes were present—also, student trustees Claire Schwarzhoff (MVHS) and Lucy Lai (LAHS).

## 7.2 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

## 7.3 Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

### **Item #4.4 Conference with Legal Counsel**

In Closed Session, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve a compromise agreement with parents of a student to resolve potential and threatened claims against the District in exchange for funding of private services and an alternate program for student during the 2025-26 school year in an amount not exceed \$170,000.00.

Member (Catherine Vonnegut) Moved, Member (Alex Levich) Seconded to approve the Compromise agreement motion. 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

In Closed Session, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve a compromise agreement with parents of a student to resolve potential and threatened claims against the District in exchange for funding of private services and an alternate program for student during the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years in an amount not exceed \$60,000.00.

Member (Catherine Vonnegut) Moved, Member (Alex Levich) Seconded to approve the Compromise agreement motion. 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

#### **7.4 Notify audience 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

### **8.0 Annual Organizational Meeting**

#### **8.1 Annual Organizational Meeting for the Election of 2026 Board Officers**

The Board of Trustees will adjourn the regular meeting and conduct the annual organizational meeting. Education Code Sections 35143 and 72125 require that the governing board of each school district hold an annual organizational meeting. In a year in which a regular election for governing Board members is held, the meeting shall be held on a day within a 15-day period that commences with the date upon which an elected governing board member takes office. Organizational meetings in years in which no such regular election for governing Board members is conducted shall be held during the same 15-day period on the calendar. Current Board Policy 9100 calls for the election of a President, Vice President, and Clerk during the annual organizational meeting of the Board. The Board of Trustees will conduct elections of 2026 officers for the positions of President, Vice President, and Clerk.

**Recommendation:** Action.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Moved, Member **(Vadim Katz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion '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

The Board convened the Annual Organizational Meeting to discuss and appoint officers for 2026. The following individuals were elected:

Thida Cornes – President  
Vadim Katz – Vice President  
Alex Levich – Clerk

Following the elections, Trustee Cornes assumed the role of President, Trustee Katz assumed the Vice President position, Trustee Levich remained as Clerk, and Trustee Ortiz assumed the Board Member position.

#### **8.2 Appointment of Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees for the 2026 Calendar Year**

Superintendent Mr. Eric Volta will serve as Secretary for the 2026 calendar year.

**Recommendation:** Approve that Mr. Eric Volta serve as Secretary to the Board of Trustees for the 2026 calendar year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve that Mr. Eric Volta serve as Secretary to the Board of Trustees for the 2026 calendar 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

### **8.3 Resolution No. 25/26-6: Regular Meeting Dates for the Board of Trustees Meetings in the 2026-27 Academic Year**

Regular Board meeting dates for July 2026 through June 2027 are proposed and presented for approval at this time.

**Recommendation:** Approve the 2026-27 Board Meeting schedule and resolution #25/26-6

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the 2026-27 Board Meeting schedule and resolution #25/26-6'. 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

The Board approved Resolution No. 25/26-6: Board of Trustees Regular Meeting schedule from July 2026 through June 2027, meeting Calendar

### **8.4 Mountain View Los Altos High School District Representative to the 2026 County Committee Election ballot**

The California Education Code requires that the governing board of each school district, at its annual initial meeting, select one of its members to vote in the election for members of the County Committee on School District Organization pursuant to Education Code § 35023, Election of representative for county committee. Santa Clara County is requesting that the Mountain View Los Altos School District name a trustee as board representative to complete the County Committee Election ballot that comes to each district in late October/early November; the board member indicated on this form will vote in the 2026 County Committee election.

**Recommendation:** Approve a trustee be named Mountain View Los Altos High School District representative to the 2026 Annual County Committee on district organization election.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve a trustee be named Mountain View Los Altos High School District representative to the 2026 Annual County Committee on district organization election'. 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

President Cornes will serve as the District representative.

### 8.5 Board Committee Assignments for the 2026 Calendar Year

Each year, Board Committee assignments are reviewed, and the composition of committees is changed as appropriate. Committee assignments were last reviewed in December 2025 and are being brought to the Board for 2026 updates.

**Recommendation:** Review, edit and approve Board committee assignments for the 2026 calendar year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Review, edit and approve Board committee assignments for the 2026 calendar 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

President Cornes announced the committee assignments for the 2026 Calendar year. The 2026 Board Committee Assignment worksheet is attached at the end of the minutes.

## 9.0 District Financing Corporation

### 9.1 District Financing Corporation Organizational Meeting

The Board of Trustees will adjourn the annual organizational meeting and conduct business as the Board of Directors of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Financing Corporation as follows: 1. Call to Order 2. Appointment of new officers 3. Public Comment 4. Other Business 5. Adjourn the District Financing Corporation Organizational Meeting 6. Reconvene to Regular Board Meeting The District Financing Corporation is a separate entity convened to approve and manage the issuance of district debt, such as in the form of Certificates of Participation (COPs). The district's current debt is on the issuance of COPs for the construction of Alta Vista High School. The District Financing Corporation is required to meet annually until the final debt payment is made in 2032. The District Financing Corporation organizational meeting coincides with the regular Board of Trustees organizational meeting whenever new members to the board are added and/or new officers are appointed. The historical practice used in the district is to select the same slate of officers for the Financing Corporation as are selected for the regular Board of Trustees.

**Recommendation:** Finance Corporation Board will select officers for the new calendar year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Finance Corporation Board will select officers for the new calendar

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

The Board held the discussion for the District Financing Corporation organizational meeting at 7:17 PM. Trustee Vonnegut moved to keep the same officers as the Board elected and Trustee Ortiz seconded. The trustees agreed unanimously. Board president Cornes closed the District Financing Corporation meeting at 7:18 PM and convened the Regular meeting.

## **10.0 Communications**

### **10.1 Board Member Reports**

Trustees may wish to give a report.

**Recommendation:** Information.

Trustee Katz, Cornes and Vonnegut gave updates on various happenings and/or meetings in the community.

### **10.2 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) provided an update on activities at their respective schools.

### **10.3 Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent may wish to make a report.

**Recommendation:** Information.

Superintendent Volta provided an overview of district-wide activities he attended. Then he invited the following administrators to share updates: Tracey Runeare, Principal of Los Altos High School; Kip Glazer, Principal of Mountain View High School; Suzanne Woolfolk, Director of Alternative Education; and Julie Vo, Director of the Adult Education program. Each administrator presented updates on recent activities, meetings, and highlights at their respective sites.

### **10.4 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. Items are limited to those which are informational.

**Recommendation:** For information.

District Teacher Association (DTA) President Dave Campbell presented the Social Studies Course Sequence Proposal to the Board. The proposal has been included on the agenda for public review.

California School Employee Association (CSEA) President Carol Johnson provided the latest updates regarding classified staff news.

### **10.5 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.

Trustee Vonnegut motioned to move #Item number 11.0- Students of the month ahead of public comments to allow student board members to leave early. Trustee Vonnegut motioned, and Trustee Levich seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the change.

The Board received the following public comment(s):

Jill Denny  
Kevin Heiken  
Nate Bowen  
Roger Kim  
Poncho Morris  
Krista Greksouk  
Brook Mangin Hinkley  
Blanca Valencia  
Lizzy Pyle

### **11.0 Students of the Month**

#### **11.1 Recognition of December 2025 Students of the Month: Oshea Orozco, Los Altos High School and Rubi Rivas Menjivar, Mountain View High School.**

The Board of Education will recognize Students of the Month, Oshea Orozco (Los Altos High School) and Rubi Rivas Menjivar (Mountain View High School).

**Recommendation:** Information

December Students of the month Oshea Orozco, (LAHS) and Rubi Rivas Menjivar (MVHS) were recognized by the Board of Trustees, Student Board Representatives and Superintendent Mr. Eric Volta. Their families were also in attendance.

Student Representatives Lucy Lai (LAHS) and Claire Schwarzhoff (MVHS) were released at 8:35 PM.

### **12.0 Presentations, Reports and Information**



### **12.1 Measure E Los Altos High School Gym Modernization Project Update**

At the May 19, 2025 board meeting, district staff and architects from QKA presented options for the project scope for the Los Altos High School gym modernization project. At that time, the board provided direction for a more limited scope to match the facilities master plan. Subsequent identification of the critical need for audio/visual system upgrades and floor replacement, as well as required improvements due to new and expanded bleachers, have expanded the scope and associated project costs. District staff will provide an update on the revised scope and plans.

Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen presented the QKA options to modernize school site gyms. Mary Saffari and Eddie Van Slambrouck, QKA architects, were present to answer clarifying questions from the Board.

### **12.2 MVLA Special Education Presentation**

Staff will present an update on special education identification, services, and student achievement in Mountain View Los Altos. The presentation will review California's special education identification process, outline the district's continuum of services and specialized programs, and highlight 2025 California Dashboard indicators for students with disabilities. Comparative data with similar Santa Clara County districts will be shared to contextualize progress and identify areas for continued improvement.

**Recommendation:** For information.

Special Education Director Jennifer Smith presented an update on the Special Education Department.

## **13.0 Consolidated Agenda**

### **13.1 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 **(Alex Levich)** 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

### **13.2 Mountain View High School's Trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 12-15, 2026, to Participate in the Science Olympiad Tournament**

This is the initial request for 15 students to travel to Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 12-15, 2026, to participate in the Science Olympiad Tournament. 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 Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 12-15, 2026, to Participate in the Science Olympiad Tournament

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Mountain View High School's Trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan, February 12-15, 2026, to Participate in the Science Olympiad Tournament'. 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

**13.3 Los Altos High School's Journalism Trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota April 15-18, 2026, to Attend the National High School Journalism Convention.**

This is the final request for 24 students and 2 chaperones to travel to Minneapolis, MN April 15-18, 2026, to participate in the National High School Journalism Convention. 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 Los Altos High School's Journalism Trip to Minneapolis, MN, April 15-18, 2026, to Attend the National High School Journalism Convention.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Los Altos High School's Journalism Trip to Minneapolis, MN, April 15-18, 2026, to Attend the National High School Journalism Convention'. 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

**13.4 Mountain View High School's Robotics Competition Trip to Houston, Texas, April 28 - May 2, 2026**

An initial request was received for 50 students from Mountain View High School to travel to Houston, Texas, April 28 - May 2, 2026, to attend the FIRST Robotics World Championship competition. This is in anticipation that the team qualifies.

**Recommendation:** Approve Mountain View High School's Robotics Competition Trip to Houston, Texas, April 28 - May 2, 2026.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Mountain View High School's Robotics Competition Trip to Houston, Texas, April 28 - May 2, 2026'. 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

**13.5 Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending September 30, 2025**

In 1996, the State legislature enacted SB 564 that requires quarterly reports to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees regarding school district investments. If the local agency has its funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and/or in the county investment pool, the report needs to supply only the most recent statements received by the school district from these institutions. The attached document provides the most recent statement received by the District from the Santa Clara County Treasurer. These investments comply with the District's investment policy which requires the District's investments have the primary objective of safeguarding principal and the secondary objective of meeting the District's liquidity needs. At September 30, 2025, the yield on District funds held in the Santa Clara County pool was 3.92%. Submitted by Associate Superintendent, Mike Mathiesen.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending September 30, 2025.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending 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

**13.6 Gifts And Donations**

The Fiscal Services Department reports gifts and donations the district has received at each meeting of the Board of Trustees. REPORT \$300 from Georgia and James Markarian to Middle College \$1,250 from Ann and Steve Bishop to Middle College \$350 from Mithran and Anita Mathew to MVHS Choir \$100 from Kenneth and Judy Kershaw to Freestyle \$100 from Scott E. Stanford to MVHS Girls' Soccer \$30,000 from Wallace Mersereau to the LAHS Roma Hammel Scholarship \$400 from Jonathan and Lilly Luk to Middle College \$8,000 from the Randy and Debra Robinson Family Fund to MVHS and LAHS Performing Arts and Science \$600 from Anonymous to MVHS Musical Theater \$200 from the Rodgers Yeh Family Fund to MVHS SciOly \$500 from Elena Martirosyan to Middle College

**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 **(Alex Levich)** 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

**13.7 Warrants, November 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 November, 2025

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Moved, Member (**Alex Levich**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the warrants for the month of November, 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

### **13.8 Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on November 17, 2025.**

Minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on November 17, 2025. are presented for approval.

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes for the Board of Trustees Study, Closed and Regular Meetings Conducted on November 17, 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 Meetings Conducted on November 17, 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

### **14.0 Items Pulled from Consolidated Motion for Discussion**

#### **14.1 2026-2027 New Course Proposals**

Background: As part of our annual course development cycle, staff followed the Board-approved process for proposing, reviewing, and vetting new courses. Proposals were evaluated for academic rigor, alignment to district priorities and state standards, impact on graduation/A-G requirements, staffing and facilities, and equitable access for all students. Summary of Proposed Courses: Commercial Music (LAHS, Music Department, Grades 9-12) — Photo II Dual Enrolled (LAHS, Visual Arts, Grades 9-12) — Fashion Design II (LAHS, CTE, Grades 10-12) — English IV Dual Enrolled (AVHS, English, Grade 12) — GIST 11 Dual Enrolled (LAHS, Elective, Grades 11-12) — AVID InternshipDual Enrolled (MVLA, Elective, Grades 9-12) — MicroEconomics Dual Enrolled (MVHS, Elective, Grade 12) — Tech InternshipDual Dual Enrolled (MVHS, Elective, Grades 9 - 12) — Foundations of Health Careers and Sports Medicine (MVHS, CTE, Grades 9 - 12) — Advanced Sports Medicine (MVHS, CTE, Grades 10 - 12) —

**Recommendation:** Approve the listed new course proposals for implementation beginning in the 2026-27 school year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Alex Levich**) Moved, Member (**Catherine Vonnegut**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the listed new course proposals for implementation beginning in the 2026-27 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

After additional clarifying questions from Trustee Katz, the board approved the new courses.

#### **14.2 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 surplused. The following individual items have been determined to be valued at less than \$2,500: 120 Sound Blankets

**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 **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** 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

Item#13.7 was pulled in error, Trustee Cornes meant to pull item# 13.10 - Minutes of the Board of Trustees. An updated was requested to reflect Dr. Ortiz be listed in attendance on the first page. Superintendent Volta indicated the minutes would be updated to reflect the change.

### **15.0 Business/Action Items**

#### **15.1 Resolution 25/26-7, Developer Impact Fees Report for 2024-2025**

Pursuant to Government Code §66006, local agencies that collect developer impact fees must annually report the income and expenses of the fund as well as the beginning and ending balances. The fee for residential construction from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 was \$1.72 per square foot and the fee for commercial construction was \$0.28 per square foot. The 2024-2025 report on developer impact fees on the following page shows that a total of \$1,401,157.92 was collected in developer impact fees. This compares to \$823,249.49 collected during the prior year. During 2024-2025, a total of \$817,371.91 was expended. \$149,160.75 was for debt service related to the construction of the Alta Vista campus. \$155,555.00 was for the rental of portables at MVHS; \$90,372.50 was for contracted services related to the school facility program; \$577,838.66 was for the rental of portables at MVHS and LAHS due to construction. This report has been made available to

the public according to Government Code Section 66006 and has been mailed to parties who have requested such notification.

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution 25/26-7, Developer Impact Fees Report for 2024-2025.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adopt Resolution 25/26-7, Developer Impact Fees Report for 2024-2025'. 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

**15.2 Resolution 25/26-8 First Interim Budget Report and Budget Revisions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Education Code Section 42131 requires school districts to assess their financial status twice during the fiscal year. The first interim certification is required to be completed by December 15th, based on financial data through October 31st. The Board of Trustees must certify the interim report as positive, qualified, or negative. A positive certification indicates the school district will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and the two subsequent years. See Addendum A for First Interim Financial Report for MVLA. The report includes summary information for all funds and a multi-year projection for the General Fund. Also included in the report is a cover letter that highlights the major changes.

**Recommendation:** Certify that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and adopt Resolution No. 25/26-8 Budget Revisions, authorizing the recommended budget adjustments.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Vadim Katz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Certify that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and adopt Resolution No. 25/26-8 Budget Revisions, authorizing the recommended budget adjustments'. 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

Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen and Assistant Director Elvis Lopez presented the First Interim Budget Report and Budget Revisions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

After the presentation, President Cornes announced that the meeting was at 10:30 PM, and per Board Bylaws, they will need to vote to extend the meeting. Vadim Katz motioned to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Catherine Vonnegut seconded the motion, and the trustees unanimously voted to continue the meeting for 30 additional minutes.

**15.3 CSBA Board Policy Updates for 2025 - Second Reading**

The attached policies, and/or regulations (3515, 3515.4, 3516.1, and 6144) have been reviewed by the Administration. In accordance with our updates from the California School

Boards Association (CSBA) Policy Plus Program, we will incorporate the approved legal updates into our policy manual. How to read changes to existing policies: Addition/change will be in all red, and verbiage being removed is in black strike-through. This is the second reading of the 2025 CSBA Policy and Regulation updates.

**Recommendation:** Approve the CSBA 2025 recommended updates of policies and/or regulations: 3515, 3515.4, 3516.1, and 6144 as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Esmeralda Ortiz)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the CSBA 2025 recommended updates of policies and/or regulations: 3515, 3515.4, 3516.1, and 6144 as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **1**. The motion **(Carried)**. **4 - 1**

Catherine Vonnegut	Yes
Thida Cornes	Yes
Esmeralda Ortiz	Yes
Vadim Katz	No
Alex Levich	Yes

Trustee Katz asked clarifying questions regarding Policy #6144 – Controversial issues. Trustee Cornes expressed concern about two speaker forms and would like the same form used throughout the District. Superintendent Volta clarified that the District form is the only one to be used and the LAHS form will be removed.

**15.4 Board Policy 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements**

Revisions to BP 6146.1 – Graduation Requirements Staff will present proposed revisions to BP 6146.1 to align the Board's adopted graduation credit structure, including updates to the distribution of credits in Social Studies (including Ethnic Studies) and elective coursework.

**Recommendation:** Approve Board Policy 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Catherine Vonnegut)** Moved, Member **(Alex Levich)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Board Policy 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements'. 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

**15.5 Revision to Independent Study Physical Education (ISPE) Contract and Policy 6142.7: Physical Education And Activity - First Reading**

Staff is recommending revisions to the District's Independent Study Physical Education (ISPE) contract and the Policy 6142.7: Physical Education And Activity to clarify eligibility criteria and ensure alignment with California Department of Education (CDE) guidance and California Education Code. Under the proposed changes, a student must: Have successfully completed their 9th grade (freshman) Physical Education course prior to enrolling in Independent Study PE; and Not have completed more than 10 credits (two semesters) of Physical Education at the time of application for Independent Study PE. These revisions formalize the expectation that all students first participate in a comprehensive, standards-aligned 9th grade Physical Education course offered on campus. This ensures that students receive direct instruction in the full breadth of the California Physical Education Content Standards and participate in the required state physical performance testing (FITNESSGRAM®) in grade nine, as required by Education Code section 60800 and referenced in CDE guidance on Independent Study PE. Limiting ISPE eligibility to students

who have completed only 10 PE credits also confirms that Independent Study PE is used for no more than one of the two years of high school Physical Education required for graduation under Education Code sections 51222 and 51225.3, rather than as a means to bypass the statutory two-year PE requirement or to create an unauthorized exemption outside the conditions outlined in Education Code section 51241. CDE and multiple exemplars from other California districts emphasize that Independent Study is an alternative instructional strategy for elite athletes, not an alternative curriculum, and that ISPE programs must maintain the same standards, rigor, and accountability as site-based PE, including a written agreement and appropriate supervision by a credentialed teacher. The proposed revisions clarify local expectations in a manner consistent with this guidance, preserve equitable access to a full PE program for all students, and provide a narrow, clearly defined pathway for students with significant off-campus training to meet one year of their PE requirement through Independent Study PE.

**Recommendation:** Approve the revised Independent Study PE contract language and Policy 6142.7: Physical Education And Activity as presented

Superintendent Volta clarified that this policy will bring us to the current requirements.

### **15.6 Adopt Updates to BP/AR 6142.8 (Comprehensive Health Education) and BP/AR 6142.1 (Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Prevention)**

Background & Purpose Staff recommends updating the District's health education policies and regulations to align with current Education Code and state framework guidance, strengthen mental health and safety content, and clarify parent/guardian notification and opt-out provisions. The updates maintain a coordinated, inclusive K-12 health program and reaffirm compliance with the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA). Summary of Key Provisions BP 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education (Board Policy) Affirms a coordinated, research-based K-12 health curriculum that recognizes mental health and social connection as critical to student well-being and academic success. Includes annual parent/guardian notification and opt-out language for specified instruction/assessments, with alternative educational activities provided. AR 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education (Administrative Regulation) Defines required content areas (e.g., alcohol/tobacco/other drugs; injury prevention/safety; mental, emotional & social health; nutrition/physical activity; personal/community health). For high school health, specifies instruction in: • sexual harassment/violence including the affirmative consent standard; • compression-only CPR; • dangers associated with fentanyl use (beginning 2026-27). Clarifies parent/guardian notification and opt-out for defined health topics. BP 6142.1 – Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Prevention (Board Policy) Provides medically accurate, inclusive sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school, aligned to CHYA. Establishes criteria for instruction/materials (age-appropriate, unbiased, accessible to English learners and students with disabilities, inclusive of gender/sexual orientation, teaches healthy relationships, and includes affirmative consent). AR 6142.1 – Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Prevention (Administrative Regulation) Details required components for grades 7-12 (transmission/prevention; FDA-approved prevention methods; pregnancy outcomes; digital risks; adolescent relationship abuse/trafficking content; and access to local resources). Provides for staff professional development and allows qualified consultants/guest speakers, with notice requirements and timelines to families (including 14-day notice if scheduled after the year begins). Clarifies CHYA non-applicability for certain materials (e.g., reproductive organ diagrams in textbooks; instruction on gender/identity/orientation that does not address reproductive organs/functions).

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Trustees adopt the revisions to BP 6142.8 and AR 6142.8 (Comprehensive Health Education) and BP 6142.1 and AR 6142.1 (Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Prevention), as presented.



Superintendent Volta clarified that this policy will bring us to the current requirements.

### **15.7 CSBA Board Policy Updates for 2025 (Personnel) - First Reading**

The attached policies, bylaws and/or regulations have been reviewed by the Administration. In accordance with our updates from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Policy Plus Program, we will incorporate the approved legal updates into our policy manual. This is the first reading of the following Policy, Exhibit and/or Regulation(s): 4030, 4033, 4112.9, 4119.11, 4119.12, 4212.9, 4219.11, 4219.12, 4312.9, 4319.11, 4319.12. How to read changes to existing policies: Addition/change will be in all red, and verbiage being removed is in black strike-through. These will come back for a second reading and approval.

**Recommendation:** Review the CSBA 2025 Personnel recommended updates to various Policies, Exhibits, and Regulations as presented.

Superintendent Volta clarified that this policy will bring us to the current requirements.

## **16.0 Board Operations**

### **16.1 Board Suggestions for Future Board Reports/Meetings**

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

**Recommendation:** For information.

Trustee Katz would like a timeline for Special education sent in the updates.

### **16.2 Communications/Correspondence**

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

**Recommendation:** Information.

N/A

### **16.3 Legislative Update**

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

**Recommendation:** For information.

N/A

### **16.4 Next Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026, Regular Session at 7:00 PM in the MVLA District Office, Board Room**

Future Board Meeting dates are:

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, January 26, 2026, 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.

## **17.0 Resume Closed Session if Needed**

### **17.1 Items not Completed During the First Closed Session will be Carried Over to this Closed Session**

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

N/A

## **18.0 Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Action Taken in Second Closed Session**

### **18.1 The Board will Reconvene Open Session and Report Out Any Action Taken During Second Closed Session**

**Recommendation:** Information/action.

N/A

## **19.0 Adjournment**

### **19.1 Adjourn Meeting**

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

Trustee Cornes adjourned the meeting at 10:53 PM.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Trustees Committee Representation 2026 Worksheet**

Committee	Representative(s)
Challenge Team – Mornings 7:15 – 9:00 AM/Thursday	1. Thida Comes 2. Catherine Vonnegut
Los Altos City Council Meetings Attend as needed	1. Alex Levich
Los Altos High School PTSA – 7:00 PM usually First Tuesday	1. Catherine Vonnegut 2. Vadim Katz -Alternate
Mountain View City Council Meetings Attend as needed	1. Vadim Katz 2. Thida Comes
Mountain View High School PTSA – 6:30 PM, Wednesday, 6 mtgs.	1. Thida Comes 2. Alex Levich
MVLA District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC) – 2 evening meetings	1. Catherine Vonnegut 2. Alex Levich
MVLA Family Partnership Council – 5:00 PM/6 Meetings	1. Alex Levich 2. Vadim Katz
MVLA High School Foundation – (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month/evening)	1. Esme Ortiz Catherine Vonnegut-Alternate
MVLA SPED Partnership Council Ad Hoc - Meets as needed - time & location TBD	1. Catherine Vonnegut 2. Thida Comes
MVLA PTA Council – Evening 6:30-7:30 pm/6 meetings	1. Thida Comes 2. Catherine Vonnegut-Alternate
Latino Parent Organization (LPO) - MVHS	1. Esme Ortiz 2. Thida Comes - Alternate
Santa Clara County Committee on District Reorganization Meet as needed	Thida Comes - Board President Ex Officio
Santa Clara County School Boards Association	1. Catherine Vonnegut 2. Esme Ortiz - Alt

*Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District  
Board of Trustees Minutes for **December 15, 2025.**  
Special, Closed, and Regular Sessions  
District Office Board Room  
1299 Bryant Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94040*

*Minutes approved on **January 12, 2026:***

Thida Cornes

*Thida Cornes, President*

*Alex Levich, Clerk*

*Eric Volta, Secretary*

Signature:   
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