

MARYSVILLE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
1919 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901
District Office (Conference Room #1)

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING ~ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 4, 2020

AGENDA

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3:00 P.M. ~ OPEN SESSION
CONFERENCE ROOM #1

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mr. Randy L. Rasmussen, President	_____
Mr. Frank J. Crawford, Vice President	_____
Ms. Susan E. Scott, Clerk	_____
Mr. Jim C. Flurry, Trustee Representative	_____
Mr. Paul F. Allison, Member	_____
Mr. Jeff D. Boom, Member	_____
Mr. Randy L. Davis, Member	_____

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(NOTE: For teleconference meetings, please submit Public Comment card located on the district webpage at www.mjUSD.com under “Board” before the board meeting begins.)

Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to fill out a “Public Comments” card before the start of the meeting and give it to the secretary, board president, or superintendent. Given the strictly limited nature of the proposed emergency meeting, the public may not address topics not on the agenda, but may address specific agenda items. **Comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per speaker — 20 minutes total time for public input on each item per Board Bylaw 9323.**

The Ralph M. Brown Act prevents the Board of Trustees from responding to these comments with the exception of clarifying questions. The California Government Code, Section 54954.2.a states, “No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3”

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. RALPH M. BROWN ACT BOARD PROCEDURES: EMERGENCY MEETING (G.C. 54956.5(a)(1)) **MOTION**

Purpose of the agenda item~

The purpose of the agenda item is for the Board to determine whether there is cause to hold an emergency meeting due to a new directive from Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu recommending that all schools in the Yuba and Sutter Counties immediately return to distance learning based on the dire Yuba-Sutter area COVID-19 transmission and hospitalization rates.

Background~

Cal. Govt. Code sec. 54956.5(a)(1) authorizes the holding of an emergency meeting, held on less than twenty-four (24) hours public notice, in the event of “work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.”

Recommendation~

Recommend the Board approve the holding of an emergency meeting due to the urgent need to determine the correct course of action regarding the status of in-school instruction given the dire circumstances and immediate guidance issued by Dr. Luu, and the need to immediately notify all stakeholders of the Board determination. Staff further recommends the Board consider, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, whether to ratify the decision made at the instant emergency meeting.

STUDENT SERVICES

1. 2020-21 REVERTING ALL ELEMENTARY GRADE LEVELS TO DISTANCE LEARNING **MOTION**

Purpose of the agenda item~

The purpose of the agenda item is to request the Board approve reverting all elementary school grade levels, including preschool, to distance learning beginning 12/7/20 through 12/18/20 pending Dr. Phuong Luu’s public health advisory given the dire Yuba-Sutter area COVID-19 transmission and hospitalization rates.

Background~

On 7/17/20, the Governor issued an executive order mandating all school districts serving counties under the state’s COVID-19 watch list to open the year utilizing distance learning until the county remains off the watch list for at least 14 consecutive days. On 10/6/20, Yuba County exited the “purple” tier of the state’s COVID-19 dashboard and entered the less restrictive “red” tier, which removed the county from the state’s COVID-19 watch list. Yuba County remained off the COVID-19 watch list through 10/20/20 permitting all Yuba County schools to reopen for in-person blended learning on 10/21/20 or thereafter as long as the metrics for Yuba County remain in the level of the tier system for in-person instruction on the state’s blueprint. Public health officials recommend schools open in a prudent, measured, rational, and patient approach to prevent the “yo-yo” effect.

(Student Services/Item #1 – continued)

At the 10/13/20 board meeting, the Board approved the MJUSD 2020-21 Pandemic School Reopening Plan, discussed options for returning to in-person instruction, and directed staff to agendize school reopening dates.

At the 10/27/20 board meeting, the Board approved the following school reopening dates to transition students back onto campus for in-person instruction through the blended learning model:

- * Preschool through first grade beginning on 11/12/20 with one additional grade level added each week thereafter through fifth grade.
- * Secondary grades (6-12) beginning on 1/5/21.

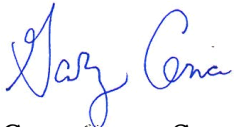
On 11/16/20, Dr. Phuong Luu issued guidance directing all Yuba-Sutter elementary schools to immediately “pause” phasing in of grade levels and reverting all Yuba-Sutter secondary schools to distance learning. As a result, MJUSD elementary schools paused the phasing in of in-person blended instruction at first grade.

As of 12/4/20, Dr. Luu’s pending public health guidance recommends reverting all elementary grades to distance learning due to the dire Yuba-Sutter area COVID-19 transmission and hospitalization rates.

Recommendation~

Recommend the Board approve reverting all elementary school grade levels, including preschool, to distance learning beginning 12/7/20 through 12/18/20 pending Dr. Phuong Luu’s public health advisory given the dire Yuba-Sutter area COVID-19 transmission and hospitalization rates. Please note that this recommendation does not impact on the district’s continuing responsibility to provide certain in-person services to students in special groups (e.g., special education, English-Language Learners, foster and homeless youth, and those students with limited access to digital resources.

ADJOURNMENT



Gary Cena, Superintendent
Secretary - Board of Trustees

Dated: December 4, 2020

Posted: December 4, 2020

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FORMAT

What is a School Board Meeting?

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- * Posted on the Public Notice Bulletin Board at the MJUSD District Office at 1919 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 [located in the hallway outside the Superintendent’s Office, Room 101].
- * Emailed to all employees of the district, the Appeal-Democrat, and KUBA.

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Agenda
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