

# MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## MVISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES BRIEFS – FEBRUARY 2010

### Recognitions –

- The Board of Trustees formally recognized Cynthia Kunze and Olivia Mesa from La Coste Elementary as “Teacher of the Year” finalists. Kunze is a third grade teacher and Mesa is a Bilingual teacher at the campus. Both were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to teaching. In addition to a certificate, both were provided a check for \$200 to go toward the purchase of class supplies.
- La Coste Elementary was recognized by the Board for receiving an award from the National Center for Educational Achievement that named La Coste as a “2009 Higher Performing School.” This national award celebrates schools that have consistently high test scores, attendance, dedication to students and test scores that are consistently equal or greater to other comparable schools in the nation. Vice-Principal, Yvette Gonzales, accepted the award from Superintendent James Stansberry.

### Discussion and Possible Action Items –

- Financial consultant, Matt Boles, of RBC Capital Markets, presented the Board information on the possible refinancing of school bonds in the current market. Boles explained that market conditions have been favorable in recent months that may allow the school board to refinance current bonds. The Board approved a motion that gave the administration and RBC Capital Markets the option to seek bond refinancing under certain conditions outlined by the Board.
- Assistant Superintendent, Mike Nesbit, gave the Board an update on the district’s Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report. Nesbit noted that the percentage of students scoring in the “Commended Performance” range is increasing. He also noted that the current student population is 3,412 up from 2,885 in 2000. Nesbit emphasized that MVISD students consistently are successful on state-mandated testing due to the tireless efforts of teachers, staff and administration.
- School architect, Roland De La Garza, and Director of Maintenance and Facilities, Tommy Ellison, updated the Board on current and future construction projects. Updates included:
  - The updated blueprints of the new La Coste Elementary campus.
  - Notes on the completion of the new baseball, softball and track facilities. Construction included new bleachers, press boxes, walk-way areas, restrooms and playing surfaces.
  - Construction updates on the new Fine Arts Center. Completion is expected later in the summer.

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- Construction updates on the new athletic facility were given. Progress is coming along as expected, as workers are beginning to work on the interior of the structure.
- The Board approved a list of parents, community members and MVISD staff members to the “Comprehensive School Health Advisory Council.”
- The Board approved the election order for the May 8, 2010 election. District 3 (Scott Stein) and District 4 (Roland Ruiz) positions are up for election. Both current Board members have filed for re-election.
- The 2010-11 school calendar was approved by the Board. The first day of school will be Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thanksgiving Break will be Nov. 24-26, Christmas Break will be Dec. 20-31, Spring Break will be March 14-18, and graduation will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. An official copy will be posted to the MVISD website.
- The Board approved an update to the DEC (Local) policy in regards to employee leave.
  - An employee must get written approval from the superintendent when using more than 3 days of discretionary leave.
  - Discretionary leave shall not be allowed the day before or after a school holiday, days scheduled as semester exams, state-mandated assessments or professional/staff development days.
- Superintendent Stansberry gave the Board an update on projection increases and possible planning strategies.
- The Board approved the administrative contracts for all district administrators that were proposed by the superintendent.