



MOAPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SOT MEETING

3/2/2022



I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mark Cottle, Hal Mortensen, Marquessa Aikele, Chad Leavitt, Teresa Holzer, Kenna Higgins, Kenzie Hughes, Camille Christensen, & Dallas Larsen

II. **REVIEW/APPROVAL MINUTES**

Chad votes to approve January & February minutes, Mark 2nd, all approved.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (3 min. ea.)**

Remembering Bob Lyman-Minute silence (TH)

IV. **STUDENT REP UPDATES (K HUGHES)**

Students are very happy with the mask mandate being lifted. Overall morale is much higher. Students are uncertain of the future with the war in Ukraine, and concerns are shared among students.

Students are looking forward to the Reverse dance this Saturday outside at OLSHACS.

V. **FINAL/SUBMITTED BUDGET (HMortensen, Team)**

A. Final Submission

Budget has been submitted but there was nowhere to add an objection. We will submit an objection and Mark's Rural Inequality plan as a follow up.

B. SLA Status (Landscaping update, site based contractor)

Formal letter has been submitted to the district (to just about everyone just under the Superintendent) to negotiate for the extra money it will cost to contract our own landscaper.

Joint valley principals are ready to go forward with the new landscaper even with paying the difference. MVHS SOT is the only one holding back at this point.

Union admin discussed the benefits of having an outside source for landscaping

with the possibility of a 6 man crew.

We are asking to add a support staff to run in-house (9 month/ 6 hour position) in lieu of having a night-time lead custodian. The pay from a lead custodian would cover the support staff and the deficit for a landscaping contractor.

Chad & Dallas- have concerns over being in a long term contract with the landscaping company. With 7 schools bundled together, there is a risk that one school wants to pull out and the other will be left with high cost. Can we sign a year to year contract? (Because circumstances will likely change)

The landscaping will not repair valves below ground. Concerns that we are stuck with additional costs that aren't covered with our contract.

Hal- The district is still contracted to cover problems that occur below ground.

Hal- recommends we proceed as planned by outsourcing landscaping services. (It will take 6-9 months to go through legal and be approved by the district)

Kenna motions to allow Hal to explore and pursue hiring the landscaping crew, pending approval of the landscaping contract. Mark 2nd, all approved.

Mark proposes we hire a support staff to run inhouse pending the landscaping contract is approved. Team wants to wait and see if the contract for landscaping is approved.

Lead night custodian position will not be filled at this time, as we hope to go forward with landscaping and an inhouse staff instead.

Elective options for next year are leaning towards Business. Looking for a semi-retired businessman/woman with experience and interest in sharing knowledge with teens.

Marquessa would love to see a psychology elective and Geneil has seen great interest in the field as well, per Kenna.

C. Department feedback

Budget will remain the same and teachers will have more money to enhance the curriculum.

VI. MVHS General Matters (HMortensen, Team)

A. Eye toward Graduation

75% capacity limited indoor currently. Plans to hold the graduation outside at the football field. Graduation Ceremony will be at 8pm.

Parade/Procession is not supported by the principal.

Community will hold a procession, but students will need to meet in the cafeteria to get calm and organized before proceeding to graduation.

VII. FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT(3min ea.)

Dallas- Transportation is still underway for our swim team to get to Mesquite. We will be the only school in the district to get transportation.

Teresa- Syrissa Jolley from middle school SOT filed a formal complaint to the district for retaliation against SOT member, Mr. Paul. There has been a hearing set for May 12th, but with schedule conflict she is requesting another day. Good news is that the situation is moving forward.

School play is coming up on March 29-31st. Support the theater!

Dallas Larsen is named Athletic Director of the year!

VIII. ADJOURN 3:06 pm