

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President John McPherson called the Regular Meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 9:02 AM in the Dr. Ray Charlson Board Chambers of the Monterey County Office of Education.

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McPherson, President	Trustee Area #2
Mary Claypool, Vice-President	Trustee Area #6
Francisco Javier Estrada	Trustee Area #4
Ronald Panziera	Trustee Area #5
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION

Harvey Kuffner	Trustee Area #1
Judy Pennycook	Trustee Area #3
Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Ginny Brown
Jessica Herfurth
Joshua Jorn
Marci McFadden
Dr. Deneen Newman
Dr. Faris Sabbah
Colleen Stanley

GUESTS:

Nancy Kuska
Dr. Vadim Nazarenko

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Colleen Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Changes, additions (based on Board Bylaw 9322 – Provision of Emergency/Urgency), and approval of the Agenda as presented. 2/3 vote required if any item is added to the Agenda.

1.4.1 Changes to the Agenda: None

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: None

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda:

MSC 14-15-09 (4-0) Francisco Javier Estrada, Mary Claypool

“That the Monterey County Board of Education adopts the agenda as presented.”

2. Communications

- 2.1 Correspondence: Dr. Nancy Kotowski shared that Garry Bousum's eldest brother has passed away, and shared information regarding the upcoming service.
- 2.2 Oral Comments from the Public *(Comments from the public are limited to items both within the Board's jurisdiction, as well as not on the agenda. The Board may limit public comments to no more than three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific agenda item prior to Board action thereon.)*

Nancy Kuska announced that she is filling in for Melanie Crall as the MCOETA representative.

The Board moved to Item 8.2.1.

3. Consent Agenda

(Action Items included on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the County Board in one motion. There is not discussion of these items before the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all Consent items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the County Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.)

MSC 14-15-10 (4-0) Mary Claypool, Ron Panziera

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented."

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2014
- 3.2 Approval of the Teacher Temporary Certificates of September 3, 2014
- 3.4 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Board Policy 1100, Communication with the Public
- 3.5 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Board Policy 1330, Use of Facilities
- 3.6 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Changes to Board Policy 3110, Transfer of Funds
- 3.7 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Changes to Board Policy 4010, Conflict of Interest Code of the Monterey County Board of Education and Monterey County Superintendent of Schools
- 3.8 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Board Policy 5131.1, Student Conduct in Vehicles
- 3.9 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Board Policy 5141.4, Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
- 3.10 Second Reading and Approval of Proposed Board Policy 5141.52, Suicide Prevention

The Board moved to Item 5.2.

4. Unfinished Business Action Items

5. New Business Action Items

- 5.1 Student Interdistrict Attendance Appeal No. 14-15-05 / Pacific Grove Unified School District

MSC 14-15-12 (3-1) Ron Panziera, John McPherson

"I hereby move that the students **SHALL NOT** be permitted to attend the schools of the Pacific Grove Unified School District for the 2014-15 school year."

The Board moved to Item 7.2.

5.2 Award of Lowest Responsible Bidder – MCOE Office Center Tennant Improvements

Joshua Jorn presented the item. He explained that the Office Center Improvement project entails building two new professional development centers, additional office space, a new conference room, and an additional exterior door. The targeted completion date is mid-December, or approximately 120 days.

CRW Industries submitted the lowest responsible bid as well as all required documentation.

Josh will provide monthly updates to the Board on the progress of the project.

MSC 14-15-11 (4-0) Mary Claypool, Ron Panziera

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the selection of CRW Industries, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Office Center Tennant Improvement Project."

The Board moved to Item 7.1.

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items

7. New Business Non Action Items

7.1 Public Hearing in Accordance with Education Code 47605(b) and Board Policy 0420.4 on the Matter of Salinas Language Academy's Appeal of a previously denied petition by the Salinas Union High School District

President John McPherson introduced Dr. Faris Sabbah, who provided background information on the Salinas Language Academy (SLA) petition. The petition was first submitted to the Salinas Union High School District on December 10, 2013, and was later denied by the district. The SLA petitioner chose to appeal the decision to the Monterey County Board of Education, and submitted its petition to them on August 6, 2014. MCOE staff is currently in the process of conducting a review on the completeness of the petition.

Dr. Sabbah then introduced Devon Lincoln, legal counsel from Lozano Smith. She stated that if the petition were to be approved by the County Board, the SLA would become an independent charter school overseen by the County Board. She explained that the purpose of this public hearing is to gauge the level of support from the community for

the establishment of the SLA. The SLA is a 6th-12th grade dual immersion language program.

The Board will render a decision on the SLA petition at 9:00 AM on October 1, 2014.

- 7.1.1 Open Public Hearing: President John McPherson opened the hearing to the public at 9:47 AM.
- 7.1.2 Receive Public Input and Comment: The petitioner presented an overview of the petition.
- 7.1.3 Close Public Hearing: President McPherson closed the hearing at 10:52 AM.

The Board took a recess at 10:53 AM and reconvened at 10:29 AM.

The Board moved to Item 5.1.

7.2 Monterey County School Districts 2014-15 Adopted Budget Summary

Colleen Stanley presented the item. She shared that there are four school districts that will be unrestricted deficit spending in the 2014-15 school year: Gonzales Unified School District, Graves School District, Soledad Unified School District, and Washington Union School District.

Dr. Kotowski distributed copies of the letter she wrote to Senator Cannella supporting AB 146, which would restore the authority of school districts to maintain prudent fiscal reserves by repealing Ed Code 42127.01. John McPherson recommended that a similar letter be sent to Assemblyman Alejo as well.

7.3 Report to the Board on Conference, Meeting and Workshop Attendance

Colleen Stanley presented the item.

7.4 First Reading of Proposed Board Policy 0460, Local Control and Accountability Plan

Dr. Deneen Newman presented the item.

8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

8.1 Superintendent's Report

8.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities

Dr. Kotowski distributed the Board calendar for September through November. She shared with the Board that MCOE recently received a petition for a small territory transfer located in Pebble Beach from the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to Carmel Unified School District.

She also announced that the MCOE Truancy Abatement program is in the running to receive the Golden Bell award. The luncheon and award ceremony will

be held on the Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the California School Boards Association Annual Conference.

8.1.2 Upcoming Events

- Comprehensive Safe Schools Plans Training (September 22)
- Emergency Response Training (October 6)
- Great Shake Out (October 16)
- Pebble Beach Authors and Ideas Festival (September 26-28)
- Equal Opportunity Meeting (October 1)
- Patriot's Day Events (September 11)

The Board moved to Item 9.1.

8.2 Staff Reports

8.2.1 Transportation Department Report

Joshua Jorn gave a brief presentation on the MCOE Transportation Department. He shared information regarding staffing and bus routes, as well as the Annual Emergency Evacuation Plan training being held for School Bus Safety Awareness Month.

Dr. Kotowski requested a future report on the Transportation Department's fuel usage and cost.

The Board moved to Item 3.

9. Comments by Members of the Board

9.1 Board Members

Francisco Estrada stated that he has asked Tony Acosta, Enrique Mendez-Flores, and Aurora Mendez-Flores to attend the Board meeting on September 17 to be presented the Hispanic Heritage Month resolution.

John McPherson reminded everyone that the California County Boards of Education conference is happening September 12-14, 2014, at the Hyatt in Monterey.

John McPherson attended the recent Board of Supervisors meeting, where they approved the purchase of the old Capitol One building in Salinas. The Supervisors stated that they would wait for six months to determine if there may be a private company interested in using the building. If no private company is found to rent or buy the building, many Monterey County services will be relocated there.

10. Reports from Board Members

- 10.1 Legislation: Harvey Kuffner
- 10.2 Community Human Services: Harvey Kuffner
- 10.3 Sunrise House: Ronald Panziera

- 10.4 Child Abuse Prevention Council: Judy Pennycook
- 10.5 Monterey County Schools Insurance Group: John McPherson

11. Staff Recognition: None

12. Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Proposed Future Commendatory Resolutions

12.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items

- English Language Arts Curriculum Report
- Alternative Education Discipline Report & Restorative Justice Presentation

13. Next Meeting Dates:

September 17, 2014 – 3 PM
October 1, 2014 – 9 AM

Agenda Items Due September 5, 2014
Agenda Items Due September 19, 2014

14. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Approved: September 17, 2014

John McPherson, President

Nancy Kotowski, Ph. D.,
Secretary to the Board