

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD RETREAT
JANUARY 21, 2015
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Mary Claypool called the Special Board Retreat of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 11:45 AM at the Hartnell College Alisal Campus (1752 E. Alisal Street, Room AC111, Salinas).

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Claypool, President	Trustee Area #6
Ronald Panziera, Vice-President	Trustee Area #5
John McPherson	Trustee Area #2
Harvey Kuffner	Trustee Area #1
Judy Pennycook	Trustee Area #3
Francisco Javier Estrada	Trustee Area #4 (<i>left at 2:00 PM</i>)
Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7 (<i>arrived at 12:33 PM</i>)
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Ginny Brown
Garry Bousum
Dr. Deneen Guss
Dave Paulson
Carla Stewart

The Board moved to Item 4.

2. Review of Board Self-Assessment Results

The following changes were made to the self-assessment results:

Page 3 Item D2 should be tally of 4.0

Page 4 Item G3 should be tally of 4.3

Page 4 Item F1 should be tally of 4.5

3. Strategic Plan

3.1 Mission, Vision, Core Values: The Board was not able to complete this item due to lack of time.

3.2 SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats): The Board was not able to complete this item due to lack of time.

The Board agreed to have a more extensive retreat.

The Board moved to Item 5.

4. Discussion of Suggested 2015 County Board Goals: Mary Claypool and Ron Panziera, Goals Committee Members, highlighted the assembled County Board Goals, and shared the

categorization for the goals submitted by Board Members. The County Board Goals were narrowed down to seven (7) goals and five (5) staff reports.

Board Goal #1: Continue to monitor the progress and secure funding for construction of the new Community School. Progress is ongoing.

Sergio Alejo arrived.

Board Goal #2: Develop a plan, in collaboration with districts, to engage parents in how to successfully work with the schools. Sergio Alejo and Francisco Javier Estrada will with staff to develop a plan, including providing additional resources such as workshops and webpages in order to support parent engagement.

Board Goal #3: Review all MCOE offsite lease agreements to determine if there are better alternatives available. Progress is ongoing.

Board Goal #4: Develop a better understanding and tour all of our programs in order to be fully engaged with our programmatic offerings. The Board will tour programs as time permits and will contact staff if they wish to visit any of the programs so the proper arrangements can be made.

Board Goal #5: Ensure the needs of English language learners in MCOE-operated programs are met. The Board requested updates periodically at Board meetings on the subject.

Board Goal #6: Increase the Board's understanding of the value and role of ethnic studies in the education of our youth. It was suggested that the plan for this goal include inviting Assemblyman Luis Alejo to speak to the Board regarding his proposed legislation on Ethnic Studies.

Board Goal #7: Work in conjunction with the Monterey County School Boards Association to conduct a biennial Leadership Summit for school board members and superintendents to provide cross-pollination of ideas, opportunities, and challenges that will serve to help our shared educational vision. John McPherson volunteered to be the Chair.

Staff Report #1: Staff review criteria used for Charter School approval.

Staff Report #2: Generating additional income from our internet transmission towers.

Staff Report #3: MCOE Strategic Plan.

Staff Report #4: Relevance of Tony Plana's "Language in Play" for impacting literacy skills in academically at-risk and bilingual students.

Staff Report #5: Clarify the MCOE process for appellants involved in expulsions and interdistrict attendance appeals, and ensure that they are offered sufficient information to fully understand what they need to know in order to be prepared for their appeal before the County Board.

Approval of the County Board Goals will be included on the February 4, 2015, Board agenda.

Francisco Javier Estrada left the meeting.

The Board moved to Item 2.

5. Monterey County School Boards Association *Excellence in Education Award* Nomination: This item was not discussed due to lack of time.
6. Board Member Comments: The Board agreed to conduct another retreat.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Approved: February 4, 2015

Mary Claypool, President

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