

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2016
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Ron Panziera called the regular meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 9:00 AM in the Dr. Ray Charlson Board Chambers of the Monterey County Office of Education.

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Panziera, President	Trustee Area #5
John McPherson	Trustee Area #2
Janet Wohlgemuth	Trustee Area #4
Mary Claypool	Trustee Area #6
Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:

Judy Pennycook, Vice-President	Trustee Area #3
Harvey Kuffner	Trustee Area #1

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Garry Bousum
Dr. Rosa Coronado
Mariphil Romanow-Cole
Jessica Hull
Dr. Deneen Guss
Colleen Stanley
Carla Stewart
Dawn Tovey

GUESTS:

Irenea Herrera
Parents/Students of Millennium Charter
High School

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: John McPherson 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 15-16-55 (5-0) John McPherson, Mary Claypool

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

2. Communications

2.1 Correspondence: None

- 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.)* :

The Board heard public comment at 9:00 AM, and returned to public comment at 11:22 AM upon completion of the previously scheduled expulsion hearing.

Marilyn Abad-Cardinalli, President of the Millennium Charter High School Board, requested the withdrawal of the material revision request regarding the admissions policy. The request will be resubmitted due to adjustments that were needed. This delay in submission will have no impact on the charter grant.

Three students and eight parents of the Millennium Charter High School spoke regarding their concerns about the structure of the Millennium Governing Board, including the way Millennium Board members are elected, lack of representation of students, parents and staff on the Millennium Board, lack of accountability of Millennium Board members, and lack of communication between the Millennium Board and parents/students. They also expressed concern about the recent decision by the Millennium Board to place the principal of the school on administrative leave. Many speakers encouraged the Millennium Board to work in collaboration with the parents and students for a mutually beneficial solution. The following individuals spoke with these concerns: Phoenix Barber, David Craft, June Craft, Seth Griffin, Karen Holmes, Donna Kersh, Jeffrey Kersh, Pamela Montie, Nick Pasculli, Maria Rojas, and Jacqueline Vannes. Phil Esparza, MCAET Foundation President, also commented, expressing that while they have heard the concerns raised, the Foundation is still dedicated to supporting student activities and providing the best educational experience possible. Spencer Critchley of the Millennium Board acknowledged the concerns expressed by parents and students, and stated that due to privacy issues, he was unable to elaborate on the Millennium Board's decision to place the principal on administrative leave.

President Panziera and Dr. Kotowski thanked the students and parents for expressing their concerns. Mr. Panziera stated that Dr. Kotowski and MCOE staff will be working together with Millennium parents, students and Millennium Board to find reasonable solution for the issues presented. John McPherson stated that it was important for everyone to understand that the MCOE board only has authority to authorize the school, reauthorize the school, or revoke the school's charter; however, staff will be working with the stakeholders to find a solution.

The Board moved to Item 7.4

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 15-16-56 (5-0) John McPherson, Sergio Alejo

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

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 14, 2016

- 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2016
- 3.3 Approval of the Teacher Temporary Certificates of February 3, 2016
- 3.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 15-16-27, Oscar Ramos
- 3.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 15-16-28, Board Member Absence – Mary Claypool

4. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

5. New Business Action Items

Began Closed Session to Hear Item 5.1 at 9:08 AM.

- 5.1 Student Expulsion Appeal No. 15-16-01 / Salinas Union High School District, 9:05 AM

Reopened the Meeting to Hear the Board's Decision on Item 5.1 at 10:25 AM.

MSC 15-16-57 (5-0) John McPherson, Janet Wohlgemuth

"I hereby move that the appeal of Expulsion No. 15-16-01 from the schools of the Salinas Union High School District be **DENIED** and the decision of the Governing Board of the Salinas Union High School District to expel Student No. 15-16-01 be **AFFIRMED**."

The Board took a recess at 10:27 AM and reconvened at 10:36 AM.

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items: None

7. New Business Non Action Items: None

- 7.1 Monterey County Office of Education Audit Report for 2014-15

Garry Bousum introduced Mr. Stephen Roatch of Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation. Mr. Roatch presented an overview of the 2014-15 Audit Report and his unmodified opinion, concluding that the financial statements gave a true and fair presentation of MCOE's financial information.

Mr. Roatch reviewed the overall financial statements. He noted the large change in liabilities, due to LEAs having to show their share of the State CalPERS and CalSTRS funding deficit. Also mentioned was the Medi-Cal settlement that MCOE is working out with other COEs.

Mr. Roatch noted the significant decrease in audit findings, from 35 two years ago to four in this audit. The four findings include; (1) post-retirement benefit postings, (2) external trust accounts on financial records, (3) insuring all capital leases are posted, and (4) correcting expense reports for child development. Findings serve as a roadmap for continuous improvement in MCOE's business and programmatic operations.

Dr. Kotowski thanked Mr. Roatch for finding areas that were in need of improved systems and processes.

The Board moved to Item 7.5.

- 7.2 2016-17 Initial Budget Assumptions and Guidelines

Garry Bousum presented the 2016- 17 budget assumptions based on the Governor's January budget proposal.

7.3 Monterey County School Districts 2015-16 First Interim Summary

Colleen Stanley presented the 2015-16 Monterey County School Districts First Interim Summary.

The Board returned to public comment.

7.4 Surplus Property

Dr. Kotowski and Garry Bousum presented the item.

The Board returned to item 8.

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

Colleen Stanley presented the item.

The Board moved to Item 8.

7.6 Presentation of Resolution No. 15-16-26, Black History Month

Mary Claypool presented Resolution 15-16-26, Black History Month, to Alana Myles, representative of the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP.

The Board moved to item 7.2.

8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

Dr. Kotowski distributed the Board calendar. She also reported on the Facilities Committee meeting, which took place prior to the Board meeting. She spoke of the recent visit to the perspective site (Moffett Street facility) for the Alternative Education Community School, for which a lease was currently being developed. She suggested that if any of the Board members would like to view the perspective site, to contact her office. Also, due to the great need in Soledad, staff is looking for a location to operate a community school program for the 70+ students enrolled from that area. She also noted that staff will be working with the Millennium Board to resolve the issues expressed by parents and students.

8.1 Superintendent's Report

8.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities

- Status of Greenfield unification petition analysis

8.1.2 Upcoming Events

- Parent Engagement Conference on Saturday, February 20 at Hartnell College
Dr. Kotowski shared that First Five will be providing the lunches, and AmeriCorp members will also be helping the day of the conference.

The Board moved to Item 7.6.

8.2 Staff Reports: None

9. Comments by Members of the Board

9.1 Board Members: Members of the Board requested to be updated on the Millennium Charter High School situation as it is resolved.

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

- CCBE Conference Presentation by MCOE – “Juvenile Court Advocacy and Support”
- Sunrise House Report
- Report on Every Student Succeeds Act

13. Next Meeting Dates:

February 17, 2016 – 9 AM
March 2, 2016 – 9 AM

Agenda Items due February 5, 2016
Agenda Items due February 19, 2016

14. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Approved: February 17, 2016

Ron Panziera, President

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