

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Judy Pennycook 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:

Judy Pennycook, President	Trustee Area #3
Mary Claypool, Vice-President	Trustee Area #6
Harvey Kuffner	Trustee Area #1
John McPherson	Trustee Area #2
Janet Wohlgemuth	Trustee Area #4
Ronald Panziera	Trustee Area #5 (<i>arrived at 9:05 AM</i>)
Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7 (<i>via conference call</i>)
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Michelle Archuleta
Garry Bousum
Ginny Brown
Dr. Deneen Guss
Jessica Hull
Yvette Irving
Joshua Jorn
Efrain Magallanes
Justin McCollum
Dave Paulson
Colleen Stanley
Carla Stewart
Dr. Ernesto Vela
Dr. Chandi Wood

GUESTS:

Melanie Crall
Regina Mason
Helen Rucker
Elisa Tacconi
Ruthie Watts

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Helen Rucker 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: President Judy Pennycook requested the addition of an emergency/urgency action item for the approval of plans for the Juvenile Hall Court School Classrooms and Offices.

MSC 16-17-53 (6-0) Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson

AYES: Sergio Alejo (via conference call), Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ronald Panziera

ABSTENTIONS: None

“That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the addition of Emergency/Urgency Item 6.2, Approval of Plans for the Juvenile Hall Court School Classrooms and Offices.”

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: President Pennycook requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Polly Jimenez and Warren Sutherland.

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MSC 16-17-54 (6-0) Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson

AYES: Sergio Alejo (via conference call), Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ronald Panziera

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

The Board moved to Item 3.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 11:01 AM.

2. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation

There is a significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 in three pending cases Jane Doe v. Sunrise House, et al. Monterey County Superior Court Case No. M131979; John Doe 1 v. Sunrise House, et al. Monterey County Superior Court Case No. M124942; John Doe 2 v. Sunrise House, et al. Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 16CV000904. [As a member of the Sunrise House joint powers authority, MCOE may be exposed to liability in these pending cases.]

Reconvene to Open Session at 12:00 PM

Report of Closed Session Action Taken / Direction Given

President Pennycook reported that the Board directed staff to contribute \$10,000 to Sunrise House’s legal defense costs.

The Board moved to Item 10.1.

3. Communications

3.1 Correspondence: None

3.2 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.)*

Elisa Taconi, Assistant Director Monterey Bay Charter School, presented the charter renewal petition for the Monterey County Board of Education’s consideration for renewal.

Ron Panziera arrived at 9:05 AM.

4. 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 16-17-55 (7-0) Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner

AYES: Sergio Alejo (via conference call), Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Ronald Panziera, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2017

4.2 Approval of the Teacher Temporary Certificates of February 1, 2017

4.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-33, Board Member Absence – Sergio Alejo

5. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

6. New Business Action Items

6.1 Appointment of Initial Community Members to the Charter Advisory Board (CAB) of the Monterey County Home Charter School

Dr. Kotowski presented the item. She stated the Board Charter School Oversight Ad-hoc Committee reviewed the vetted applications and resumes and are recommending two community member candidates for appointment to the Charter Advisory Board. The Board encouraged recruiting an applicant for the third position that has a broader background that includes education background and business experience in order to provide a more diverse representation on the CAB.

MSC 16-17-56 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, Mary Claypool

AYES: Sergio Alejo (via conference call), Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Ronald Panziera, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

“That the Monterey County Board of Education appoint community members Colleen Tiscornia and Terry Iverson to the Charter Advisory Board (CAB) of the Monterey County Home Charter School.”

The Board moved to Item 8.1.

6.2 Approval of Plans for the Juvenile Hall Court School Classrooms and Offices
(*emergency/urgency item*)

Joshua Jorn presented the item and reviewed the design of the new juvenile hall educational facilities. The design of the educational facilities has been vetted by MCOE staff for conformance with the approved educational specifications.

MSC 16-17-57 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson

AYES: Sergio Alejo (via conference call), Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Ronald Panziera, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the plans for Juvenile Hall Court School Classrooms and Offices as presented (emergency/urgency item)."

7. Unfinished Business Non Action Items: None

The Board moved to Item 8.2.

8. New Business Non Action Items

8.1 Presentation of Resolution No. 16-17-30, Black History Month

Vice President Mary Claypool spoke regarding the theme of Black History Month. Vice President Claypool and Dr. Kotowski presented Resolution No. 16-17-30, Black History Month, to Regina Mason, Helen Rucker and Ruthie Watts of the Monterey County Branch NAACP.

The Board moved to Item 12.1.

8.2 Monterey County School District 2016-17 First Interim Summary

Garry Bousum presented the 2016-17 Monterey County School Districts First Interim Summary.

8.3 2017-18 Initial Budget Assumptions and Guidelines

Garry Bousum presented the item. Harvey Kuffner inquired regarding the MCOE goals as they related to the budget assumptions. Dr. Kotowski reported that each department has budgeted for the implementation of Strategic Plan initiatives, including initiatives identified through departments' Employee Engagement Survey results, to include professional development of staff.

9. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kotowski distributed the Board calendar.

9.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities

Josh spoke regarding vandalism in the bus yard and the theft of the MCAET production truck. He reviewed the additional safety and security protocols being put in place.

9.1.2 Upcoming Events

- Alternative Education Site Visits
- Bullying Prevention events
- MCSBA trainings and meetings
- March 15 Board Retreat – Brigid McGrath-Massey will be contacting each board member in advance of meeting
- Parent Conference

9.2 Staff Reports

9.2.1 Update on Internet Transmission Towers

Dave Paulson, Chief Technology and Operations Officer, provided a follow-up report pertaining to MCOE's options for the use of the Internet Transmission Tower license since Razzolink's lease expired. Previously, the Board gave direction to staff to pursue the options for use of the license.

There are two options which were presented by Dave. One option is to lease the license. The license was listed for auction and received an offer that started at \$47,000 per year and totaled in excess of one million dollars over 30 years. The second option is to build a pilot project in the Salinas area. He gave an extensive report on what would be entailed in this option and the associated costs for a cellular network to provide low-cost internet access for identified students.

Extensive discussion ensued. While Board members recognized the value of the cellular network project for low-income students, several concerns were raised regarding the costs involved in building a pilot project in one areas of the County and the feasibility of providing service to the entire County.

The Board took a recess at 10:55 AM and reconvened at 11 AM. The Board then moved to closed session Item 2.

9.2.2 Overview of California's New Accountability System: This item was postponed to a future meeting.

10. Comments by Members of the Board

10.1 Board Members: Mary Claypool spoke regarding the MCSBA Excellence in Education award, and shared the list of nominees. The item will be on the next Board agenda for action.

Harvey Kuffner reported on the RDA Oversight Committee Meetings he has attended. He also went to a School Choice meeting hosted by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. He also spoke regarding AB2492 which establishes agencies called "Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities," which based on the language is very similar to Redevelopment Agencies. Mr. Kuffner also suggested consideration of doing a resolution in support of sanctuary schools. Dr. Kotowski stated that we do not yet know how it effects funding.

Janet Wohlgemuth reported on a training conducted by the Kinship Center on Human Trafficking, held in conjunction with CASA advocates.

Judy Pennycook stated that Brigid McGrath-Massy will be facilitating the Board Retreat on March 15. Ms. McGrath-Massy will be in touch with each Board member in advance. President Pennycook also reported that the Lizzie Velasquez anti-bullying presentations are being well received by the districts.

11. Reports from Board Members

- 11.1 Legislation: Harvey Kuffner
- 11.2 Community Human Services: Harvey Kuffner
- 11.3 Sunrise House: Ronald Panziera
- 11.4 Child Abuse Prevention Council
- 11.5 Monterey County Schools Insurance Group: John McPherson

12. Staff Recognition

- 12.1 Staff Recognition of Efrain Magallanes (Migrant Education Department): Members of the Board and Dr. Kotowski recognized Efrain Magallanes of the Migrant Education Department for completing extensive training on the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS).

The Board moved to Item 6.2.

13. Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

- 13.1 Proposed Future Commendatory Resolutions
- 13.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Presentation on Efforts to Assist Underperforming Students
- Update on Recruitment Plan
- Report on Low-Cost Internet Services for Students

14. Next Meeting Dates:

February 15, 2017 – 9:00 AM
March 1, 2017 – 9:00 AM

Agenda Items due February 3, 2017
Agenda Items due February 17, 2017

15. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM in memory of Polly Jimenez and Warren Sutherland.

Approved: February 15, 2017

Judy Pennycook, President

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