

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 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 at 9:01 AM in Conference Room B 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
Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7 (via conference call from 1648 Piazza Drive, Salinas, CA 93905)

Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Michelle Archuleta
Garry Bousum
Ginny Brown
Dr. Deneen Guss
Jessica Hull
Yvette Irving
Sonia Jaramillo
Justin McCollum
Colleen Stanley
Carla Stewart
Dr. Chandi Wood

GUESTS:

Home Charter School Supporters
Melanie Crall
Becki Hadley
Todd Keating
Jose Ramirez

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Ron Panziera 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: Dr. Kotowski requested to move to Item 5.4 after Item 7.1.

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: None

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda:

MSC 16-17-58 (7-0) John McPherson, 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 adopts the agenda as amended."

2. Communications

- 2.1 Correspondence: President Pennycook shared a letter sent to her from the California Charter Schools Association in support of the renewal of the Monterey County Home Charter School.
- 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.)* None

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 16-17-59 (7-0) Janet Wohlgemuth, 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."

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2017
- 3.2 Approval of the Teacher Temporary Certificates of February 18, 2017
- 3.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-32, Cesar Chavez Day
- 3.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-35, Board Member Absence – Janet Wohlgemuth

4. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

5. New Business Action Items

- 5.1 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-36 Approving the County of Monterey's Plans for Classrooms at a New Juvenile Hall Facility

Yvette Irving presented the item. Todd Keating, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, and Jose Ramirez, Juvenile Hall Division Director, were present to answer questions from the Board. Dr. Kotowski thanked the Probation Department for the collaboration with MCOE in order to provide the best learning environment possible for our students.

MSC 16-17-60 (7-0) Janet Wohlgemuth, 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 adopt Resolution No. 16-17-36 to approve the County of Monterey's Plans for Classrooms at a New Juvenile Hall Facility."

5.2 2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly County Representative and CCBE Board of Directors Election

MSC 16-17-61 (7-0) John McPherson, 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 nominates Janet Wohlgemuth to serve as the Region 9 County representative to the CSBA Delegate Assembly and also as a member of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors."

5.3 Determination of the Monterey County Board of Education's Nominations for the Monterey County School Boards Association's (MCSBA) Excellence in Education Award

Dr. Kotowski reviewed the criteria for the selection of the Monterey County School Boards Association Excellence in Education award. Mary Claypool, the Monterey County Board of Education's representative to the MCSBA Executive Council, spoke to the organizations that have been recognized in previous years.

The consensus of the Board was to nominate Girls' Health in Girls' Hands (GHGH), Harmony at Home, and Pebble Beach Festival to the Schools.

MSC 16-17-62 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, Ron Panziera

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 nominates Girls' Health in Girls' Hands (GHGH), Harmony at Home, and Pebble Beach Festival to the Schools for consideration for the Monterey County School Boards Association Excellence in Education Award."

The Board moved to Item 6.

5.4 Consideration of the Need to Change the Time of the Regular Meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education on March 1, 2017

Dr. Kotowski presented the item. It was the consensus of the Board that in order to accommodate the public and staff for the decision on the Monterey County Home Charter School, the start time of the regularly scheduled March 1 Board meeting would be changed from 9 AM to 2 PM.

MSC 16-17-63 (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 changes the start time of the regularly scheduled meeting of March 1, 2017 from 9 AM to 2 PM."

The Board moved to Item 9.

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items: None

The Board moved to Item 7.2.

7. New Business Non Action Items

7.1 Public Hearing in Accordance with California Education Code Section 47607 and Board Policy 0420.4 on the Matter of Monterey County Home Charter School's Petition for a Renewal of Its Charter

Justin McCollum, Monterey County Home Charter School Principal, presented the Charter School's petition for consideration by the Monterey County Board of Education. Mr. McCollum spoke to the Board's main concerns of student safety, governance structure, and mathematics curriculum, and what has been implemented to address all of these concerns. He also shared the progress the school has made over the past year, and the many accomplishments of the school and students.

7.1.1 Open Public Hearing: President Pennycook opened the hearing to the public at 10:54 AM

7.1.2 Receive Public Input: The following individuals spoke in favor of renewing the charter: Nathan Walantus, Susan Walantus, Colleen Little, Teri Beck, Maria Chavarria, Kassie Gentry, Amparo Tamayo, Nancy Kuska (read comments from parent Sally Askew), Jacquelyn Gillespie (read comments from parent Casey Hurley), Tiffany Quijada, Graciela Lucio, Chadd Hendon, Coral Hendon, Elvia Jackson, Michael Acevedo, Robert Brian Gomez, Sandra Regalado, Jake Perry, Colleen Tiscornia, Aviona Guaracha, Ulises Castaneda, Nicolas Chavez, Trina Basse, Michael Dowdy, Deb Schmiess (read comments from parent Brenda Jones), Adan Lupercio, and Ruth Naranjo.

President Pennycook read the letter of support from the California Charter School Association into the record.

7.1.3 Close Public Hearing: President Pennycook closed the public hearing at 11:45 AM.

The Board moved to Item 5.4.

7.2 Payment of Claims for January 2017

Garry Bousum presented the item.

8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

8.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kotowski distributed the Board calendar.

8.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities

- Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off
- Migrant Education La Familia Conference
- MCSBA Trainings
- Alternative Education Site Visits
- Letter to staff on undocumented students and families
- MCAET filming of Mock Trial
- Proposed Legislation – AB318
- Met new director of Office of Emergency Services

8.1.2 Upcoming Events

- Bullying Prevention Presentations – North Monterey County USD, Soledad USD, and Washington USD
- CAPC Breakfast on April 5
- Black History Month celebration on February 19 at Seaside City Hall, 3 PM
- Blue Ribbon Season – Upcoming events include Spelling Bee and Science Fair
- Panetta Lecture Series
- November 16 Educational Leadership Summit

8.2 Staff Reports

8.2.1 Head Start & Early Head Start Monthly Report for December 2016 & January 2017

Yvette Irving introduced Sonia Jaramillo, Director of Head Start and Early Head Start. Mrs. Jaramillo presented an update on the programs offered by MCOE Head Start and Early Head Start. She stated that a written Head Start report will be included in the Board packet once a month.

Mrs. Jaramillo reviewed in detail the following areas: accountability; classroom assessment scoring system; and new performance standards for Head Start/Early Head Start, including program enhancements, program budget and next steps. She also reported on four incidents regarding lack of adequate supervision that resulted in a deficiency that had since been addressed with appropriate corrective and disciplinary action. She shared that in order to ensure best practices are put in place at every center, a new set of curriculum and a stronger focus on professional development is being implemented.

Head Start was awarded additional funding, which will allow six current sites at King City, Greenfield, Gonzalez, Juan Cabrillo, Hall, and the Salinas Child Development Center to operate full day programs, rather than half day. At the federal level, Head Start is moving toward operating full day programs. There is a concern that if additional funding is not provided, then it may result in fewer students being served. MCOE is currently in year three of a five-year grant, and will be notified in year four if we must compete for renewal of the grant.

The Board took a recess at 10:28 AM and reconvened at 10:37 AM. The Board moved to Item 7.1.

9. Comments by Members of the Board

- 9.1 Board Members: Mary Claypool suggested that an additional representative be added to the Equal Opportunity Committee. After discussion among the Board, it was agreed the Committee would be considered an ad-hoc committee, and would only meet if necessary. The recruitment and retention plan that the Committee has been focusing on will be brought before the full Board, rather than the Committee.

Harvey Kuffner spoke regarding AB355 which changes the Voting Rights Act, as well as Prop 51 related to facilities. He also shared a piece of legislation for alternative education students that is modeled after the foster youth legislation, allowing the credit requirements to return to their home districts to be reduced. However, this does not allow them entrance into a four-year college.

Dr. Kotowski distributed a report titled "Re-Envisioning County Offices of Education: A Study of Their Mission and Funding" completed by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO). She also shared a letter from CCSESA regarding the report, and plans for a response on behalf of County Offices.

Ron Panziera reported Sunrise House litigation is on-going.

Judy Pennycook shared material from the Child Abuse Prevention Council meeting.

John McPherson stated he would be attending the Gonzales High School mock interviews that afternoon.

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

- Presentation on Efforts to Assist Underperforming Students
- Update on Recruitment Plan
- Report on Low-Cost Internet Services for Students
- Limiting Liability Presentation
- Overview of California's New Accountability System

13. Next Meeting Dates:

March 1, 2017 – 9:00 AM
 March 15, 2017 – 9:00 AM
(Board Retreat)

Agenda Items due February 17, 2017
 (No agenda item due date – no regular business
 will be conducted)

14. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Approved: March 1, 2017

Judy Pennycook, President

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