

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 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 9:02 AM in Conference Rooms A/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
Janet Wohlgemuth	Trustee Area #4
Ronald Panziera	Trustee Area #5
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:**

Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7
John McPherson	Trustee Area #2

**STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:**

Garry Bousum  
Ginny Brown  
Dr. Deneen Guss  
Jessica Hull  
Yvette Irving  
Joshua Jorn  
Jessica Maschmeyer  
Colleen Stanley  
Carla Stewart  
Dr. Chandalee Wood

**GUESTS:**

Melanie Crall  
Becki Hadley

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Ronald 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: None

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MSC 16-17-87 (5-0) Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

“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.)*

Becki Hadley shared that she attended the annual MCOE Farewell to Friends event, and felt it was very nice and well-planned. She also expressed concern regarding the asbestos abatement taking place for the Board Room and Superintendent's office modernization project, and asked that employees be informed of the process and what is being done to address safety concerns.

### 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 16-17-88 (5-0) Judy Pennycook, Harvey Kuffner

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

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2017
- 3.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-61, National Foster Care Awareness Month
- 3.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-63, Salinas High School Gold Ribbon Award
- 3.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-64, Pacific Grove High School Gold Ribbon Award
- 3.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-59, Board Member Absence – Janet Wohlgemuth
- 3.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-60, Board Member Absence – Mary Claypool
- 3.7 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-65, Board Member Absence – Mary Claypool
- 3.8 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-66, Board Member Absence – Sergio Alejo
- 3.9 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-67, Board Member Absence – Sergio Alejo
- 3.10 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-68, Board Member Absence – Sergio Alejo
- 3.11 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-69, Board Member Absence – Sergio Alejo
- 3.12 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-70, Board Member Absence – John McPherson
- 3.13 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-46, to Honor Sylvia Winsby on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education
- 3.14 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-46, to Honor Louie Aguirre on the Occasion of his Retirement – Transportation
- 3.15 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-48, to Honor Teresa Bermudez on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education
- 3.16 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-49, to Honor Alice Fields on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education
- 3.17 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-50, to Honor Matthew Shoemaker on the Occasion of his Retirement – Alternative Education
- 3.18 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-51, to Honor Janine McAuley on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education
- 3.19 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-52, to Honor Vickie O'Hara on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education
- 3.20 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-53, to Honor Elizabeth Cornwell on the Occasion of her Retirement – Alternative Education
- 3.21 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-54, to Honor Eva Gutierrez on the Occasion of her Retirement – General Services
- 3.22 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-55, to Honor Ismael Herrera on the Occasion of his Retirement – General Services
- 3.23 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-56, to Honor Inge Martin on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education

- 3.24 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-57, to Honor Norma "Pinky" Alvarado on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education
- 3.25 Adoption of Resolution of Commendation No. 16-17-58, to Honor Ruth Kellogg on the Occasion of her Retirement – Special Education

4. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

5. New Business Action Items

- 5.1 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-17-62, Establishment of Fund 11 – Adult Education

Garry Bousum presented the item. MCOE is now part of the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium (SVAEC), which is led by Hartnell College. Adults are served by the Alternative Education Department, where students over 19 are allowed to continue attending classes to earn enough units to obtain a diploma or GED. In addition, Alternative Education's Bridge Program serves students who have recently graduated by providing support and guidance as they begin attending community college. Due to the age of the students, MCOE does not receive ADA for their attendance, so funds allocated for adult education as a member of the SVAEC help cover the cost of services. The funding comes from the state and can only be posted in a fund designated for adult education, creating the need to establish Fund 11.

MSC 16-17-89 (5-0) Janet Wohlgemuth, Harvey Kuffner

"That the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 16-17-62 to establish Fund 11, Adult Education, with the County Auditor and County Treasurer to allow separate recording of Adult Education revenues."

The Board moved to Item 7.1.

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:40 AM.

- 6.1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Name of 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 cases.]

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:15 AM.

*Report of Closed Session Action Taken / Direction Given*

President Judy Pennycook reported that there was no action taken during closed session. The Board requested additional discussions on this topic at future meetings.

The Board moved to Item 13.

7. New Business Non Action Items

## 7.1 Payment of Claims for April 2017

Colleen Stanley presented the item.

## 8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

### 8.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kotowski distributed the Board calendar for May and June, as well as the schedule of graduation dates. She also shared a letter with the Board that was recently sent to Big Sur Unified School District that discusses the potential impacts on the district as a result of the recent court ruling in *Anderson Union High School District v. Shasta Secondary Home School*.

#### 8.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities

- Trip to Sacramento to Support AB 318 at the Assembly Education Committee
- Farewell to Friends
- Special Education Field Day
- Monterey County Home Charter School Open House
- 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletics

#### 8.1.2 Upcoming Events

- Teacher of the Year and Classified School Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony – May 22
- MCOE Graduations

The Board moved to Item 8.2.2.

### 8.2 Staff Reports

#### 8.2.1 Alternative Education Annual Update and Local Control & Accountability Plan Review

Dr. Chandi Wood presented the item. She provided an overview of highlights that have taken place in the Alternative Education Department over the past year:

- Increased focus on health, wellness, and nutrition
- Began working with local dental clinics to allow students to access needed dental care
- Established and expanded community partnerships to address mental health and wellness of students, particularly by aiming to address core issues students are facing that may be inhibiting them from performing their best in school.
- Increased focus on college and career readiness through expanded programmatic offerings
- Increased focus on "community readiness," with the goal of preparing students to become positive members of the community
- Continued focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills
- Provided twelve A-G courses to help prepare students to attend universities after high school. Teachers have shown strong interest in developing UC/CSU-approved coursework to expand A-G course offerings for students.

Dr. Wood shared that a new agriculture business pathway program in South Monterey County will be established in 2017-18. In addition, there will be a focus on expanding the existing programs in South County to better serve those communities.

Throughout the 2016-17 school year, the Alternative Education Programs have experienced a steady decline in enrollment. Students who would have traditionally been referred to attend Alternative Education Programs are now often being served instead by their district of residence, as the state's new funding and accountability systems have put more responsibility on the districts for the education of these students. Frugal budgeting last year helped ensure the funds budgeted for this year were sufficient for the needs of the program, however further budget decreases will likely be needed in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The Board moved to Item 9.

#### 8.2.2 Head Start & Early Head Start Monthly Report for March/April 2017

There were no questions from the Board.

#### 8.2.3 Facilities Update

Joshua Jorn presented the item. He gave an update on the progress of the Board room and Superintendent's office modernization project, and explained the procedures that were used to abate the very small amount of asbestos that was found underneath the floor tiles. Certified asbestos abatement contractors conducted the abatement over a weekend when no employees were present in the building. During the abatement process, all airways leading from the construction zone to other areas of the building were fully sealed off. The abatement is now complete. There was no risk of contamination of any part of the building. Dr. Kotowski requested that a communication be sent to staff to explain the safety procedures used in the abatement process to relieve any concerns employees may have. For all future construction projects that may involve asbestos abatement, a communication will be sent out in advance to staff to inform them of the safety measures being taken.

Mr. Jorn also provided updates on several other current projects, including construction of the new Salinas Community School and improvements being made to the Special Education programs located at Bard Blades, AB Ingham, MCOE West Campus 8, Fremont, Toro School, and Greenfield High School.

He also gave an update on the efforts to find a new tenant for the Morgantini Building. Since the building has been advertised, there have been four groups who have visited the site. Of those four, three have expressed some interest, and one has returned to visit three additional times. Further updates will be provided to the Board as the process moves forward.

The Board moved to Item 8.2.1.

### 9. Comments by Members of the Board

- 9.1 Board Members: Janet Wohlgemuth expressed grave concern about the potential cuts to state Career Technical Education (CTE) funding. The Board requested that Jessica Hull

draft a letter to Governor Brown and our state senate and assembly representatives to express their concerns about this issue.

Ms. Wohlgemuth also spoke about the Special Education Field Day that she attended on May 12, stating that it was a fantastic event and commended staff for holding events like Field Day to help break down barriers for students with special needs.

Harvey Kuffner spoke regarding the letter that Dr. Kotowski sent to Big Sur Unified School District regarding the impact of the court of appeal's ruling in *Anderson Union High School District v. Shasta Secondary Home School*. Big Sur USD has been able to include the ADA of Big Sur Charter School in the district's total ADA count. However, the charter school operates outside of the district's boundary, which is no longer allowed according to the court's decision. The district can apply for a waiver from the California Department of Education to continue to operate the charter school outside the district boundary.

Mr. Kuffner also asked about the status of the Greenfield Unification following the completion of the School Services of California, Inc. study of Criterion 3, 6 and 9 regarding impacts on the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District. Garry Bousum stated that he has been in contact with the district to track the progress of the report.

Vice President Mary Claypool attended the Community Partnership for Youth's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner Celebration. Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, Superintendent PK Diffenbaugh, and the city of Seaside all received awards for their support of the program and education of youth. She also attended the Monterey County Business Council's 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Gala and Annual Economic Vitality Awards, where several organizations were recognized for contributing to the vitality and growth of the community.

President Judy Pennycook stated that the Farewell to Friends ceremony was a wonderful event with a great turnout. It was enjoyable and heartwarming to hear the stories of what each of the retiring employees have done to help our organization and our students. She also attended the Monterey County Home Charter School open house, where she was approached by several parents who expressed their thanks for the Board's continued support of the charter school.

## 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: None
- 12.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Presentation on Efforts to Assist Underperforming Students

- Report on Low-Cost Internet Services for Students
- Overview of California's New Accountability System

The Board moved to Item 6.1.

13. Next Meeting Dates:

May 24, 2017 – 9:00 AM (*Budget Study Session*)  
June 7, 2017 – 9:00 AM

Agenda Items due May 12, 2017  
Agenda Items due May 26, 2017

14. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Approved: June 7, 2017

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Judy Pennycook, President

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