

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2017  
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Judy Pennycook called the meeting to order 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 ( <i>arrived at 9:08 AM</i> )
Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7 ( <i>via conference call from 1648 Piazza Drive, Salinas 93905</i> )

Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board

**STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:**

Garry Bousum  
Ginny Brown  
Mariphil Romanow-Cole  
Dr. Deneen Guss  
Yvette Irving  
Colleen Stanley  
Carla Stewart

**GUESTS:**

Becki Hadley

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Harvey Kuffner 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 adjourn the meeting in the memory of former Monterey County educators Regina Murray Legend and Patricia Condren.

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: None

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda:

MSC 17-18-11 (6-0) Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner

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.”

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 stated she attended the Student Services and Head Start welcome back orientations and commented on the overall positive atmosphere. She also mentioned that transportation concerns are being addressed.

*Ron Panziera arrived at 9:08 AM.*

### 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 17-18-12 (7-0) John McPherson, Mary Claypool

AYES: Sergio Alejo (via conference call), Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Ron 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 August 9, 2017
- 3.2 Approval of the Teacher Temporary Certificates of August 23, 2017
- 3.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 17-18-07, California Native American History Day
- 3.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 17-18-08, National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 3.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 17-18-09, National Recovery Month
- 3.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 17-18-16, Board Member Absence – Ron Panziera
- 3.7 Adoption of Resolution No. 17-18-17, Board Member Absence – Sergio Alejo

4. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

5. New Business Action Items

5.1 California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference

MSC 17-18-13 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the travel requests of Mary Claypool, Judy Pennycook, John McPherson and Janet Wohlgemuth to attend the California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference events November 30 – December 2, 2017, in San Diego, California."

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:11 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 9:28 AM.

President Pennycook reported that no action or direction was given in Closed Session.

The Board moved to Item 7.2.

7. New Business Non Action Items

7.1 Board Site Visit: Boronda Meadows School (*Autism Spectrum Disorders*) – Special Education (*915 Larkin Road, Salinas*)

7.2 Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending June 30, 2017

Garry Bousum presented the quarterly investment report for period ending June 30, 2017.

7.3 Payment of Claims for July 2017

Colleen Stanley 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

- Department Welcome Back Events
- Visits with new Superintendents
- Jack O'Connell's open house and appreciation event
- The Panetta Institute's Congressional Internship Program guest speaker
- AB 318 Update
- Visit from Ruth Andresen, County Board Member Emeritus / Atrium landscaping redesign
- Staff Lounge Update
- Morgantini building update

8.1.2 Upcoming Events:

- September 17 Welcome Back Event
- Back to School BBQ for MCOE Main and West on August 29

8.2 Staff Reports: None

9. Comments by Members of the Board

- 9.1 Board Members: Judy Pennycook reported that North Monterey County Unified School District will be putting a bond measure forward and have faced some challenges working with the Elections Department. She offered her assistance and will keep the Board updated as they move forward in the process.

Harvey Kuffner reported that Monterey and Marina still have active RDA Oversight Committees, and he will be attending the Monterey meeting which will most likely be their last.

Ron Panziera reported that Sunrise House has vacated their office on Gabilan, and will be vacating their office across from Salinas High School as of September 27. All mail and email will be forwarded to MCOE.

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: Harvey Kuffner requested an update on the number of districts that have participated in the State Water Resources Control Board testing of water, and what the outcomes were.

12.1 Proposed Future Commendatory Resolutions

12.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Presentation on Efforts to Assist Underperforming Students

13. Next Meeting Dates:

September 6, 2017 – 9:00 AM  
 September 20, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Agenda Items due August 25, 2017  
 Agenda Items due September 8, 2017

The Board moved to Item 7.1.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM in memory of former Monterey County educators Regina Murray Legend and Patricia Condren.

Approved: September 6, 2017

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Judy Pennycook, President

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